

desolated by the locusts. Not a blade of grass nor a single green leaf is said to be visible, and both famine and pestilence seem to be inevitable.—China, the rebellion of the Taepings has broken out more fiercely than ever.—The revolt in New Zealand has been nearly, if not quite subdued by the surrender of William Thompson, which was brought about by the arguments of Mr. George Graham, M. P. P., and a warm friend of the natives.—From the States, we learn of the probable departure for Europe of General Lee and the other leaders of the Southern army. An enormous forgery, to the amount, it is said, of nearly \$3,000,000, has been perpetrated in New York by Edward B. Ketchum, of the firm of Ketchum & Son. He is now in custody.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

Rev. and Dear Brethren :—

Since the publication of our Selection, there has been a large addition to the Hymns suitable for public worship, and the plan of publishing them with tunes has been extensively adopted. Having learned that the desire to avail themselves of the rich store of compositions, both original and translated, thus brought within their reach, was inducing several congregations to adopt new books, I felt that the time had arrived for a change, either by the revision and enlargement of our own compilation, or by the adoption of another.

The committee to whom this subject was referred by the Synod having carefully examined several editions of Hymns and Tunes, has finally, after mature deliberation, decided upon recommending that published by the S. P. C. K., as likely to be generally acceptable. In this recommendation I concur, and I hope that the clergy who desire to substitute one of the new selections for that which is now commonly used, will act in accordance with this recommendation, in order that we may avoid the inconvenience arising from diversity in the books used by the congregations of the same diocese. It contains many of the best Hymns and Tunes lately published, and it can be obtained in several forms and sizes, at a price far below that at which a similar book could be printed specially for our own use. I hope that where the *Hymns* are not introduced, the *Tunes* of the S. P. C. K. book will be generally substituted for the Boston Academy and other collections now too commonly used in our Churches.

Yours faithfully,

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

SPECIMENS of the new edition of the Psalms and Hymns of the S. P. C. K. have been ordered, and will be obtainable on their arrival from England at the depositary in Granville Street, at the following prices, *in cloth boards*:—24mo bourgeois, 8d.; do. pearl, 4d.; 18mo small pica, 9d.; 16mo ruby. 5d.; do., bound with prayer book, 7½d. *With Tunes*.—Imperial 16mo, 3s. 6d.; demy 16mo, 2s.; treble part only, 1s. 2d.

EDWIN GILPIN, Sec'y of S. P. C. K. Com.

PRESENTATION TO A CLERGYMAN.

We understand that the Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Dartmouth, have recently presented an address to the Rev. O. M. Grindon, on his retirement from the curacy of the above Church which he has held for the past twelve months. Their object was to express their satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Grindon had conducted the affairs of the Church while residing amongst them; to thank him for his kindness and urbanity on all occasions, and for the interest he had taken in their Christian welfare. The address was accompanied by a purse of \$100 as a slight testimonial of their appreciation of his services.—*Rep.*