

G. M. Grant presided. The superintendents of the six schools belonging to the Association gave encouraging reports, and interesting addresses were made by Hon. Jas. Fraser and Rev. Messrs. Thompson and Campbell. The scholars occupied the central portion of the building, and, with the choir, furnished excellent music. We intended to present our readers with an abstract of the Secretary's Report, which extends over a period of ten years, exhibiting the operations of the Society since its organization, but have been obliged to defer it.

**Church Extension.**—A laudable effort is now being made by the people of Westville,—a branch of Rev. Mr. Philip's charge at Albion Mines.—to erect a place of worship. A meeting was held on the evening of the 21st ult., and the handsome sum of \$1263 subscribed at once. A Building Committee and collectors were appointed to provide the ways and means for accomplishing their worthy object. It is proposed to build a church capable of seating 700. The whole proceedings were characterized by great harmony and enthusiasm.

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### NOTES OF THE MONTH.

In Britain, parliament has been enlivened, not by keen debates, but by topics of very great interest. The Irish Land Bill has passed the Commons,—a measure of such extraordinary liberality that every farmer in Great Britain must be wishing himself an Irishman. It almost makes the occupier of land part proprietor. There can be no sudden evictions, and none for any cause except for non-payment of rent. The occupier of land, in leaving, will receive the value of his improvements. In the face of all this, crime is on the increase, and the country in an utterly lawless state. Such is the uncertainty of life in many districts, that we must estimate the unhappiness of the inhabitants not only by the sufferings of the murdered and maimed, but by the innumerable fears and alarm of the survivors. The *habeas corpus* is to be suspended, and the Irish press to be held liable for its ferocious appeals to the passions of the ignorant and fanatical multitude. In Britain, free institutions and intelligence have grown together; but our laws work poorly in Ireland, where it is next to impossible to get an intelligent and right-minded jury. The sooner the government of force is tried the better: and as the British Parliament is new, it could not be in safer hands. The more moderate candidate has gained Tipperary, his voters supporting him at the peril of their lives.

MR. JACOB BRIGHT introduces a very short but a very significant bill into Parliament, namely, that in all Acts of Parliament the word "voters" shall be held to mean persons of either sex. There is a small but influential party in favour of female suffrage. We do hope that such a measure will never pass as will soil the female character with all the filth of our dirty politics, and deprive women of their true power as neutrals for healing up the feuds of political life. The Scripture theory of family government is that the man represents the whole family,—a theory eminently fitted to produce peace and order. The Word of God presumes husband and wife to be of one mind; and if on any public matter they are not, they would be trifling sadly with their happiness, if, to gratify a few political hobbyists, they would proclaim this opposition to the public by an open vote. The question has many aspects, to which we need not advert, as the measure is not likely to pass for some time.

IN FRANCE there has been a ferment on account of the trial of Pierre Bonaparte. He has been acquitted by a jury. It is said that the Emperor has recommended him to leave France for a time. He is known to be a violent man. In this case his rashness has embarrassed the government.