

duction, or more correctly, the Prayer Book adopted by another church. We keep away from all approaches to a Liturgy with such religious horror that many of our people scarcely know that the church has prepared a Manual of Prayers and religious exercises for the use of her children when far from the house of God.—and the consequence is, that they get hold, under such circumstances, of the admirable "*Book of Common Prayer*," and come back to their native land half Episcopalianized.

The Indians had made a raid in the neighbourhood of Rawlings, stolen a horse from one man, and chased some others into town, some time during the previous evening. Forty soldiers of the detachment stationed at this point were ordered out in pursuit on Sunday afternoon. The inhabitants were considerably excited; still, a good congregation assembled at the evening service. I mean good for that portion of the world. Some among the number were men whom, I was informed, had not entered the house of God for five years. All listened with marked attention to the simple exposition of the life-giving Word, and I bade farewell to kind christian brethren with the assurance that my Sabbath spent in their lonely little town amid the grand old mountain ranges, had not passed away altogether unimproved. In conclusion, I may state that if you don't think these hurried jottings are fit to publish in the *Record*, you may put them in the stove; while I shall still remain,

Yours, &c.,

J. R. THOMPSON.

FROM HALIFAX TO OTTAWA.

In the June article of this diary, it is stated that at the Portland Railway Depot "I made the strange discovery that I had lost money by buying a through ticket from Halifax to Montreal, inasmuch as a discount of ten per cent is allowed on tickets bought at the Portland Station." On my return to Halifax in June, I brought the circumstance to the notice of G. P. Black, Esq., the agent; and also the fact that I had been charged at Montreal for my return journey over the same line and by the same boat, only \$11.50, instead of the \$15 I had paid at the Halifax office. He courteously requested me to write a note on the subject and that he would investigate. He has written me within the last few days, and informs me that I am quite mistaken about what I stated in the June number. I regret exceedingly that I should have made any mistake, and though I do not understand how I could have been deceived, yet Mr. Black's word on the subject is quite sufficient. As to the other point, he says that the Halifax agency has nothing to do with the rates from Canada to Halifax. At the same time the travelling public would like to know the reason why it costs more to travel between Halifax and Montreal than between Montreal and Halifax.

A CITY MINISTER AWAY FROM HIS CHARGE.

MEETINGS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX, }
 June 8th, 1870, at 3 o'clock, P. M. }

At which place and time the Presbytery met, and was constituted. Sederunt: Rev. George M. Grant, Moderator, John McMillan, John R. Thompson, John Campbell and William Thos. Wilkins, Ministers; J. J. Bremner, John Taylor, and John Smith, Esquires, Elders. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Mr. Thompson laid on the table an extract minute of Session held in Richmond Sunday School Room, April 7th, 1870, which meeting was constituted by Rev. Mr. Thompson, Moderator, with whom were present Messrs. M. Lindsay, J. J. Bremner, W. G. Pender, and John Smith, M. D., Elders.