

from the several sections of the congregation to the effect that there was a strong desire on the part of the congregation to retain the services of Mr. Clark as their pastor, and that they had made arrangements to increase his present salary by \$100 per annum. After a full consideration of the whole matter, unanimously advised Mr. Clark to withdraw his demission, which he accordingly did.

A letter was read from Rev. Hugh McMillan, asking leave to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Bedford and Waverley;—allowed to lie on the table till next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. Donald McMillan was appointed moderator of the Session of Bridgewater congregation.

A letter was read from Rev. P. G. McGregor, tendering the demission of his charge of the Poplar Grove congregation, Halifax. The demission was allowed to lie on the table till the next meeting; the clerk was instructed to forward to the congregation a copy of Mr. McGregor's letter, and notify them to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery, to be held in St. John's Church, Halifax, on the first Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. M. McLEOD, *Phy. Clerk.*

Rev. C. Chiniquy has returned to Kanakake after visiting many of our congregations, and receiving a very cordial welcome from our people. We are sure that he will be remembered in the prayers and offerings of our people.

Open-air services are now being held in this city every Lord's Day. On the 18th ult. Rev. Mr. Maxwell preached on Roche's Wharf, and Rev. Messrs Almon and Rand at the Cemetery.

A British American Book and Tract Society has been formed in Halifax.

**OPENING OF NEW CHURCH.**—We learn from the Charlottetown *Presbyterian* that the Church at Mount Stewart was opened for Divine worship on Sabbath the 4th inst. The services on the occasion were conducted in the morning and evening by the Rev. A. Falconer of Charlottetown, and in the afternoon by Rev. D. W. Cameron pastor of the congregation. This church reflects great credit on the West St. Peters congregation. Mount Stewart is a thriving village, and will shortly require additional Church accommodation. Even now, the Church just finished, is too small for the congregation that assemble there. On Monday after the opening services, the pews were disposed of, and realized £20 in excess of the debt on the building. Whilst providing this neat place of worship the congregation has not been unmindful of

their Pastor's comfort. During the past year they have built him a commodious manse, and manifested their interest in him in various other ways. Such zeal and liberality might well stimulate other congregations to go and do likewise.

Rev. R. Sedgewick and Rev. P. G. McGregor are at present in New Brunswick visiting the congregations.—One or two Gaelic-speaking preachers are expected from the Free Church for service in Cape Breton.

Messrs. John McKenzie and Malcom McDonald recently paid a visit to their pastor the Rev. Geo. Roddick, and in behalf of the West River congregation presented him with a purse containing the sum of \$57, together with an address, expressive of their warm attachment to his person and high appreciation of his ministry.

### Free Church Foreign Missions.

The Free Church of Scotland has expended the past year for foreign missions nearly \$80,000. Their missions are in India and South Africa. They have 70 stations, 22 European missionaries, and 167 assistants, native and foreign. They have 1,357 communicants, and 11,629 persons under instruction. These missions have been very successful among the young, both in India and Africa. Dr. Duff has accepted the chair of Evangelistic Theology from the Free Assembly, but refuses any compensation, although the chair is munificently endowed. His friends have provided for him in another way.

The Moderator of the Free Assembly, in his closing address, gave the following short sketch of the progress of Missionary effort in Scotland:—

In 1825, the committee appointed by the General Assembly in the previous year to devise a plan for the establishment of a mission to the heathen, recommended that "there ought to be an extraordinary collection, without delay, in all the parishes of Scotland;" and, as appears from the report of that year, a quinquennial collection was the utmost aimed at, the idea of an annual collection not being thought reasonable or practicable. In 1827, three years after the resolution to send a mission to the heathen, Dr. Inglis was ashamed to confess (in his report to the Assembly) that "the means thus employed had in a great measure failed of success." "Out of more than 900 parishes and 55 chapels of ease, the collection has hitherto been made in no more than 59 parish churches and 16 chapels." In 1829, five years after the resolution to establish a mission in India, the aggregate