

license men to sell rum, and then take the money to pay her Parson men?" It was true, but happily I was in a position to say that we did not receive a cent, and this is decidedly in our favour. When I explained who supported us, and why they did so, they appeared to find it difficult to understand this unselfish spirit.

Another objection: "Christians don't pray." I believe they were honest; and, I dare say, it would be a strange sight for them to see a professed Christian on his knees. Now the most devout Mussulmans aim at observing prayer five times a day, wherever they may be situated; but I pointed out the injunction, "enter into thy closet," &c.: also, "use not vain repetitions," Matt. vi.: 5-8. But it is confessedly difficult to answer these people, for they form their estimate of Christianity from what they see around them. All the Creoles are baptized and are nominally Christians; but we need not be astonished that the poor Heathen people fail to see the advantages that would accrue from renouncing their own faith and embracing ours. Many of the Creoles are exceedingly degraded, and appear to be destitute of those nobler elements of character which are often found in the Indian. Notwithstanding these difficulties, I believe we are more favourably situated for successfully prosecuting our work, than if we were on the plains of India.

Our success in collecting for the Coolie Church here has been greater than we anticipated, and we feel thankful to hear that something has been done already at home. We have many tokens that the Lord is with us, and if there is one regret lingering in my heart for having entered on Foreign work, it arises from the fact that the congregation which I delighted to serve, and to which my heart is knit, is still without a settled Pastor.

Yours sincerely,
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News of the Church.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in French River Church for visitation on the 16th inst., after an excellent sermon from Psalm cxxii. 6, by the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, was constituted by the Moderator, with whom were present the Revs. Dr. Bayne, A. P. Miller, D. B. Blair, George Patterson, John MacKinnon, E. A. McCurdy, and A. McL. Sinclair, Ministers; and Messrs. Donald

Ross, James Macdonald, Peter Ross, and Paul Grant, Ruling Elders.

After hearing reports making appointments, the Presbytery proceeded in the usual manner with the visitation. It appeared that all the parties, Minister, Session and Managers, are endeavouring to perform their duties faithfully. The congregation considering its circumstances has improved very much in every respect since the last visitation. The people have agreed to collect their stipend every Sabbath day, and pay it monthly to their minister. Religion there seems to be in a flourishing condition.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in Little Harbour Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 11 A. M., for the visitation of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Stirling to preach.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at Kingston, Dec. 18th, 1871, and after the usual routine took up Mr. John Leishman's Report of his labours as Catechist within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Clerk read the Report and also his account of monies received, showing that he had labored in Kouchibouguac and Black River for a period of sixteen weeks, beginning on the first of July,—that he had received at Kouchibouguac the sum of \$32.20, and at Black River \$24.24, and claiming a balance of \$38.56. The report was accepted and the Clerk directed to forward the account to the Home Mission Board for payment.

The attention of the Presbytery was called to a statement in the April number of the *Monthly Record* of the Church of Scotland, calculated to produce a most unfavourable impression respecting the character of the Church. After due deliberation the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, the April No. of the *Monthly Record* of the Church of Scotland contains the following statement:—

"The Church at Black River, we understand, and also the glebe, both of which were regularly deeded to the Church of Scotland, has been taken by the Free Church. The documents relating to this troublesome affair was laid on the table of the Synod of the Lower Provinces last year. The Committee will likely call the Synod's attention to it in June next."

And as this statement is utterly unfounded as far as it relates to the Free Church, and is calculated to stir up strife among brethren,

Therefore Resolved, that the Presbytery record its denial of the truth of the charge contained in this paragraph.