

and held within six calendar months after the said union takes place, decide, by a majority of the votes of those who, by the constitution of the said congregation or the practice of the Church with which it is connected, are entitled to vote at such a meeting, not to enter into the said Union but to dissent therefrom, then and in such case the congregational property of the said congregation shall remain unaffected by this Act or by any of the provisions thereof, but in the event of any congregation so dissenting at any future time resolving to enter into and adhere to the said united Church, then from the time of such resolution being come to this Act and the provisions thereof shall apply to the property of such congregation."

The Legislature of Quebec has had before it the Bills respecting the Union of the Churches. Dr. Cameron, M.P.P., brought up the bill relating to the properties of the Church. He was supported by Rev. Dr. Cook, assisted by Mr. J. L. Morris, advocate of Montreal, and Mr. Jas. Croil, editor of the *Presbyterian*. Mr. Archibald, advocate of Montreal, appeared on behalf of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Gavin Lang, to oppose the bill, assisted by Mr. Frederick Terrill, advocate, of Montreal. The consideration of the question resulted, as we had anticipated, in the complete triumph of the Union party, the Bills having passed the house after quite an animated debate.

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## Intelligence.

ABOUT 80 members have been added to the Granville St. Baptist Church since the visit of Mr. Earle about 3 months ago. Other churches have also been refreshed.

A Home for Infants has been established in Halifax, and is managed by a Committee of Christian ladies belonging to various churches. Its object is to provide for the helpless, homeless little ones, whose parents are unable to take care of them, and who are given out to the tender mercies of strangers, which, in many cases, is simple cruelty. Con-

tributions toward its maintenance will be gratefully received by any of the city clergymen; or Mrs. John Esson, President of the Committee, or Mrs. Robert Murray, Secretary and Treasurer.

REV. W. H. H. MURRAY, pastor of the Park St. congregation, Boston (Congregational), has tendered his resignation, and, from the document, which was read at a recent service in that church, his reasons are shown to be—first and chiefly, because he had given notice, six months previously, that an assistant was absolutely necessary for the proper management of the work of the extensive parish; and, secondly, because the interests of the congregation demanded a more commodious and central building for public worship. A want of unanimity on the subject prevented any definite action being taken, and Mr. Murray felt, after prolonged and prayerful consideration, that his decision could not be revoked with advantage to himself or his people. Mr. Murray is a very popular preacher, and has taken the congregation somewhat by surprise.

A CHRISTIAN QUEEN. — Queen Ranavalomanjaka, of Madagascar, replies to the address sent her from the London Missionary Society that her kingdom is at peace, that through the enlightenment of the Gospel she has led and encouraged her subjects to serve God, that the Kingdom of Christ has made great progress in the island, and that she shall continue to encourage and protect the Society's missionaries and teachers. Her closing wish to the Society is: "May the Almighty God bless you in your useful labors for the evangelizing of mankind, and may He ever give to the people earnest hearts to help you to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ among all nations." Madagascar, we take it, is an instance of the "failure" of modern missions.

A Parsee writes to the *Bombay Guardian* that the only hope of their race, numbering some 80,000 in India, being saved from extinction, is in adopting Christianity. That journal states that there are thousands of educated Parsees in Bombay who have entirely lost confidence in their own system of religion, and are perfectly convinced of the truth