

We add a few facts respecting Bible Classes in the Lower Provinces, in our own Church. Whole number, 175. Distributed thus:—

In Presbytery of

Tatamagouche.....	S, attended by	145
P.E. Island.....	31, “	475
Truro.....	13, “	360
Pictou.....	43, “	1702
Halifax.....	40, “	942
Greenburg & Yarr’th.....	12, “	345
Cape Breton.....	2, “	10
Victoria & Richmond.....	4, “	49
St. John.....	20, “	203
Miramichi.....	2, “	40
Total.....	175,	4271

In Tatamagouche Presbytery the largest number in attendance is in the congregation of Tatamagouche amounting to 80.

In P.E. Island, a meeting, Mt. Stewart & St. Peters take the lead, the former having 120 and the latter 100.

In Truro Presbytery, Stewincke and Truro lead, the respective numbers being 60 and 60.

In Pictou, Westville with its 500 surpasses all competitors. James Church, Glasgow and Earleton show respectively the large number of 272 and 215.

In Halifax Presbytery, we can show 130, and 112 by Sheet Harbour, Shubenacadie and Cornwallis South, and the last a large congregation.

In the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Antigonish, we find Bridgewater 190, and in the western end, Clyde and Barrington, and Chebogue and Carleton, 35.

In Cape Breton, and Victoria and Richmond Presbyteries, this institution is only beginning to be introduced, and in the scattered congregations can with difficulty be wrought at all. At Miramichi, which is the smallest, perhaps the most compact charge, has the largest class.

In New Brunswick, Bible Classes are found in nearly all the congregations of the Presbytery, but River Charlotte reports their existence in the Presbytery of Miramichi; in the former, St. James has a class of 45, and in the latter, River Charlotte reports 2, making 40.

The False Prophet.

It is remarked that there is a widespread revival of the old fanatical spirit of Mahomedanism. Persecution still prevails in Syria and Asia Minor. The policy of the government everywhere is repressive of mission enterprise. Violence is in some cases resorted to. The Evangelical Alliance sent an influential deputation to Constantinople, to wait upon the Turkish Emperor, but the delegates were refused access to His Majesty. They were assured by the Foreign Minister that there was no truth in their complaints, and they had to come back as they went, having accomplished little or nothing. The Turkish Sultan has now sunk to the level of the Pope of Rome: each heads a persecuting power.

Great Britain has an immense mass of Mahomedan subjects in India, and these are the surliest and least manageable section of the population. It is suspected that they are preparing for a general rising. Mission work among them has made but very slight progress. They are aggressive, and have made and are still making converts to their own faith, among the native races. One of the threatened complications of the time is this revival of fanatical Mahomedanism.

China: “The Nameless Sect.”

For some time past there have been references in papers printed in China to a truly remarkable people known as “the nameless sect.” They profess “an old religion,” which “prevails more or less all over China,” but especially in the province of Shangtung. They are disliked and persecuted by the Chinese Government; and for a long time they have endeavoured to keep their beliefs and practices secret. They have shown a friendly spirit to Protestant missionaries. Their religion is said to have come from the west. They do not worship idols: they practise virtue; and live in the expectation of a deliverer, who will also come from the west. At the close of their religious services they have a meal, of which “bread and wine form the greater part.”