

readers of God's word. You find a copy of it in the knapsack of the soldier, under the pillow of the sailor, in the palace of the king and the lowly hut of the poorest subject; where arctic snows never melt, and where tropical suns ever glow. A book cheap yet dear—finding its way from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth. The perfect shower of pearls and diamonds that came flowing from his eloquent lips at this point, was so delightful, so sublime, that ere we could realize its presence it was gone. His delivery becomes rapid when warmed up in a culmination like this. But right after it came the quiet, searching inquiry, "Has this book left its mark on your soul, my hearer?" You have the book, no doubt, but remember, it is not the possession of a laboratory that makes a man a chemist, nor of a library that makes him a scholar. To save you, the truths of the Bible must be impressed upon your hearts by the power of God.

In his last moments Napoleon Bonaparte, that great warrior, that wonderful scholar and statesman, gave evidence that the truths of God's word had made their imprint upon his soul. Hear his last words, while in conversation with Berthier at St. Helena. The Doctor then read copious extracts from Abbott's Napoleon, and closed with an earnest appeal to prove all things and hold fast to the saving truths of God's word.

The Monthly Record.

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This time last year the present Editor of the *Record* held the office of Convener of Financial Committee. The present Convener has authorized us to exercise anew the duties of that office, and indeed a certain love for the old office still survives, so that we are quite prepared to do duty again. The duties referred to may be briefly described to consist in these two things—to see that some 1,600 or 1,800 persons subscribe for, and that as nearly as possible the same number pay for our periodical. Our hope that this will be accomplished lies in the fact, that, in nearly all our congregations, there are at least one or two men who have a hearty desire to see our *Record* well supported and widely circulated. Certainly it should be self-sustaining, though it is not expected or even intended that any profit should be realized, yet neither is it intended that any loss should be sustained. In many places both the circulation and the payments for the *Record* are all that can be desired; while in many others there is abundant room for improvement. We shall do our best to merit a wide circulation. Our staff of contributors and correspondents seems to be on the increase. Our good friend A. P. rarely fails to send his excellent "Notes of the Month." More than that, we have even

the promise of an occasional column or two in *Gaelic*, for which, doubtless, a large number of our readers will be thankful.

The Presbytery of Pictou has made the following appointments:

Sab. 15 Dec.	Mr. Pollok,	Garloch.
" 29 "		Mr. Stewart,
" 12 Jan.	Mr. McMillan,	
" 26 "		Mr. Philip,
" 9 Feb.	Mr. Hardman.	

Sab. 15 Dec.	Barney's River.	Lochaber.
" 29 "	Mr. McGregor,	
" 12 Jan.	Mr. McCunn,	Mr. Goodwill,
" 19 "	Mr. Philip,	
" 2 Feb.	Mr. McCunn,	
" 23 "		Mr. Stewart.

W. McMILLAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

The Rev. D. M. Gordon has left for his new charge in Ottawa. The address published on another page and a letter from one of the Truro elders shew the esteem in which he was held, during the period of his labours in Truro, Folly Mountain, and adjacent stations.

The address presented to the Rev. A. McKay, from the Salt Springs and Gairloch congregations, with reply, will appear in our next issue of the *Record*.

We have to thank our Ontario correspondent for his long and interesting letter.

Thanksgiving Day.

We devote a considerable portion of our space to the following outlines of Sermons, preached by our ministers on Thanksgiving Day:—

HALIFAX, NOV. 28, 1867.

Most of the Halifax Churches were open to-day for Divine Service—and were generally well attended. In St. Matthew's the military were present as on Sundays, and altogether about two-thirds of the ordinary audience that is to be seen on a Sunday forenoon.

The minister of the Church preached from Isaiah 40. 28, middle clause of the verse; "the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary." We append an outline of the sermon.

The text represents God as a person and a worker; as planning and executing. Man too is a person and a worker; he too plans and executes. And even man's power and wisdom, patience and resolve, in themselves