

deficiency of true, real, genuine faith. And that is what makes our great weakness. Now, I am happy to take home to my countrymen your noble example, and to try to inspire them with the necessity of the union to which I have alluded — (cheers) — the union of the moral element with the scientific and the merely intellectual." Professor Vera of Naples said: "One of the main features — nay, I would say the characteristic feature of the University of Edinburgh is that she is a genuine offshoot of the Reformation. Now, though I was not born in a Protestant country, I must confess that I have always been an admirer of the Reformation as it has taken place in Germany and England. It is my deep conviction that the spirit of the Reformation is the new spirit of the world—that is, it has ingrafted upon humanity a deeper life, both religious and scientific, and that it has laid the foundation upon which the great nations — the nations that represent and embody the leading spirit of mankind — must stand and grow and go forward; and this, my conviction, I have endeavoured to impress, as far as it lies in my power, upon my countrymen." Canada — America — too must advance on the lines of the great Reformation; otherwise its career will be short, and its destiny disastrous. France rejected the Reformation and the consequence was the French Revolution. If Quebec continue to reject the Reformation it too must face the certainty of revolution, which will shatter to the foundation the stately fabric of mediaevalism, now so seemingly powerful.

A good Wesleyan Methodist in England a few weeks ago, in forwarding a thank offering for the Home Mission Fund added these words, "I believe the resurrection is very near, and I would not like Christ to find me with much earthly coin."

SAID the Rev. Mr. Henry, a Presbyterian missionary from China at Saratoga:—"There are about fifteen million women and children in China ready to receive instruction. There have been started in Canton and vicinity twenty-five schools for girls with from fifteen to forty pupils in each. They are taught for the most part by pupils instructed in the boarding schools previously established. Nine-tenths of those educated have become Christians."

Meetings of Presbyteries.

ST. JOHN, July 1:—A deputation from the Woman's Home Mission Association asked and obtained leave to organize auxiliary associations. Arrangements were made with a view to the retirement of Rev. Lewis Jack from the active duties of the ministry, and his being placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund—leave having been granted by the General Assembly to that effect. A committee was appointed to wait on the Chief Justice, with a view to the settlement of the affairs of Calvin Church. The application of Rev. Godfrey Shore for the position of Presbytery's Home Missionary was accepted, and arrangements were made for his induction to that office. The committee appointed to induct Rev. J. McG. Mackay reported, and their report was approved. A call to Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland from St. James was sustained. It was accepted by Mr. Sutherland, and his induction was appointed to take place on the 17th July. JAMES BENNET, *Clk.*

PICTOU, July 1:—Mr. Sinclair was elected moderator for the year, and Mr. McCurdy clerk. Moderation in calls was granted to the congregations of Antigonish and Stellarton. Mr. Ferry intimated his acceptance of the call to St. Mary's, and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction. A call from North Sydney to Dr. Murray was placed in his hands. He requested further time for consideration. The committee appointed to visit Scotsburn and Saltsprings with a view to uniting the congregations, reported recommending that no change be made in existing arrangements. A Presbyterial conference on the state of religion was appointed to be held on the afternoon of the next day of regular meeting. A motion will be considered at next meeting, to provide for travelling expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly. E. A. MCCURDY, *Clk.*

P. E. ISLAND, June 24:—The Presbytery met in Charlottetown. Rev. W. P. Archibald was chosen moderator and Rev. J. M. Macleod clerk for the current year. Mr. Stewart declined the call to Cardigan and Dundas. The resignation of the pastoral charge of St. James Church tendered by Rev. K. Maclellan, and accepted by Presbytery. Moderation in a call was granted to Richmond Bay. The following supplements were applied for: \$200 for Tryon and Bonshaw; \$150 for Covehead; \$150 for Tignish, Montrose and Elmsdale. J. M. MACLEOD, *Clk.*

HALIFAX, July 8:—Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church. Professor Forrest was elected moderator for the ensuing year, and Mr. Simpson clerk. Mr. Fisher declined the call to Carlton and Chebogue. Moderation in a call was granted to West Cornwallis. Rev. William Hamilton's certificates from the Free Church were read, and the Home Mission Committee recommended to place him upon the list of probationers. Mr. James Anderson accepted the call to Musquod-