

meet with v. 7. Christ being so great, take heed lest you use Him as the Israelites used Moses. Unbelief destroyed them, it will also destroy you unless you "take heed."

V. 13.—*Exhort*—This implies church fellowship. *Daily—to-day*. Moses warned his own generation; David warned his generation; Christ now warns us. 'To depart from God is the crowing result of sin—unbelief. Sin is deceitful, and leads on little by little till we become hardened apostates.

V. 14.—We are members of Christ's body, of his flesh and of his bones: *partakers of Christ*. "The beginning"—A Christian must consider himself but a beginner until he is perfected.

V. 15.—This affords the reason why we should not harden our hearts; *while* or *rather since* it is said, to-day, &c.

Vv. 16-19.—All who came out of Egypt, with the exception of the priest, the Levites, and Caleb and Joshua, "did provoke," and their carcasses fell in the wilderness.—For forty years they died at the rate of forty per day.

LESSONS.

1. We are the "house," the "temple" of God, and should be holy, for without holiness we cannot see God.

2. Christ is infinitely greater, and more worthy of honour than any man or any created being.

3. The warnings, threats and promises uttered by holy men thousands of years ago apply with all their force, nay, with greatly increased force, to us, under the gospel.

4. Learn the importance of time, the danger of delay: *To-day!* Mock not God by delay.

5. Learn the awful danger of backsliders, and loiterers, and unbelievers.

6. Sin is deceitful in the extreme; let us watch against it with constant prayer to Him who can keep our feet from falling.

DOCTRINE TO BE PROVED.

The deceitfulness of sin. Heb. iii. 13; 2 Thes. ii. 8-12. Instance, the first temptation, &c.

News of the Church.

REV. MR. GEDDIE paid a visit to Cape Breton during the first fortnight of October. He preached or addressed meetings at Port Hood, Mahou, Whycomach, Baddeck, Boularderie, Sydney Mines, Sydney, West Bay, and Plaster Cove. His reception was cordial and enthusiastic. In some places the audience could be counted by thousands. He was unable to overtake

the following four congregations, St. Anns, Leitch's Creek, Gaharus and Grand River. His visit will, we have reason to believe, be productive of much good.

The precise period of Mr. Geddie's departure for the South Seas is not yet determined. It is possible that he may remain among us till after the first of the year, but it is better that goods for the mission, letters to missionaries, &c., should be handed in early, so that there may be no embarrassment should he leave in December.

Boxes of goods for the mission should be forwarded without delay to one or other of the receivers, or to the Witness office in this city.

We are informed that Nova Scotia home-spun is particularly acceptable. Nothing is better for the native Teachers than good Nova Scotia grey. Men's clothes may be made about the average size. Should there be any doubt or difficulty as to what goods to procure, the money may be sent to Mr. Geddie and he can invest it to excellent advantage in purchasing goods when he goes to London.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met at the Gore on the 26th, and at Kennetcook on the 27th ult. There were present the Moderator, Rev. John M. McLeod, and Rev. Messrs. J. L. Murdoch, R. Sedgewick, John Cameron, James McLean, Wm. Murray, and Edward Annand—Ministers; and Jos. McLaren—Ruling Elder.

Two sections of the pastoral charge of the Rev. John Cameron were visited, viz.: the Gore on Tuesday, and Kennetcook on Wednesday. Messrs. Murray and Annand preached at these, respectively, according to appointment.

The visitation was gratifying in a high degree, and the Presbytery expressed their cordial satisfaction with the state of this portion of Mr. Cameron's very extensive charge.

At the close of the visitation on the second day, at Kennetcook, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Cameron's demission of this portion of his charge, and expressed their high sense of the indefatigable labors of Mr. Cameron, for the last twenty-one years, in this congregation.

Both sections expressed a very strong feeling of reluctance to part with their beloved pastor, who had so long and so efficiently broken for them the bread of life. It transpired in the visitation that during these twenty-one years Mr. Cameron never failed to keep his appointments but once and that was on the occurrence of a snow storm, which rendered the road impassable.