

M. Campbell, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, together with Alex. Campbell Esq., M. P. P., and Hon. D. McCurdy, ruling elders.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Whycomagh, on the 6th March, at 11 o'clock A. M.

At the time and place above named this court again met for general business. There were present five ministers, and one ruling elder. A report on the State of Religion, by Rev. Mr. Grant, and one on Sabbath Schools by Rev. Mr. McDougall, the Conveners of Committees on those respective subjects, also a report by Mr. McQuarrie, Probationer, of labours performed within the bounds were read and approved.

Supplies required for vacant congregations and stations, the congregations in need of supplement, and the amount to be applied for, engaged, *inter alia*, the attention of court.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet within the church at Whycomagh on Tuesday, the 22nd day of May next, at 11 A. M., the Rev. Mr. McRae to preach.

Presbytery of Pictou.

A *Pro re Nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou was held in the Lecture Room, of the United Church, New Glasgow, on the third inst., to dispose of a Petition for Moderation from the Congregation of Glenelg, East River, and Calcedonia.

The prayer of the Petition was granted, and Mr. Forbes was appointed to preach at Glenelg on the 17th inst., at 11 o'clock, A.M. and to moderate in the Call.

E. A. McCURDY, Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS.

United States.

Joseph Cook's Monday lectures in Boston are more largely attended than ever, and chiefly by men—educated men.

There was an increase of several thousands commitments to prison in Massachusetts last year; the increase being mainly from drunkards.

The entire cost of the Sandwich Islands mission was \$1,250,000. Never was a like sum more profitably invested. The total number of members admitted into communion, up to 1870, was 55,330.

"It is astonishing," said Henry Ward Beecher at a recent meeting; "how many of my sermons St. Paul preached!" To which the *Central Presbyterian* makes the apt reply:—"It is equally astonishing to others how few of St Paul's sermons you preach."

The Kansas "Liberal League" proposes to advocate the largest amount of liberty for every man and woman—among other things, "Free Money," "Free Land," "Free Food," "Free Drink," "Free Medicine," "Free Sunday," "Free Marriage," and "Free Divorce." "Autocracy" is to supersede all other forms of government. That is, every man shall do as he pleases, and every woman likewise. This is the practical side of Infidelity.

Dr. Crothers, of the Asylum for Inebriates at Hartford, Conn., said in a very valuable report lately read by him that "the most reliable statistics placed the number of inebriates in this country at 300,000, and their yearly mortality at 50,000." If these figures are correct we have the appalling fact that every six years an entire generation of drunkards disappears. Still more appalling is the fact that a new generation appears, to be swept away as certainly and as speedily. Is it for the interest of the commonwealth that such a remorseless work should go on?

Asia.

According to the late census no fewer than one hundred and thirty-two separate and distinct languages are spoken within the limits of the great British Empire of India.

Buddhism gives way before the light, and asceticism is no longer among its cardinal virtues. A large convocation of Buddhist priests was held lately at the famous Temple of Loyasan, in the Province of Kii, for the purpose of abolishing the ancient rules forbidding the clergy to marry or to eat flesh meat.

Joseph Cook says he has been informed by the missionaries in Japan that a large proportion of the Japanese students sent to America had returned Christians, while not one conversion had occurred among those sent to Germany, France or England.

When the missionaries first opened their schools in Syria they had to beg parents to send their daughters, and to induce them to do it, board and teach them free; now parents come with money in