

often do we see people going to church because they like the *preacher*, and when the preacher leaves their piety vanishes! We should serve God whatever may become of "Moses."

3. Mark the deceitfulness of the human heart; only a few weeks before this all the people cried out, "All that the Lord hath commanded we will do." Yet now they indulge in a shameful revel and worship a calf.

4. Note the fallibility of good men. What a poor figure Aaron makes in the whole of this melancholy affair.

5. Note the love of Moses for the people, his earnest prayers on their behalf, and his willingness even to die for them. In this he was like Christ, only that Christ actually died.

6. How merciful God is! In answer to the prayer of Moses "He repented of the evil," and bore with the provocations of His people.

#### DOCTRINE.

Idolatry is wicked. 1 Cor. x. 15; 1 John v. 21; Hab. ii. 19; Rev. xxii. 15.

## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Court met on the 20th May, in Queen Square Church, Charlottetown.—There were present Revds. H. Crawford, Moderator; A. Campbell, I. Murray, A. Munro, A. Cameron, R. Laird, W. Ross, A. McLean, W. R. Frame, A. Falconer, J. D. Murray, D. McDougall, and J. G. Cameron, Ministers; and Messrs. John Clark, R. Robertson, D. McNevin, and Wm. A. Hyde, elders.

A letter was read from Rev. R. S. Paterson, stating that on account of illness in his family he was unable to attend to his appointment as an Assessor with the Rev. J. G. Cameron, of Tryon and Bonshaw, and requesting that he and his elder should be released from their appointment. This request was granted, and the Rev. A. Falconer and his representative elder substituted in their places. A note was read from the Revds. A. Sutherland, Rogers' Hill, Pictou, and John Munro, of Wallace, accompanied with a pamphlet by Pastor Pozzy, animadverting on a certain version of the Bible, published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Clerk was requested thankfully to acknowledge their receipt.

The Revds. R. Laird and A. Fraser were appointed a Committee to visit the congregation of West Cape, &c., and confer with

the people in regard to the unsatisfactory financial condition of the congregation.

Entered upon the condition of the supplemented congregations, when, after lengthened discussion, it was agreed to recommend that Woodville, Dundas, and West Cape should each receive the same amount as last year. In reference to Brown's Creek, which had hitherto received a supplement, it was resolved to hold a meeting of Presbytery there, as soon as practicable after the meeting of Synod, in order to consider the financial state of the congregation, and endeavor, if possible, to raise it to a higher degree of Christian liberality. Considering the large number of adherents in that congregation, the Presbytery were of the decided opinion that they should support their minister without a supplement.

The Presbytery then took up the demission of the Rev. J. D. Murray, when a communication was read from a certain party in the congregation, who had been appointed a commissioner in behalf of their interests. The Presbytery, considering that the congregation was not fairly represented by this communication, delayed their decision in the meantime, and instructed the Clerk to cite them to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. McDougall placed the demission of his charge in the hands of the Presbytery. The demission was allowed to lie upon the table, and the congregation summoned to appear for their interests at next meeting.

Took up the overture of Mr. McNeill, regarding a mission to Roman Catholics, when it was resolved, that while sympathizing with the object of the overture, yet the Presbytery deem it inexpedient to entertain it in the meantime.

The Rev. R. Laird submitted reports from Mr. Henderson, Colporteur, in reference to his labors in connection with that scheme. These reports were upon the whole satisfactory, and Mr. Laird was instructed to prosecute the work in the way in which he himself deemed most advisable, with the understanding that, as a general rule, he import from the publishing houses. It is most desirable that Presbyterians should countenance Mr. Henderson in this work, in preference to all others thus engaged. They will find the literature circulated by him most wholesome, and well adapted to their circumstances and wants.

Rev. Mr. Laird read the report of the publication committee, ancient the contemplated religious periodical. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. Their suggestions in reference to the management of the *Presbyterian* were generally adopted by the Presbytery. It was arranged that the first number be issued on the first Wednesday in July. It