

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at Stellarton on the 25th ult. Rev'ds Messrs. Stewart, McCunn and McMillan assisted.

Rev. D. M. Gordon has left Ottawa for a health cruise to the Pacific coast. He went by rail to San Francisco, but proposes returning from British Columbia by Canadian territory.

SOUTH AFRICA.—It is estimated that missionaries preach to and teach a quarter of a million of people. There are 180,000 native Christians, 35,000 of whom are communicants. This, as South African missions are only half a century old, is a very large result. South Africa stands second only to India in the magnitude of its missions.

THE season for holding the yearly communions is now approaching. It is the duty of all to endeavour by every means to secure order and quiet from without, in order that the solemn season may be profitably spent. We cannot with our present customs avoid the stir and noise accompanying the assembling of large crowds of people, many of whom come to see and to be seen and not to worship. As this class of people almost never read the RECORD no words of ours can reach them. If they only knew how unseemly their conduct is in standing idly gossiping around the Church door and wandering to and fro between the English and Gaelic services on the Sabbath day we are sure they would mend their ways. It would help matters greatly if Christian parents would warn their children against this very unmannerly and improper practice.

We should also like to see a good attendance at the Thursday service as well as at the Friday service.

THE sale of the new seats in St. Luke's church Saltsprings, amounted to \$260.00 over the debt. With this balance additional improvements are being made on the church. The plaster on the old part of the building has been whitewashed and now new windows are being put in. The manse has also been undergoing repairs, and a number of the men in connection with the congregation have on two different days been engaged in fencing the Glebe. These facts speak for themselves.

BE HONEST.

I tell you, brethren, be honest in your dealings; take no advantage even of a child. Be conscientious in your bargains. Have a single eye and a single heart. Seek not to be shrewd. Be not ashamed to be called simple. And let me tell you a secret, which ought not to be a secret, seeing it is written in the Scriptures, that your whole body will then be full of light; and this in every kind; you will actually see further, and see clearer, than shrewd and cunning men; and you will be less liable to be duped than they, provided you add to this another part of character which is proper to an honest man—namely, a resolution to protect honesty and to discountenance every kind of fraud. A cunning man is never a firm man: but an honest man is; a double-minded man is always unstable; a man of faith is firm as a rock. I tell you there is a secret connection between honesty and faith: honesty is faith applied to worldly things, and faith is honesty quickened by the Spirit to the use of heavenly things.

Edward Irving.