

sum of \$4 from the Kirk Session of McLennan's Mountain, towards the salary of Presbytery Clerk.

Messrs. Pollok and Herdman stated that the Rev. Mr. McKay had arrived home in due course—that he had received encouragements from the Colonial Committee, and that on the whole, he was hopeful as to the success of his mission.

The Presbytery are glad to learn that the congregations among whom Mr. Goodwill has been labouring during the past summer, have paid, for his services as Catechist, the sum of about \$160.

Messrs. Sinclair and McMillan were instructed to grant Sabbath evening supplies to the congregation of River John, as they may find it convenient, for the next three months. Messrs. Christie and McCurdy were also instructed to give occasional supplies to the Pugwash congregation. Mr. Sinclair was instructed to give one service in Pugwash in the month of April, and Mr. Christie in River John in May, and Mr. Herdman in March.

The following appointments were likewise made for Gairloch and Salt Springs:— The fourth Sabbath in March, Mr. McGregor in Gairloch; the third Sabbath in April, in Salt Springs, Mr. Herdman.

Mr. McGregor was appointed to preach in Lochaber in April, and Mr. Pollok in Barney's River in April, and Mr. McMillan in McLennan's Mountain.

Adjourned to meet in Pictou on the first Wednesday in June.

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

It will be seen from the report of the last meeting of the P. E. Island Presbytery, that the Rev. Mr. Grant has accepted the Call to St. Matthew's, Halifax. The Call was not only a very harmonious one, but we have been informed that since his acceptance became known, every pew in the Church has been taken up. He will thus enter upon his important and laborious charge under good auspices and we are sure he has the best wishes of the whole Church, that he may be successful to his utmost desire in winning souls to Christ. We trust also that the summer will not pass away, without at least one missionary being found for Prince Edward Island, so that our people there may not be disheartened, and that the work already done may be continued and extended.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We observe that the prelates of the Church of England have taken the extraordinary step of presenting an address to Bishop Colenso, requesting him to resign his office. This address is signed by 35 bishops and 4 archbishops. He has returned a decided refusal, and

it would seem they are perfectly powerless to take proceedings against him. Such a state of things is most extraordinary, and must culminate in a crisis. It is impossible that a man who has pronounced a great portion of Scripture to be a mass of fable, should not only remain a dignitary in a Christian Church, but set the whole power of that Church at defiance to interfere with his position in it. Some remedy must, and doubtless after great delay and trouble will be found.

TROUBLES seem to be looming in the distance for our beloved Church, on a less alarming scale. Petty innovations are creeping in or being forced in, which are disturbing the minds of many, to a greater degree than appears on the surface. There may seem no impropriety in being asked to stand during praise, and kneel at prayer, further than that it is an innovation upon a very long established custom. Were this all, the ground of complaint would be but slight. The great evil is, it is the forerunner of greater and much more questionable changes. Grant the postures, then come the organ and all the paraphernalia of singing men and singing women. The plea is that it favours solemnity of feeling during worship, and we doubt not, it has that effect in Episcopal Churches, from long habit and feelings of association. But though with them, it is at once consistent and proper, its tendency is rather to disturb and shock the feelings of the Scotch Calvinist. But, even the introduction of the organ is not the final step. A liturgy has been advocated, and even used, and the psalms chanted or intoned in reading. Some, at least, of these innovations are also, we see, finding favor in some of the fashionable or popular dissenting Churches. And the spirit for a more sensuous worship seems to be growing in nearly every portion of the Christian Church. To condemn and resist it at all hazards, may not be wise, and probably would not be successful. We must trust largely to the good sense, forbearance and earnestness of the Church itself, to temper and keep within safe limits, what might otherwise be productive of very injurious effects. It is gratifying to know that in these colonies, with scarcely an exception, we are satisfied to walk in the quiet and sober paths in which our fathers walked, and it is to be hoped it will always be so.

We observe from some of the Canadian papers that Mr Hammond the revivalist preacher has been laboring with very marked success in several districts in that colony, and that meetings of a very interesting character, have been held in the Churches of Montreal and other large cities.

The great event of the month in Great Britain has been the marriage of the Prince of Wales. It seems to afford unbounded satisfaction and delight to every class of her Majesty's subjects, and the *eclat* attending it bids fair to outrival anything of the kind ever