

The livings of the parish churches, ten in number, are all alike; and are considerably less than five hundred a year each. We are much mistaken if several Scotch ministers, who have met, would not make eight or ten times that income at the bar. As it is, we brought away with us a most agreeable recollection of the liveliness and ingenuity, the brilliant conversation and great knowledge of Dr. Craik of St. George's; the solid information and unflinching good nature of Dr. Jamieson of St. Paul's; the Highland humour and eloquence of Dr. McLeod of St. Columba; the dignified and amiable bearing and manners of Dr. Boyd of St. Mary's; and the gay rattle, the startling paradoxes, the mingled fun and pathos of Mr. Norman McLeod, who in a different way shines as brilliantly at the dinner table as in the pulpit. We met several of the Professors of the University. Mr. Weir, the Professor of Hebrew, is a manly, intelligent, and most amiable young man. He is said to be a distinguished oriental scholar, but on this point we express ourselves unqualified to give an opinion. More than once we saw Dr. Hill, the Professor of Divinity. Never were becoming dignity, unaffected simplicity, kindness of heart and manner, the gravity of age and the cheerfulness of youth, more happily blended."

In one of the excellent reading rooms in the place where I live, I picked up the other day, a copy of one of the numbers of the Nova Scotian, now some weeks old, and observed a letter over the signature of P. McGregor. He says, "that the subject" (that the interests of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia in Prince Edward Island requires a church in the capital) "was under discussion when a deputation waited upon the Synod of the Church of Scotland in 1835 in Halifax is simply false." As far as 1835 or 1836 is concerned the Rev. gentleman's negation may be true. But it is a fact that in 1836, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia had the subject under consideration, and appointed some of their members to visit Charlottetown with a view to organize a congregation, and this should have been known to Mr. McGregor, who is Clerk of that Synod. A few weeks after, two members of that Synod waited by appointment on the Synod of your Church and were received with confidence. One or both of them, if memory serves me right, held a commission to go to the Island, yet one, or both of them pleaded, as a ground of co-operation, the propriety of either body not interfering with the other in the occupation of a particular locality. It may be true that young men from the country congregations of that body in P. E. I. do go to Charlottetown as apprentices, &c., but if co-operation, not to say union is to advance at all, it is absolutely necessary that no obstacle should be interposed to the ready transition of the members or adherents of one Presbyterian Church to membership with another. On the same principle there is not a village or town in Nova Scotia of any consequence,

nor many country districts, where side by side with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia might, if disposed, adopt the same procedure for the same reason. But the members of your Church have uniformly abstained from this, very many of them have given large contributions for the erection in such localities of churches in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

The non-existence of any urgent necessity for the erection of another Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown is proved by the very amount of influence, talent, and subscriptions, that have been concentrated there, from a distance for this purpose, "While union is kept in abeyance," says the Rev. gentleman, "subscribers, &c., have shown their conviction that the interests of their families and the progress of the body on the Island rendered the step necessary." It would not surprise me, if it should be true, that with all their expressed desires for co-operation and union, these things have been made the stalking-horse for an invasion.

The number of the Record for April has just come to hand. I congratulate Mr. Harper on his new appointment. I hope you ordained him you. correspondent in South America as well as minister for Ber-

### Meeting of the Synod of Canada.

The annual meeting of the Synod of Canada is appointed to be held this year in the city of Hamilton, on the last Wednesday, being the 27th day of the present month of May. The meetings of our Provincial Synods, always interesting to the friends of the Church, are every year more and more so, from the increase of our numbers, the great variety and importance of the ecclesiastical and missionary business demanding attention, and more especially from the visits and addresses of corresponding members from the neighboring provinces. The Synod of Canada will no doubt appoint one or more of their members to correspond with the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick at their next meetings in the month of July. We know no arrangement in present circumstances so well fitted to strengthen the bonds of union amongst the different branches of our Church in British North America, and to maintain friendly intercourse amongst fellow christians as these deputations. The services of such distinguished clergymen as Dr. Mathieson, of Montreal, Rev. Mr. McKid, of Goderich, and Professor George, of Queen's College, Kingston, will not soon be forgotten by our ministers and congregations in Nova Scotia, and the excellent and faithful discourses which they preached in our pulpits, and the powerful and eloquent addresses which they delivered at our public meetings, produced a deep and lasting, and a salutary influence, and strengthened the hands and encouraged the hearts of the office-bearers and

members of all our congregations which they were enabled to visit.

### Arrival of the Rev. Wm. Macrobie.

We are receiving every month and almost every week renewed proofs of the activity and liberality of the Colonial Committee in the appointment and designation of additional Missionaries for these Provinces. No sooner is an application made to the Committee than it is speedily attended to. Our wants only require to be made known in order to be supplied. Two or three months ago the Presbytery of Miramichi, through the Rev. Wm. Henderson, one of its respected members, brought the circumstances and necessities of the Congregations at Tabusintac and Burnt Church under the notice of the Committee, stating that they had been without a Pastor for the long period of twelve years; that they still retained a strong attachment to the Parent Church, and felt desirous to make another effort to obtain a Minister from the Church of their fathers. This application soon found its way to Edinburgh, where in due season it was laid before the Committee with the least possible delay; the Rev. Mr. Gibb was appointed to fill that vacant charge. Mr. Gibb having afterwards withdrawn his acceptance, the Rev. Wm. Macrobie of the Quoad Sacra Church of Gartmore, near Stirling, was appointed in succession to fill the same charge, and very soon after sailed for this Province, on his way to New Brunswick. Mr. Macrobie arrived in one of the Cunard Steamers about the middle of last month, spent a Sabbath and preached twice in this city, and soon after started for his destination where he has since arrived, to the great joy of his people. By letters lately received from the Rev. Mr. Henderson of Newcastle, we learn that the necessary arrangements were in progress for Mr. Macrobie's settlement in that district. Mr. Henderson preached at Tabusintac on the forenoon of the first Sabbath of April, and at Burnt Church in the afternoon. The attendance on both these occasions was good, and the prospect of ministerial success among the people encouraging. From the very brief acquaintance which we had with Mr. Macrobie, during his short stay in this place, we are inclined to believe that he will prove himself a diligent and faithful Missionary among the people committed to his pastoral care, "a workman who needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

### Female Association for Religious Purposes, in connexion with St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.

From a period shortly subsequent to the commencement of last year this Association dates its existence. Its origination was owing to the felt want of the benefits such Associations were believed to yield, and the principle