

WESTON.—A soiree, in connection with the opening of the new Presbyterian Church of Weston, was held on the 25th June, in a large building of R. McDougall, Esq., which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. After tea, the chair was taken by the Rev. J. B. Logan, M.A., at 7, when speeches were delivered by Messrs. McGuire and Murdoch, and by Drs. Tuck and McGuire, and by the venerable Dr. Burns, whose clear voice distinctly filled the whole building, as he delivered an admirable discourse on "Church Building." An excellent choir enhanced the enjoyment of the evening by singing many appropriate pieces. The opening services of the church were conducted at 11 o'clock A.M., and 3 P.M., by the Rev. Prof. Young; and his impressive discourse on "Prayer," taught many important essentials in connection with that great privilege and duty. The Rev. J. B. Logan, M.A., to whom the congregation is deeply indebted for its present position, preached at 6 P.M. The church, which is very neat, although plain, cost \$600, and seats about 200 persons very little remains unpaid on it. The soiree, and collections on Sabbath realized about \$80.—*Com.*

LOBO.—REV. JAMES FERGUSON.—The Rev. James Ferguson lately received from his former congregation in Lobo, a purse containing a handsome sum of money, as a token of affection and esteem. This congregation, during Mr. Ferguson's connexion with them, manifested in other ways their appreciation of their pastor's services.

General Religious Intelligence.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

This Synod met at New Glasgow, on Wednesday, 25th June, and was opened with a very able sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Professor Smith, D.D., from 2 Cor. VIII.: 9. After the adjustment of the Synod Roll, the Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. Dr. McLeod was unanimously chosen. On taking the chair, Dr. McLeod addressed the Synod in an impressive and able manner, remarking with reference to the Union, that he thanked God for it, 1st, Because it is an answer to prayer; 2nd, Because of the soundness of the basis on which it is formed; 3rd, Because the Word of God directed him to walk in the way of Union wherever it could be secured on a sound basis, 4th, Because the Free Church of Scotland not only approved of it but urged us to enter into that Union: also the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland—leading men of which, he had the pleasure of meeting, and than whom, no Church can boast of more learned and better men—were equally cordial in approval of the Union; 5th, He rejoiced in it because all the Fathers and Brethren of both Churches entered into the Union without exception worth mentioning. There was no such Union on record in the history of the Church.

We subjoin a report of the proceedings of Synod on the three important subjects of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and the Theological Institutes.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by the Rev. James Bayne, Secretary. This is a deeply interesting Report. It referred to the hurricane which desolated the island homes of our Mission—to the pestilential diseases which decimated the population—to the incendiarism which destroyed our church edifices there—and especially to the melancholy death of one, and the cruel murder of two, of our beloved, devoted missionaries there. Several important suggestions and recommendations were offered by the Board for the future conduct of this department of the church's work.