

gret was that our stay among them was so short. But we had the less regret in leaving them on the morrow, as though we had remained another day, we should not have been able to be present at the discussion of the proposed Union, which was deferred till the end of the week,—by which time Dr. Topp was expected to arrive (as co-delegate with Mr. M'Tavish) from Toronto. Before leaving, however, we saw plainly enough that the feeling in favour of Union, on all sides, was quite as strong in Halifax as we had seen it to be in Ottawa. And since our return home, the pleasant intelligence has reached us that both Synods were unanimous; so that, in less than a twelvemonth hence, the "Dominion" of Canada, in all probability, will be Presbyterially, as well as Politically, one. So much for the absence of a "Dominion" Establishment, either dominating or domineering.

The number of ministers and elders preser was one hundred and eighty; and it is worthy of being known and noted at home, that in Halifax, as in Ottawa (and I may say the same thing of St. Louis and Monmouth), the whole of the members were lodged and provided for in private families,—sometimes in those of other Churches than their own.

One of the topics on which I spoke was in reference to our "Sustentation Fund,"—telling them of its prosperity, and recommending it to their imitation. I have been gratified by hearing from one of the brethren since, that "the Synod has appointed a committee to consider the whole question of a Sustentation Fund, and particularly to examine the Free Church scheme, and to report on the advisability of introducing it, either in whole or in part, into the Church" in Nova Scotia. I shall be glad to hear a similar report by-and-by from the other Assembly, where I ventured to tender a similar advice.

In the event of another Deputation being sent across the Atlantic, I would take the liberty of suggesting that the Deputy to Canada should go to Canada and the "Lower Provinces" alone,—devoting his whole time to the service of our colonial brethren and their congregations. Three or four months spent among the townships, and in the rural districts, in preaching the word, holding congregational meetings, and getting acquainted with the people, would be both time and labour well bestowed; and I am quite sure such a delegation would be, if not more acceptable, at least more useful, than any such official and hurried service in the large cities as we were alone able to render. Hamilton, London, Dundas, Galt, Guelph, Fergus, St. Catharines, Truro, Pictou,

Charlotte-town, &c., &c., from most of which we had pressing invitations, will not again, I hope, look for a visit in vain.

THE WAVE OF REVIVAL.

In Prince Edward Island the blessed work of which we heard such delightful news of the meeting of Synod is still extending.

The Scottish Revival, as will be seen in other pages of the *Record*, still continues without abatement of power.

News of a wonderful work of grace come from Lovedale in South Africa. Hundreds of the pupils of the Missionary Seminary there have been converted.

Encouraging reports also come from Calcutta, Bombay and other sections of India.

Home Missions.

Letter from N. E. Margaree.

THE FIELD.

About 23 miles up one of the prettiest rivers in the Province, and three miles below the farthest up settler is the small, yet neat and comfortable church in which we worship. About six miles below our church the Baptists have a meeting house, and three miles farther down there is a Methodist chapel, on the one side by the river, and a Congregationalist one on the other. There are four churches here then, but no congregation able to keep a pastor. In each of them there was a preacher for a few weeks during the summer, but now they are all gone except your correspondent. In connection with our church, which is the weakest, there are about 25 families, but there are also a number of persons belonging to the other churches who come to our meetings, so that the audience is quite respectable. Now you want to know if the people here are destitute, and I will merely give you facts and let you draw the conclusion yourself.

A LONG VACANCY.

There are about 25 families of nominal Presbyterians, who attend religious services, when there is any, but whose church was only open three times for such services since Mr. McLeod left last October until I came, once for Mr. Russell, Bible agent, once for Mr. McLeod who preached a day