

men sent to the Universities of Scotland or Canada.

Fourth.—Moved by Mr. John Gray, West Branch, seconded by Mr. John McMillan, Cape John: Resolved—That with the view of furthering the object mentioned in the last resolution, a clergyman visit each congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery—preach to them on a week day—bring the matter before them and open a subscription list, leaving the congregations themselves to arrange for the collecting.

Fifth.—Moved by Mr. John Mckenzie West River, seconded by Mr. Archibald McPhie, Lochaber: Resolved—That the Presbytery use all diligence to obtain promising young men willing to devote themselves to the Ministry, that the selection of such young men solely remain with the Presbytery, and that the opinion of this meeting is that these young men should be sent to the Scottish Universities.

Sixth.—Moved by William Fraser Esq. Seconded by James Fraser Esq: That the chairman send copies of the foregoing resolutions for publication in the January number of the Halifax Monthly Record of the Church of Scotland.

JOHN MCKAY,
Chairman.

The Rev. George W. Spratt.

Most encouraging letters have been received from this highly respected clergyman since his return to Britain in November last. He reached Liverpool, in the Cunard Steamer, on Sabbath the 18th of that month, ten days after leaving our shores, and preached in one of our churches in that city on the evening of the day of his arrival. Proceeding soon after to Scotland he had the pleasure of meeting with some of his relatives, and a most delightful interview with the Rev. Norman McLeod, of Barony Parish, Glasgow, who received him most cordially, entered readily and zealously into communication with him on Church matters, and expressed an anxious desire to visit the different University Seats, and address the students and preachers at these Institutions, with a view to arouse their attention to the present circumstances of the Colonies, and obtain additional labourers to supply our wants. Mr. Spratt has himself met and heard of several young men who are turning their thoughts to this quarter of the world, and anxious to obtain such information as may direct them in their future course, and he appears to be confident that a number of Missionaries will be sent out to these Provinces in the ensuing spring. He has also pledged himself to support with all his influence, the petition for a Gaelic Deputation, which was so cheerfully and unanimously recommended at the last meeting of the Synod and to advocate our cause on all occasions as he finds opportunity, not only by personal solicitation and entreaty, but also through the press and other useful channels. "The Colonies," he assures us, "with God's blessing, shall occupy a large share of my thoughts."

of a crowded audience, by the Rev. DAVID FREEMAN (Baptist Clergyman). The subject, MONACISM, was treated in an able and judicious manner, and the sympathy of his hearers, with the views of the lecturer was heartily evinced by repeated bursts of applause. The appeal to the wealthy citizens of Halifax on the duty of establishing a suitable seminary for the education of their daughters, incidentally introduced, was well-timed and we trust will not fail of effect. The next lecture will be delivered on Tuesday evening the 8th of January, by the Rev. Dr. CRAMP, of Acadia College. The interest in this Association appears to be undiminished. We are glad to learn that a similar institution has been established in the sister city of St. John and is highly successful operation. We are indebted to the politeness of its corresponding secretary for a copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and of the Inaugural Address of its President. — Wesleyan of the 20th ult.

Notice of Joint Meeting of Committees, on Co-operation.

In consequence of an arrangement made with the Rev. James Ross, the Convener of the Committee appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia to correspond with similar Committees of other Presbyterian Synods in this Province,—a Joint Meeting of Committees will be held in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the first Wednesday of February, 1856, at 3 o'clock

The Rev. Messrs. Marun, McGillivray and Pollok, and Dr. Avery—the members of the Committee of the Synod of Nova Scotia, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, on co-operation with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia—will please to govern themselves by this notice.

JOHN SCOTT,
Convener of Committee on Co operation with the Synod of P. C. of N S.

Ecclesiastical Affairs in New Brunswick.

We have extracted from the Montreal Presbyterian for the month of December, a very interesting communication containing an account of the Missionary station at Moncton, in New Brunswick, to which the Rev. William Murray has been recently appointed; and it affords us much pleasure to see such extensive and promising fields of usefulness as this occupied by able and faithful pastors. During the past year it has been our happy privilege to publish some truly excellent communications from our correspondents in New Brunswick; and we trust that during the year on which we have entered we shall be frequently assisted and encouraged in our editorial labours by their esteemed favours.

Provincial Thanksgiving.

On Thursday, the 27th ult. the inhabitants of this Province were invited by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, to engage in this truly delightful and appropriate exercise, at the present moment; and notwithstanding the temptations to dissipation

on such occasions,—at the very time when the Railway Commissioners were offering every facility in their power to resist the constituted authorities, and encourage the neglect of one of the most important duties of the christian religion, there were found respectable and attentive congregations in 'nearly' all the Protestant churches of Halifax who were determined to "obey God rather than man." We hope we shall never live to see the unhappy hour when Railway excursions shall be openly and unblushingly advertised in this city, either on Fast or Thanksgiving days appointed by public authority, or on the Lord's day.

Monthly Record for 1856.

RELYING with perfect confidence on the continued support of nearly all our subscribers, we have sent our first number for the current year to each of them, and shall continue to do so, unless we receive notice to discontinue during the present month.

We are inclined to think that the number who wish to discontinue their subscription is very small indeed, whilst we have every reason to believe that our subscription list will be greatly increased by the activity of our agents, and the zealous and indefatigable exertions of our ministers during the course of the year.

We are reluctantly compelled for want of space, to postpone the publication of "A Missionary visit to Lochaber," so promptly transmitted to us by a much respected correspondent, and other valuable communications, till next month.

The "News of the Month" is also omitted for the same cause.

We have also been compelled with much reluctance to exclude from our columns for this month, a very valuable notice of Mr. Pollok's work on "Apocalyptic Regeneration" by an esteemed correspondent, and friend of the author, in P. E. Island, after it had been set up and ready for publication.

Treasurer of the Synod Fund.

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To whom Collections and Donations are requested to be sent.

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DAVID ALLISON, Esq., Water St., Halifax.
To whom Collections and Donations are requested to be sent.

The second lecture before the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION of this City, was delivered on Tuesday evening last, in presence