

We were astonished at the amount of the collection. On Sabbath afternoon we drove over a very indifferent road to Florenceville, where we held a meeting in the evening at what is known as Greenfield Presbyterian Church. A large audience assembled to hear the sermon and the missionary address."

One of Mr. Grant's companions in travel closes his sketch with two remarks:

"Our first remark is this, that in several places which we visited we met with most officious people, men that seemed to be more than ordinarily anxious about the interests of the Church, most fussy in the way in which they talked to us at the close of meetings, and yet we are credibly informed that they did not give a cent to the collection, and what is more, the most fussy of them never gave a cent to the support of the pastor. Comment on such conduct is unnecessary. The other remark which we have to make is of a similar kind. We found it to be a general rule, especially in the rural localities, that when a girl was more than usually well dressed, the latest fashions being attended to so far as they know them, not a cent was left for the cause of God. We observed the thing narrowly on several occasions and we were towards the end of our journey able to pick out at least half a dozen in every meeting whom we set down as dead heads. On one occasion when the speaker at the moment was dwelling on systematic liberality, a smile of contempt passed over the faces of a benchfull of these fine young ladies. But these were exceptions to the rule. Otherwise we were treated throughout the tour with the utmost kindness and hospitality, and proofs immediately were given us that the good cause we pled is one that a deep interest is felt in, that both by prayers and means our people will not be behind any of the other sections of which our Church is composed."

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

The Young Men's Christian Associations of the Lower Provinces held a Convention at Charlottetown on the second week of September. It was larger than any previous Convention, and a great and manifest blessing from the Head of the Church attended its proceedings. The Convention organized on the morning of Friday th, and it continued its work most

earnestly till late on the following Monday night. Mr. BLACKWOOD speaks of the Conventions as follows:

"It is impossible to follow the sessions of the Convention. We must only speak of a few of the general and impressive features. And first it was with great gratitude to God that we listened to the men who from Pictou declared what wonders God's Spirit had wrought in their own hearts. One after another, in temperate earnest language, that carried conviction to the listener, testified to the power, and wisdom, and goodness of God, and of the instrumentality of the Young Men's Christian Association in their conversion.

"It was related that in Pictou it was known that there had been a conversation in every house in which a Delegate was received at the former Convention, and that of the requests sent in for persons to be prayed for, God had been pleased to answer all already in every case but one.

"The attendance at the evening meetings increased. The addresses were pointed and practical, and brevity, which is the soul and life of such meetings, was adhered to with a christian love and charity refreshing to behold. The ministers of the city did all in their power to carry out the objects of the Convention and render it successful, and to them as well as to the ministers from other places who were present, we were deeply indebted, while they shared in the pleasures of the occasion. On Sabbath those who desired to sit down at the Lord's Table were cordially welcomed to do so at the dispensation of the Supper which took place in the Kirk, of which Rev. Mr. Duncan is pastor.

"Meetings for prayer were held in different parts of the city. Street preaching was held on Sabbath as well as on week evenings, and the Gospel was faithfully proclaimed in the Public Square as well as in the lowest parts of the city. Amongst those who took a prominent part in the public exercises was a worthy brother from New York, Mr. Wetmore. His address to the Sabbath School children was very pointed and practical. Some of his expressions were a little startling but well calculated to induce people to think. His open air address at the Bog was very earnest and plain, every word being within the comprehension of the children present.

"Monday was the great day. It was the best day of all. The formal work of the Convention was over. There was no machinery to look after. Praise and prayer were the objects and as one by one in rapid succession requests for prayer were sent in, prayers of fathers and mothers for their children, a wife for a drunken husband, a son for an unconverted father, a cold-