

express our appreciation of your faithful and constant services as our minister, of your conscientious and unwearied interest in our spiritual welfare, and of your warm sympathies and tender ministrations to those under your charge, and especially in seasons of affliction and bereavement, when such services are most needed and helpful. Our earnest prayer is that you may be long spared to work in the vineyard of your Master, and by word and example, in the future as in the past, counsel, aid, and guide to that better land beyond the crumbling shores of time.

WATERVALE, Nov. 30th, 1886.

Mr. Fitzpatrick briefly expressed his appreciation of their kindness, thanking the ladies of Watervale for this token of their esteem.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

The following letter of thanks has been received by the Convener of our Synod's Foreign Mission, from the Church of Scotland, last month:—

"OFFICES OF THE CHURCH,
"22 Queen St., EDINBURGH, Nov. 18, '86.

"*Rev. and Dear Sir*,—I have to acknowledge yours of the 4th inst., enclosing in my order £46 3s. 3d., being contributions from the Synod of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, etc., for the Clumba Mission in India, and beg to thank you most heartily.

"I am, Rev. and dear Sir,
"Yours faithfully,
"G. W. B. WILSON.

REV. W. STEWART, McLellan's Brook,
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia."

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

A meeting of the representative men of Halifax was held in Masonic Hall recently to discuss Imperial Federation. Sir Adams G. Archibald was called to the chair, and in his opening remarks expressed his hearty approval of the movement. The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

That, in order to secure the permanent unity of the Empire, some form of federation is essential.

That for the purpose of influencing public opinion in Nova Scotia by showing the importance and advantages of maintaining British connection, by the adoption of such a form of organization, a society be formed to advocate and support the principles of federation.

That this society be now formed, to be the Nova Scotian Branch of the Imperial Federation League.

That this society adopt the principles of

the Imperial Federation League as stated at the adjourned conference of that body in London on Tuesday, November 18th, 1884.

"That the membership of the branch be open to any British subject who accepts the principles of the league and pays a yearly registration fee of one dollar.

"That an annual general meeting of the branch be held in Halifax. That the affairs of the league, until a special general meeting, to be called during the winter, be conducted by a general committee to be now appointed, with power to add to its numbers."

The following gentlemen were appointed to compose the general committee: Sir Adams G. Archibald, his grace Archbishop O'Brien, Mayor Mackintosh, Hon. A. G. Jones, Ald. Stephen, Messrs. M. B. Daly, M. P., B. W. Chipman, J. S. Maclean, W. C. Silver, Adam Burns, John Doull, Col. Lane and Col. Black.

LETTER FROM TRURO.

WILLBERTA PLACE, Truro, 1886.

Dear Editor:—As a subscriber and attentive reader of your RECORD, I wish to express my deep interest in its excellent articles, many of which are worthy of the study of all Christians. I was much pleased with your editorial views on "NATIONAL CHRISTIANITY," and the Terms of Union proposed; especially opportune at this time owing to the new requirements of our home churches, and the urgent cry of heathen lands for Christian light and British liberty. There is a gradual attraction of the Christian bodies toward each other; and if they can be brought together without surrender of true *Christian liberty* on the one hand, or compromise of any *Christian principle* on the other, we will then have a TRUE CHRISTIAN UNITY, and not merely an *outward union* like the unhappy marriage of Samson. To this end no church or sect should claim authority over another, or grasp its property, or silence its conscience by skillful arts, or outvoting by numbers. All who are heartily doing good work in the LORD's name should be not only tolerated, but respected and loved, even though not just "following with us."

I am glad also to see your attitude on TEMPERANCE. I think all Christians can and should unite in this cause. Indeed, men in all lands are getting their eyes opened, as never before, to the vast and hideous evils of the liquor traffic, which towers high above all others, and, like a deadly Upas tree, spreads its direful branches far and near "for the poisoning of the nations." Surely it is high time to root out this curse of our race! This spreading cancer of Christendom and the world at