

The congregations of Sherbrooke and Goldenville has called the Rev. A. McLeod, of Parrsboro, to be their pastor.

The congregations of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River, in connection with the Synod of the Church of Scotland in Pictou, and with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, have effected a cordial and hearty union. The United congregation will henceforth be known as the congregation of "Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River," in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We hope to give reports from the Presbyteries of Miramichi, P. & E. Island, Victoria and Richmond, Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and Newfoundland in our next.

ADDITIONAL copies of the April number will be sent when ordered.

It is said that on one occasion, when the war cloud hung dark over Britain, the wife of Havelock being asked what her husband was doing, replied, "I do not know just what he is doing but I know that he is trusting God and doing his duty.

A STRANGE CUSTOM.—During the last illness of the late Maharajah of Travancore, a most touching ceremony was performed, which bears some resemblance to the Jewish institution of the scape-goat. A man was found willing, for a consideration (10,000 rupées), to bear the responsibilities of the Maharajah's sins. He was brought into the royal presence, and after the Brahmins had performed certain ceremonies over him, the sick man tenderly embraced him. Then he was led out of the country of Travancore into the Tinnevely district, with a charge never to return. Oh that the poor dying king could but have laid his sins on the real Sin-bearer—our precious Lord and Saviour!—*India's Women.*

A WELL-SPENT LIFE.—A minister of the Gospel was asked to visit a poor dying

woman. The messenger, being ignorant, could give no account of her state, except that she was a very good woman and very happy, and was now at the end of a well-spent life—therefore sure of going to heaven. The Minister went, saw she was very ill, and after a few kind inquiries about her bodily condition, said, "Well, I understand you are in a very peaceful state of mind, depending upon a well-spent life."

The dying woman looked hard at him and said: "Yes, I am—in the enjoyment of peace. You are quite right—sweet peace, and that from a well-spent life. But it is the well-spent life of Jesus; not my doings, but His; not my merits, but His blood."

Yes. Only one Man has spent a life that has met all the requirements of God's holy law, and on which we can rest before God. Yet it is also true that they who most absolutely rest thus through life on the merits of Christ alone are those who, by His grace, so live as to have the testimony of their conscience to their sincere aim to "live holily, righteously, and godly in the world," and often, as in this case, to win the testimony of others to their "well-spent life."—*British Messenger.*

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