

(because different rabbinical companies of combatants came to me since, and we fought about that passage), the young Jews demanding reasonable explanation, and the 'bad shepherds' trying all means to stuff their mouths with chaff, and fill their minds with falsehood. Though the violent measures taken against these young men prevent them now from coming in groups to the mis-

sion house as before, detached ones find their way, take Testaments and tracts, and tell us what is going on abroad. My Hebrew tracts have arrived at last, and happy I am to have such a mighty provision of these little reasoners and messengers of light and truth, and which will find their way into the Jewish camp notwithstanding the vigilance of our enemies.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

FREE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Free Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on Wednesday the 10th August, and being constituted, proceeded to business.

The Presbytery agreed to meet at Earltown on Friday, the 2nd day of September, for the induction of the Rev. Alex. Sutherland, late of New London into that charge, and they appointed the Rev. John Munro to preach at Earltown on Friday the 12th inst., and serve an edict to the people, that if any persons have any objections to the life or doctrines of the Rev. A. Sutherland they may repair to the Presbytery to be held there on the 2nd day of September.

A Call from the congregation of Pictou in favour of the Rev James Noble of Poolewe, Ross shire, Scotland, was sustained, and agreed to be transmitted to the Rev. Dr. Bonar, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, requesting him to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Locharron. The Call is signed by one hundred and eleven persons, being all communicants and heads of families. The Stipend guaranteed or subscribed is nearly £200 currency,—ninety-twentieths of that sum having been already subscribed; and it is hoped that by a slight effort the congregation will easily make up the remaining twentieth part. The whole congregation is unanimous to a man, and heartily, yea most heartily, concur in this. It is therefore to be hoped that by the Divine blessing, they may succeed in obtaining the object of their desires.

The subject of Union was brought before the Presbytery, and it was re-

solved to hold Presbyterial meetings in all congregations within the Kirk Sessions within the bounds of the Presbytery, for the purpose of explaining the subject to the people, and clearing up any doubts or difficulties which may exist regarding it. The Basis was approved of as a satisfactory Basis, and as one on which the Union may be consummated without compromise of principle.

The Presbytery of Halifax in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, met at Newport on Tuesday the 2nd inst., for the purpose of inducting the Rev. John McLeod into the pastoral charge of that congregation. The Rev. P. G. McGrrgor preached an impressive sermon from James v. 19, 20; the Rev John Cameron narrated the proceedings of Presbytery in reference to the Call, and put to the minister the Questions of the Formula; the Rev. Mr. Murdoch offered up the induction prayer; the Rev. Mr. McGregor addressed the minister; and the Rev. James McLean addressed the people; after which, the congregation, as they passed out of the church, gave their new minister the right hand of fellowship, and greeted him with a cordial welcome.

Though the meeting was held on a busy day of harvest, yet the congregation was large and deeply interested in the proceedings. Since they were organized into a separate congregation, they have erected and completed a comfortable Manse, and exhibited a liberal and generous spirit worthy of imitation.

We believe Mr. McLeod has entered upon a field of labor in which he may be very useful.—Witness.