

THE amount contributed towards the Sustentation Scheme, of which Rev. Mr. Dunn is Convener, amounts to about \$1000.00. Every congregation in the Presbytery has contributed more or less towards this fund, except Rogers Hill and River John. It is understood that if they do not change their minds and contribute their quota, these congregations will support the Home Mission Scheme with double liberality.

WE draw attention to the Sermon in this number by the Rev. Principal Tulloch. It was preached before the Queen at Balmoral. Principal Tulloch lately preached in Westminster Abbey on the subject of missions. As has been said of him, whatever else he can do he can preach a good sermon. He is principal of St. Andrew's University, and is one of the foremost theologians of Scotland.

WE haven't room in this issue for all the items from the different congregations, but the Convener expects to acknowledge the fuel for River John, Rogers Hill, and other places in the February or March number of the RECORD.

SUPPLEMENTING FUND.—The friends of the church of Scotland in the maritime Provinces, and elsewhere throughout the Dominion, will be pleased to learn, that the supplementing Fund is succeeding beyond the most sanguine expectations. There are already about \$1000 Dollars invested.

THE Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise attended public worship recently in St. Andrew's Church, Otawa, of which the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., is minister. Our Governor General and the princess are winning "golden opinions from all sorts of people."

THE Rev. Mr. Chiniquy has gone to Australia for the benefit of his health, and has met with a most enthusiastic reception from our friends at the Antipodes.

THE Rev. Mr. Coull formerly of New Glasgow, has accepted a call to Valleyfield, near Montreal; salary \$300.00 and free manse.

NOTES OF THE MONTH.

In entering upon the new year, it is natural to attempt to forecast the future. The political horizon is heavily clouded. England is waging war with the Ameer of Afghanistan—a semi-barbarous potentate who ruled over the mountainous region lying between India and the vast Asiatic territories under the sway of the "Czar of all the Russians." A well equipped army consisting of European and Asiatic troops under the flag of Her Majesty the Queen of England and Empress of India has penetrated the wild rocky passes which afford an entrance into the country of the Ameer, and the flag of Britain is now after considerable loss of life floating over the chief strongholds of that region.

Doubtless the man of "Asiatic instincts" will now secure for England the scientific frontier so much desired by military men to render the British possessions in India, secure from attack on their northern boundary.

England is also waging war with the savage tribes on the borders of her possessions in South Africa.

Germany is excited over the growth of socialism in her cities, and stringent measures are being taken to suppress it.

In all countries the year opens with much financial distress.

On the other hand there is great cause of gratitude to the Almighty in that the harvest of the past year has been a bountiful one, food is abundant and there are not wanting signs that the horizon is clearing and that the prospect for the future is brightening.

In this Dominion, although there is much financial depression, which presses very heavily upon business men and