

music in our churches is to train our people to sing the praises of God as they ought to do. This will be found the only safe, satisfactory and conclusive "course of reasoning." We are glad to be able to testify to the attainments of Mr. Christie's congregation in this respect. Their singing could not be improved by any instrumental aid, but it might and probably would be seriously marred by such aid. Thus the organ question seems to be doubly settled in Yarmouth. We shall not regret the agitation of the organ question if it but lead to such a happy result in all our congregations.—Every one who gives any thought to the subject must feel that the "service of praise" is in a most unsatisfactory condition in the majority of our worshipping assemblies, and that there is urgent need for attention being pointedly called to the fact. Our ministers must preach on the subject and impress upon the people the solemnity of their obligations to praise God. Our Presbyteries should, when visiting congregations, inquire into this part of worship. Mr. Christie's pamphlet is for sale by Mr. Jas. Patterson, Pictou; Mr. Henry Sterns, Truro; Mr. Roderick McGregor, New Glasgow; and Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax. Price 12½ cents.

DELEGATIONS.—We have great pleasure in stating that deputations to the American Presbyterian Churches are to come from the Free Church of Scotland and from the Irish Presbyterian Church. The Free Church deputation is to consist of Rev. Dr. Guthrie, Principal Fairbairn and Rev. Mr. Wells of Glasgow. The Irish delegates will be some of the foremost men of that church. These interchanges of courtesies will do much to promote a feeling of brotherly kindness between the people of Great Britain and of the United States. We hope that some at least of the delegates will visit these Provinces.

SOMETHING TO LEARN.—It has been well said that there is no denomination of christians but has some peculiar excellency—some trait or traits, which calls forth the admiration of other denominations. For example, the Methodist admires the *stability*

of the work of the Presbyterian. When men are received into the church they almost certainly remain. But the Presbyterian sees that in the Methodist which equally calls forth his admiration. In the active aggressive missionary spirit manifested by the latter, in the facility with which he brings the gospel to bear upon the masses, there is much to stir us up to increased zeal—nay to bring the blush of shame to our faces. We should also learn from other churches to be more ready to speak for our Saviour, and to take part in the exercises of religious worship.

Is there not much that we might learn from the Roman Catholics? Look at their thorough organization. See the sacrifices the people make for their religion—the large contributions they give—the remarkable regularity with which they attend to what they regard as their religious duties. It is a great privilege to belong to a pure, a free, a scriptural church, but if we do not put our privileges to good use they only increase our condemnation.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The London Missionary Society, established in 1797, has received from the public in general contributions, legacies, dividends, foreign contributions, and special funds, up to the present time, the sum of £3,262,346 and has expended from 1796 in India, £1,025,188; China, £278,990; Madagascar, £79,590; South Seas, £364,485; South Africa, £359,631; West Indies, £434,145; Siberia, £21,399; Greek Islands, £15,061; Continent and North America, £22,226; students, etc., £90,196; missionary families, £202,859; publications, £64,827; home agency, £229,112; total, £3,190,652, leaving a balance in favor of receipts, of £71,964, which is invested in stock, and has a nominal value of £84,160.

Large as this sum is, how small compared with what christians expend in tobacco and in injurious drinks! Did our self-denial and our devotion to the cause of Christ rise to that degree of strength that would enable us to sacrifice injurious luxuries for Him, something would be gained which has not yet been reached in any country in the world. Were the members and adherents of our church to devote to the best and holiest of causes what they now waste, it would make a very marked difference in the Treasurer's accounts.