

nounced the foreign policy of the Government to be pacific. Parliament has been prorogued without any settlement upon "Confederation." While the Habeus Corpus act is still suspended in Ireland, it is stated that that country never enjoyed greater prosperity.

UNITED STATES politics are in a state of great agitation. A great convention has met and approved of the President's policy. We are more interested in the check which the protectionist policy has received in Congress. The Associated Press pays £400 a day for Atlantic Cable telegrams, and hence all our public despatches come through the States.

MR. MACDOUGAL announced in the Canadian Parliament that he had been for some time in receipt of despatches declaring that no decision would be come to in the Imperial Parliament during the present session. No Canadian delegates have, consequently, gone home to Britain. The Protestants of Lower Canada are dissatisfied with the arrangements, that have been made in the Lower Canada local constitution, with reference to education. There has been a growing dissatisfaction for years in that country with the attempts of the Roman Catholic majority to control the education of all classes.

In our *Home Record*, we are favored with some interesting statistics of the contributions of the Home Churches.

Church of Scotland Home Missions,	£103,366
Free Church H. Mission,	21,565
U. P. Church Home Mission,	10,183
Church of England,	200,000
Other Churches in England,	130,000
Ireland Home Mission Societies,	53,000

Total for Home Missions, £518,114

MISCELLANEOUS SOCIETIES.

British & Foreign Bible Society,	£171,375
British Tract Society,	107,255
All other Societies,	309,249

Total, £587,879

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

All Scottish Churches,	£ 56,000
English Churches,	590,000

Total, £646,000

Thus in Great Britain, one million and a half sterling is spent on missions, not to speak of the regular income of the Churches, and local and district efforts not accounted for.

In the last two *Home & Foreign Missionary Records*, we find many interesting articles on Indian missions. There is evidently a growing interest awakened in our Church in favor of Foreign missions. It is stated that the shameful practice of government subsidising the erection and repairs of heathen temples still continues in India. In Bombay presidency, £69,859 are paid for this purpose;

in Madras £87,678, and about as much in Bengal and the northern provinces—in all, amounting probably to about £200,000. This enormous expenditure for the support of human misery is noticed by the natives as an inconsistency, and hinders the gospel.

THE REV. W. C. SMITH, the Free Church minister in Glasgow who was called to account by his Presbytery for his views upon the decalogue, has received a memorial of condolence, signed by the office-bearers and 900 members of his congregation.

THE Canada *Presbyterian* announces that, "in Montreal, Knox's Church, lately erected, has had an organ for some time, without apparently meeting with any opposition from any of the members, and others, if we are correctly informed, are about to follow the example."

THE readers of this number will find the concluding part of Mr. Brodie's report, and will there perceive that our people in Middle River have met with constant annoyance and a most persevering and thoroughly planned persecution. The parties there cannot agree, and why? Because the Kirk people want no more than a share of the church—corresponding to the property they hold in it; while the other party want the whole. While one wants the half, and the other the whole, of course they don't get on smoothly, and never will. It is easy to see why those who covet what does not belong to them will make no peaceable offers, and adhere to no arrangements in the interests of peace. A piteous whine about persecution is the invariable resource of those who cannot succeed in unlawful attempts. Mr. MacKenzie and his elders marching to the forcible entrance of a church door, singing a Gaelic psalm, would be a ridiculous sight were it not too much of a sacrilegious nature. Our friends in Cape Breton deserve much sympathy. A. P.

MR. MCGREGOR begs to acknowledge the following monies from Cape Breton:—  
From the Rev. John Gunn, for the congregation of Broad Cove anent Dalhousie College Fund \$20.00  
For the Lay Association 8.00

Presbytery Clerk's Fee.

East and West Branch E. R. Kirk-session \$4.00  
Earltown and West Branch R. John do. 4.00  
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SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

1866	YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.	
August—Col. St. Andrew's Ch. Pictou	£6	1 0
Cape John congregation	1	10 0
W. Branch E. R. congregation	5	6 0
		£12 17 0

W. GORDON, Treasurer.

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