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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

# JUNE. 1874.

## THE COMING SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces will meet this year in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the list Tuesday of June, at half past 7 o'clock, m. The opening discourse will be reached (D. V.,) by Rev. Isaac Murray, suderator.

The approaching meeting must certainly gove one of great interest. The protracted debates of the past two years are not likely to be repeated; and yet there are important questions to come up for discussion, on thich a considerable diversity of view is known to prevail. There will, therefore be sufficient conflict of opinion to render the whole proceedings lively addinteresting.

The great subject unquestionably is Union. That there is not unanimity in any banch of the negociating Churches has seeme evident. That there are difficulties a going forward is clear to all. On the other hand, there may be equal perils in Eday, if the large majority in all the negociating bedies should be found favourable brogress. We are persuaded that light the appear, that the path of duty will open to, and that the issues of coming deliberations will be good.

The Psalmody Question has been enring the thoughts and investigations of key, members of Synod, young and old, rechers and elders; and the Synod's deter and decisions on the Overture before ken, will be watched with prayerful intert, by the great body of our congregations, and more especially by the more earnest, active, and devoted of our people.

Then we are to have a Deputation from the Free Church of Scotland, Rev. Messrs, Burns, of Kirkliston, (a nephew of the late Dr. Burns of Toronto), and Wilson of the Barclay Church, Edinburgh, have sailed for America, and doubtless are at this moment in the United States, deputed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States at St. Louis, on the 21st of May, then the Canada Assembly at Ottawa, carly in June, and our own Synod at the end of the month. The receiving of these honoured Deputies from one of the Parent Churches, and men so recently employed actively in the Great Scottish Revival, will be a time to be remembered by all who shall enjoy the privilege of being present and sharing in the celebration.

When we add that the breath of the Spirit has been quickening the devotion and spiritual activities of some at least of our ministers and elders who will, take prominent part in the work and in the speaking and praying at Synod, we have said all that is needful to show the high probability that this annual gathering will excel in interest all past gatherings, says those at which Unions have been actually celebrated.

We have no doubt that suitable provision will be made to entertain all who come, and that a goodly number will attend, coming early, and continuing till the work has been wholly or well nigh finished.

But our expectations will not be realized

in full or at all, unless we have the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. Let His gracious reviving, and guiding presence be persistently sought in prayer. "If Thy Presence go not with us carry us not up hence."

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## THE SYNOD-PREPARATORY WORK

Unless the work of Syned is properly prepared, confusion and delay will occur and greatly retard progress, comfort and success. The various parties referred to are requested to note the following matters of arrangement and of order.

- Presbyteries are directed at least one month before the Synod meets to nominate one to be Moderator, and to send his name to the Synod Clerk, and the names so forwarded shall form a list from which the Moderator will be chosen.
- 2. Clerks of Presbyteries are obliged to forward to the Synod Clerk revised Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, with notices of all changes during the past year, affecting the Roll, including deaths, demissions, ordinations, inductions; also the licensing of students, and the forming of new congregations, with the dates of such events, at least ten days previous to the meeting of Synod.
- Papers involving new business should be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Bayne, Convener of the Business Committee, or to Rev. A. Falconer, its Secretary, if possible 14 days before the day of meeting. Papers forwarded early will take precedence. Where papers are in preparation, notice should be given.
- All Sessions are expected to make a collection for the Synod Fund. The travelling expenses of all members to Synod, expenses of special committees, of delegates to other Presbyterian Bodies, printing of all Synodical documents, and payment of Synod's Clerks, are all drawn from this No travelling expenses can claimed by the representatives of congregations neglecting this duty.
- 5. Clerks of Presbyteries and Secretaries of Boards are expected to bring up their Records for examination, engrossed up to

the time of Synod meeting, the former signed by Moderator and Clerk, and the latter by Chairman and Secretary, or by the latter only, where such is the practice of the Board.

- 6. Presbyteries are directed before applying for the Semi-Annual Supplement in July, to require evidence of the Congregation's payments being made. Supplemented Congregations are expected in common with all others, to collect for the different schemes of the Church.
- The Boards of Missions and of Sunerintendence of Theological Hall, and the Committees on Acadia Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, and Sabbath Observance, are required to have their reports prepared in time to be printed and placed in the hands of members of Synod on the 17th instant, and all other reports are expected to be ready when called for, after the first sederunt.

