

extravagant, but, on a moment's reflection, we concluded that it may be near the truth. All this is expended on a ceremony which neither informs the mind or educates the heart. Do the people of the United States expend fifty cents a piece for religious purposes? Does it cost twenty-five cents for each man, woman and child in the nation to support a system of religious instruction which places a Christian community immeasurably above a Pagan community, in substantial wealth, intelligence, and whatever else renders life pleasant and desirable?—*Cong.*

TARSUS, the birth-place of Paul, and once a no mean city, has fallen from its ancient dignity. Yet from a distance, few places in all that country present a more inviting appearance. It is imbedded in

the verdure of its gardens, so that the minarets of a few mosques only can be seen above the foliage, and has an air of coolness and comfort exceedingly refreshing. The distant tops of the Taurus range of mountains give additional charms to the scenery. But the city itself disappoints expectations. Its houses, with few exceptions, are made of low mud walls, thatched with straw. Stagnant water is found in many of the gardens, which, in connection with the great amount of vegetable matter and the heat of the climate, renders it unhealthy. Broken fragments of marble and granite, and other ruins, bear witness to its ancient greatness. The inhabitants consist of 1,000 Fellah families, 40 or 50 Greek, 500 Musselmen, and 300 or 400 Armenians and Jews.

Notices.

The Treasurer of the Mission Education Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following sums:—

From S. S. Children of Princeton, P. E. I., 67s. Is. cur.	£2 15 10
From Female Society, 20s. do.	0 16 8
“ A Friend in Pictou,	0 6 3
“ “ New Glasgow, per Rev. G. Walker	2 0 0
	£5 18 9

The Presbytery of Truro met at Upper Londonderry on the 16th inst., for visitation. Tho' the day was very stormy, the attendance was good, and the proceedings of a most satisfactory and encouraging character, with respect to both the spiritual and temporal affairs of Mr Ross' charge. In the latter, especially, a marked improvement was evident. By failure of subscriptions, not designed, when made, to be continued, and from the setting off of the Folly Mountain district, as a mission station, losses were sustained by the congregation to the amount of about £22, and yet with becoming principle and consideration, so far from pleading those losses, (as is sometimes done,) as a reason for failure in discharging duty, the congregation have, thro' its members, with praiseworthy energy and liberality, assumed and fully discharged liabilities,

strictly speaking not theirs, and at the visitation, the Treasurer's and Managers' Report showed that the pastors' salary was fully and punctually paid. Tho' not in fact having *surplus funds*, this congregation, as now situated, have raised for the support of their own ordinances at least £22 more than the original engagement. Such conduct, while only dutiful, reflects highly on the energy of the Managers and the Christian principle of the people, and should be an example to other portions of the Church similarly situated.

An application was made from Wallace River, craving advice of Presbytery, with a view to calling a minister to that and the adjacent stations. Agreed that it do lie on the table till the result of correspondence on some other matters be made known.

Mr. Matheson, student of Divinity, delivered a popular sermon, from Rom. i. 10, which was sustained and another exercise prescribed.

Provision was made for the supply of the congregation of Harvey, in the event of Mr McCulley's withdrawal from the Presbytery's bounds at the expiration of the usual term.

It was also agreed to institute a Presbyterial fund to defray expenses of the Clerkship and missions undertaken by the brethren, and members were enjoined to