

our readers for the matters discussed and the decisions arrived at by the Court. We therefore deem it unnecessary to give any synopsis in the present issue, as such, from the press of matter at present demanding attention, would of necessity be very meagre. We hope, therefore, that the subjects to appear in August will receive that attention from the readers of the RECORD which they merit.

Nova Scotia.

The Annual Missionary Meeting was held in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult. The meeting differed from the ordinary prayer meeting in several particulars. It extended, for example, over more than two hours instead of one. It consisted chiefly of addresses and reports, instead of praise, prayer, reading Scripture, and exposition, as on ordinary occasions; and also it attracted some who do not usually attend the prayer meeting. The Rev. Mr. Grant conducted the meeting, and the proceedings began by devotional exercises. Thereafter he read a most interesting statement of the different schemes towards which the congregation has been contributing during the year ending June 15, which was as follows:

For Synod and Presbytery Schemes	\$1810 24
For charitable, congregational and other schemes	2394 11

Total free-will offerings during the year.....\$4204 36

The above shows merely what was done under the supervision of the Session, irrespective of the amount contributed by the congregation and applied under the direction of the trustees for the current expenditure of the Church, together with the large sums requisite for the erection of an expensive and handsome organ, fuel, gas, repairs, and the thousand other disbursements necessary for the working of a large and expensive church; amounting in all, during the past year, to about \$7,000 more.

Addresses were delivered upon subjects appropriate to such an occasion. The Rev. John Campbell delivered an address on the sphere, the obligations, and the manner of carrying on the Home Mission enterprise of the Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces. He was followed by Rev.

Mr. Morton, a missionary of the sister Presbyterian Church to the Coolies of Trinidad. Naturally he addressed the meeting on Foreign Missions, giving some interesting details as to the history and results of that work in which he is himself engaged. The closing address was delivered by the Rev. J. K. Smith, the minister of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, belonging to the sister Presbyterian Church.—His address was on Foreign Missions, with especial reference to the two hundred millions of our heathen fellow-subjects in India. Referring to the fact that one of the members of the Church—Miss Johns—had offered herself for orphanage and Zenana work in India, he expressed his conviction that St. Matthew's congregation would not allow her support to devolve on the Church generally, but would esteem it an honour and privilege to undertake it as their own special mission, so that she might go as their representative to Hindu orphans and women. The meeting was extremely interesting, and those that did not attend lost something that they would be the better of hearing.

The meeting was specially interesting as showing the results of the energies of this large, wealthy, and influential congregation for the year. And without condescending to fulsome flattery, both unsought and undesirable, we would ask other congregations to make a note of it, and in many respects go and do likewise. It is true few, perhaps none of our other congregations, can equal St. Matthew's in the amount of money contributed and the quantity of work overtaken; but in proportion to their means and their ability they can equal, and perhaps surpass, this congregation, which in late years has done so much. And we feel sure that such meetings as that described, held in each of our churches at the end of each Synodic year, would have the effect of waking up our congregations, and giving an impulse to our church work, which would be immediately apparent. Such a review of a year's work would often show congregations, which, on the one hand, often became despondent over the small amount of work done, this, viz., that more has been accomplished than individuals often think, and on the other, which may think that