

All our gifts and graces are but finite reflections from His infinite fulness of Divine perfections. His Wisdom includes all truth; and these in union with His Love are the fountain of all justice and holiness; which also, in union with His Divine Being and Power, are the fount of all majesty, happiness, and bliss, eternally.

OUR CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

PICTON, N. S.—Great sympathy is felt for our worthy citizen, Capt. David S. Cregar, and his amiable wife and house, on the death of their beloved son EWEN CLARKE CREGAR, by drowning at sea near New York, Dec. 25th ult. The following lines have been composed on the sad event:—

A MESSAGE FROM THE SEA.

The sea will give up its dead—
Fond mother, do not weep;
Dear father, do not bow your head,
Though 'neath the waves I sleep.

I sleep as calm as those
Who in the churchyard lie;
And the water o'er me flows,
Singing a lullaby.

Did I fear in the dying hour?
Ah! no; for He sweetly said—
Through Me death has no power,
It is I, be not afraid

And He put His arms around me,
I was pillowed on His breast,
As you, dear mother, your Only
So often put to rest.

Then, mother, I had no fear,
With JESUS by my side;
When I passed through the waters drear,
By me He did abide.

All around me seemed so bright,
Dear mother, be not sad;
I only went home last Christmas night
Till father he must be glad

GAIRLOCH.—Rev. Mr. Brodie has obtained leave of absence for three months, and is gone to visit his native Scotia, where he is to represent our Synod in the Scottish General Assembly and elsewhere. We wish him a happy time and a safe return. His congregation receives supply from our Presbytery.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPPLIES.—The Presbytery of Egerton met at New Glasgow, March 11th ult., and granted leave of absence to the Rev. Mr. Brodie for three months in his native land, with the usual Presbyterial certificates, etc., in view of his deputation to the General Assembly. The following supplies were also granted for his congregation of Gairloch during his absence:—

Rev. Mr. Melville..... April 4th.

Rev. Mr. Murray..... April 18th.
Rev. Mr. Dunn..... May 2nd.
Rev. Mr. McMillan..... May 16th.
Rev. Mr. McKichan..... May 30th.
Rev. Mr. Stewart..... June 14th.

The services to begin punctually at eleven o'clock. Rev. Mr. McMillan and Rev. Mr. Stewart will preach in both Gaelic and English.

HOPEWELL.—On the evening of the 24th a goodly audience assembled in the Maronic Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild, and were delighted as well as edified by a heart-stirring lecture on "The Bible," by the Rev. W. McMillan of St. Paul's Kirk. Dr. McDonald presided with his usual ability, and was supported by the Rev. Neil Brodie and the Rev. P. Melville, who also gave brief and happy addresses, at the close. The proceedings were much enhanced in interest by excellent music from the organ and choir; and in spite of the snowy weather, seldom have we had so interesting and joyous an entertainment.

WESTVILLE.—We understand St. Phillip's Church people are moving in the direction of important changes in their relation with the Stellarton congregation.

ROGER'S HILL.—On the evening of the 11th ult., several members of Roger's Hill section of the congregation called upon Mr. Alex. McLennan, leader of the choir in St. John's Church, Scotsburn, and in behalf of that section presented him with an address, accompanied with a handsome and valuable set of dishes and table-knives as a token of their appreciation of his services as leader of the congregational singing during the past thirty-five years, and his unflinching attention to the duties of that office, through fair weather and foul. Mr. McLennan gratefully acknowledged the kindness and attention shown him, and his high appreciation of the valuable gifts presented to him. The ladies of the deputation provided a bountiful supper.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The good loyal people of the Church of Scotland in this vast charge are demanding an additional Gaelic Minister, and they will not be disappointed. We are in happy correspondence with some excellent and devoted Gaelic Ministers who are ready to come over and help us, when navigation opens. The hand of the Lord is evident, in the opening up of the way. We learn that the Rev. Mr. Goodwill, who has so long toiled alone in this vast field, is preparing to retire from Kinross and Orwell, and to take charge of the western congregations, which will be still more than enough for any