

411 families living in neglect of the house of God. They held religious conversation, or prayed with 10,043 families, and made in all 16,388 family visits, leaving some portion of religious truth in every household."

Death of Distinguished Divines.

The removal from the Church on earth of Rev. Albert Barnes, of Philadelphia, and Dean Alford, of Canterbury, has awakened profound regret in both Continents. The notes of the American Commentator were known over Europe and very extensively read in Britain, and Dr. Alford's Greek Testament is in the Library of all Biblical Scholars in America.

We have now to add the death of Rev. Henry Melvill, B. D., Canon of St. Paul's, who was known as one of the most eloquent and impressive preachers in the Church of England. He was the author of many devout religious works, and published several volumes of admirable sermons.

Bermuda.

The annual missionary meeting of the Presbyterian congregation under charge of Rev. W. Thorburn, was held Dec. 8th, Mr. T. presiding.

Mr. Reece, a young student from Barba does, Rev. Mr. Horne, (M.E.,) who had just returned from a visit to the Holy land, and Mr. J. F. Layton addressed the meeting. The attendance was large, the music excellent, the speeches good, and the collection liberal.

During the Christmas holidays the Sabbath School festival was held at Warwick school house. The children from both schools being present, in all about 130. The Ladies had a sale of fancy articles and realized about £38 8s. 9., which is to go towards the building of a wall round the Manse land. The whole affair was a decided success.

The Church at Warwick is being enlarged, and will probably be finished in a few weeks. Mr. Layton has been assisting Mr. Thorburn for some months past, so that two services are held in each church on Sabbath. The weekly prayer meetings are very well attended, and the Bible Class for young men at Warwick is doing good.

Death of Rev. Dr. Donald.

We record with sorrow the decease of this excellent man and faithful minister of the Lord Jesus, which occurred at his own residence at St. John, N. B., on the 20th ult.

For some time back his health was failing, and about two months ago, he was struck with paralysis of the left side. Since that time he has been confined to bed, and the prospect of his recovering so as to resume his place in the pulpit, never bright has been steadily diminishing, and now has been extinguished by his falling asleep.

He may indeed have been said to have taken farewell of his people on New Year's day, when he requested them to sing in public worship the 123rd Psalm while it was sung at the same time in his own chamber. The attachment between pastor and people was reciprocal, strong, and to the end of his life increasing, and a large and loving congregation will mourn the loss of a spiritual father, and a wise and tender counsellor.

Dr. Donald was not only an able preacher, and a successful pastor, but a man of a Catholic spirit and of enlarged and liberal views. He was known through the Lower Provinces generally, but especially throughout New Brunswick, and wherever known was respected and beloved.

As the citizens of St. John of all denominations will regard his removal as a calamity, we think of it as a loss to our common Presbyteranism, and could have wished that he had lived to see, what we know he desired, the union of the divided members of the great Presbyterian family in these Provinces. The Lord however has ordered it otherwise and therefore it is well. He has joined, we doubt not, the "General Assembly and church of the first born" on high, and a bereaved family, an afflicted flock and mourning brethren must comfort one another with the great consolation, and prosecute with increased ardour that work in which he was engaged, when his Master called him to cease from his labour on earth. Let them give thanks for his long life of honour and of usefulness, followed by calm submission and firm faith under