

his Holy Spirit upon these souls, he only knows; and we may know something of it in time (if it be his holy will,) and more hereafter. Having concluded with prayer, we distributed a goodly number of religious tracts and pamphlets among the people present, who received them with great thankfulness. Several of them avowed, with tears, that the first tracts which they had got (more than a year ago), they had the weakness to deliver to the threatening priest, who (according to daily practice,) delivered them to the flames. But now they said, "That time is past, and we will know to make a better use of these books."

In going to that village I suffered greatly from headache, because of the burning sun; and therefore I determined to return the very same night, and set out on our home voyage as soon as the moon would mount on the horizon, which was to take place a little after midnight. Several of the honest people, with Mr. Vives at their head, accompanied us to the inn; and the latter would not leave till the moment of our departure, (which took place at one o'clock in the morning.) While waiting there Mr. Vives asked me to arrange for a regular service in that village, to be kept from time to time. But I told him, that for such a purpose he must send us a regular petition, signed by himself, and by as many of the people of the place as do really desire to have such a service for their edification; that we needed such a petition, both to justify our proceeding *vis à vis* the authority and laws of the land, as well as before the church who sent me to this land. At the same time, I employed the occasion to explain to him that our church was not in any connection with the Government, nor maintained by it in any way—a thing of which he had no idea before, and I judged it necessary to make him acquainted with it. He promised to send us that petition as soon as possible; and with the rising of the moon we parted.—*U. P. Missionary Record.*

Ecclesiastical Notices.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on 30th September and 1st October. Seventeen ministers and six elders were present.

A call was sustained from the congregation of Windsor in favour of the Rev. William Bennett, and, having been accepted by him, his induction was appointed for the 22nd October.

A petition was received from the congregation of Widdow asking that a member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in a call there. The request was granted, and a moderation appointed to be held on 22nd October. Mr. Chesnut to preside.

Mr. McKinnon was appointed to preside at an election of elders in Belmont and Yarmouth, on the 7th October.

Mr. McKinnon was appointed moderator *pro tem.* of the Session of Florence, and Mr. Scott of the Session of Westminster.

Mr. McMillan reported that having met with the congregation of St. Thomas on the day appointed for moderating in a call there, he had found them unpre-

pared to proceed at that time. Another appointment was made for Tuesday, 17th December. Mr. McMillan, of Fingal, to preach and preside.

It was reported that the congregations in Westminster had been visited by the Committee appointed for that purpose. The Committee had found the best spirit prevailing there, and it was arranged that in the meantime public worship be conducted in the North Church in the morning, and in the South Church in the afternoon of each Sabbath.

There was read a communication addressed to the clerk by Mr. Burns, convenor of the Foreign Mission Committee, intimating that that Committee had called Mr. Balmer, of Detroit, to undertake the mission to British Columbia. A motion was made to cite the congregation of Detroit to next ordinary meeting, but after hearing Mr. Balmer this motion was withdrawn and it was agreed to take no further steps in the case.

Mr. McMillan, of Aldborough, tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge. A deputation was appointed to visit Aldborough, with power (should they