

who were born and are dying in the Protestant faith are saved if they were sincere in their belief.

Considering these visible results and the effect which the great number of copies of the Sacred Writings already distributed through the country must produce, a great change may be expected among the Roman Catholics of Canada, provided their Christian countrymen be faithful towards them. We now see the premises, but the harvest will come in due time: for the word of the Lord will not return unto Him void. The evangelization of the French Canadians was not undertaken in vain; God in his mercy has already blessed the work of faith and the labor of love of His children. To Him be the glory for ever.

Examination of Students.

FROM the following remarks of the Rev. Dr. Craik in the Presbytery of Glasgow, it will be seen that the examination of students studying for the ministry is in future to be much more strict than formerly.

DR. CRAIK having given notice of his intention of bringing before the Presbytery the subject of conducting the examinations of students, introduced the subject by referring to the question, how far the method of examination in general pursued at present was calculated to test the real acquirements of those who were candidates for admission to divinity classes from year to year, during the course of their attendance previous to license. The proposal frequently made, and yet always abandoned, had been that there ought to be an Examining Board appointed by a General Assembly, and that, whatever may be done by the Presbytery, no student should be permitted to enter the divinity classes until he had been subjected to an examination by this board, and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of its members. He did not think such a Board ought to be numerous, and perhaps six or eight members of the General Assembly might be sufficient. But not less essential than the creation of a Board, would be the appointment of at least two paid examiners. To fill this office, no inconsiderable talents and attainments would be needed. The duties of these gentlemen would be very important: on them would devolve the labour of preparing examination papers to be approved of by the Board, and to be employed in conducting, at least, the examination to which students would be subjected who were entering the two divinity classes for the first year. He would propose that these examiners—acting in some measure according to the method pursued by the Government inspectors when examining for certificates the students at training colleges—should convene

the candidates for admission to the divinity classes, that under their direct inspection the examination papers might be executed. The greater duty of these examiners would be to read and carefully examine such papers—to mark in a manner that could be easily detected the errors and deficiencies, of each, noting fully the nature of those errors and deficiencies, and to place the papers thus carefully examined and marked before the Board, that a decision might be pronounced respecting the scholarship of every student applying for the privilege of commencing his professional studies, with a view to obtaining license as a probationer. He then suggested that, failing other methods, the expenses of such a scheme could be met by annual collection from the congregations, and concluded by moving the appointment of a committee to draw up an overture to the next meeting of the General Assembly on this subject, and that the overture be laid on the table at next meeting of Presbytery.

THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND).—The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation worshipping in St. James's Church, was held in terms of the Act of Incorporation on Monday last, the 14th instant. James Purdy, Esq., was called to the chair, and after prayer by the pastor, (Rev. T. Duncan,) the Trustees' Report for the past year was read, and the Treasurer's Account submitted. The affairs of the congregation, as seen by the report, are in an exceedingly healthy condition; receipts for the year being no less a sum, from all sources, than upwards of £460. After the usual routine business, the following gentlemen were duly elected by ballot as trustees for the ensuing year, viz:—Messrs. J. D. Mason, J. W. Morrison, James Anderson, James Watts, W. R. Watson, Archd. Kennedy, and William Sinclair. At a meeting of Trustees immediately after, the following were chosen office-bearers: J. W. Morrison, Esq., Chairman; Jas. Anderson, Esq., Treasurer; Mr. A. Kennedy, Secretary; Mr. D. Robertson, Collector of Pew Rent and Church Janitor.

By order of Trustees,
ARCH. KENNEDY, Sec'y.

—Monitor.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island held in Charlottetown, 24th March, 1862, the following minute was recorded:—

“The attention of the members was called by the Moderator to the loss sustained by the Church in the death of the Rev. Dr. McGill-