## PRAYER AND SOCIAL INTERCOURSE AT SYNOD.

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We are persuaded that for some years too much time has been set apart for prayer and too little for social intercourse. There has been a prayer-meeting every morning, prayer at the commencement of each sederunt and a prayer-meeting in the evening. This must occupy daily about two hours of the time of those who attend the whole. But what we deplore is that few attend the one-half of these devotional exercises. In Pictou, New Glasgow and Charlottetown the morning prayer-meeting was practicable. In Truro many found it scarcely possible to be present, and in Halifax the difficulty will be greatly increased. The barriers in the way are, distance, interference with meals and family worship, and the exhaustion of the more zealous, by a constant rush from six in the morn till II at night.

In the evening, half an hour of every sederunt is devoted to prayer and generally the first half hour. It was expected that nearly all ministers of Synod would attend and many of the people of the place would accompany them. In point of fact, or third of Synoa is seldom in attendance another third have not left their homes, while the remaining third stand outside till the devotional exercises are nearly ended. We write this with a feeling of shame, but the truth of the statement is unquestionable, and the scandal, for such it is, should be removed.

But we believe that it cannot be removed unless more time is allowed for social intercourse. The apparent indifference to prayer, is not real, but the result of the yearning of the heart for social intercourse. Men meet and grasp each others hands, and inquire for wives and families after a year's separation. They have no other opportunity. They must not talk in Synod. As good Presbyters they cannot absent themselves, and unintentionally the earnest conversation at the door trenches on the time alloted to devotion. Let there be a time for introductions and social fellowship, as well as times for prayer, but when these last are agreed upon, let all shew that they regard the sweet hour of prayer as the most precious portion of the day and of the exercises.

# THE SYNOD COLLECTION.

Is expected to meet the travelling expenses of all the members of Synod, the necessary outlay of all special Committees doing the work of Synod, pay the fees of clerks and the expenses of all Deputations. lections usually made will not do all this, and the consequence is that the fund is in a state of chronic insolvency. The average contribution instead of being about \$20, which it might be, amounts only to half that sum. A very large number of congregations might increase their collections by one-half, and if this is not done, either bills which ought to be paid, will be left undischarged, or money will be voted when there is none in fund. As at least three-fourths of these collections are made in the month of June, the present appears to be the proper time to remind our people of the claims of the fund. Instead of voting a fragment of some other collection, let the people have the opportunity of contributing to this object, especially whatever they may feel inclined to give.

#### THE CHURCHES IN THE FATHERLAND.

The battle rages in the bosom of the Church of England as freely as ever between Ritualists, Rationalists, High Church, Low Church, Puritans and Papists. It is amazing to view the comprehensiveness of the Established Church of England; and none of the sects included in it seem willing to depart. The Archbishop of Canterbury has introduced a bill into the House of Lords intended to simplify and enforce the laws of the Church, with the view of checking Ritualism, or what is called "the Counter Reformation."

The result of the late elections in England in elevating to power what is mainly the "Church Party" leads to the impression that the rights and privileges of Dissenters will not be enlarged for a few years to come. The tendency of the hour is reactionary.

In Scotland there is talk about the abolition of Patronage, and thus so far liberalizing the Established Church and removing a grievance which its people complain of. Deputations have waited on the Government to promote this object. We cannot yet speak as regards the prospect of success. It is thought that a section of the Free Church,—Dr. Begg and his immediate associates,—would see their way clear to return to the Establishment if Patronage were removed.

In the Free Church this Anti-Patronage movement is not viewed with any degree of favour. It is regarded rather as an effort to remove an apparent blot upon the character of the Establishment without touching its real blemish. The Free Church idea is well expressed by Dr. Rainy:

'It is the duty,' he said, 'of the Established Church, as of every other Church, to improve its methods and promote its efficiency, according to the best judgment it c. 1 form of the most scriptural plans for those purposes. When she does so on principles of which we can approve, we have nothing to do but to rejoice in it. But I have never been able to see that any considerable legislative action about the Church of Scotland could take place without the disendowed Churches being called into the field—that is to say, without its being right for them to respond to that call. I don't see

how they can well escape, in those circumstances, from coming forward and declaring their mind as to what ought to be done, with a view to, justice, and to the religious well-being of Scotland. And, for my part, I am convinced that the answer must be, that the only way be taken now is disestablishment. I don't choose to take any responsibility in bringing it about. I am convinced that all these movements are bringing us nearer to that issue, and I can't refer to them without adverting to that as an eventuality for which, as I think, we should be prepared.'

These subjects have been discussed before now in the General Assemblies, though the results of discussion have not yet reached us.

The United Presbyterian Church Lad an income from all sources during the past year of £338,878 1s. 7d., showing an increase of £7424 7s 5d. on the income of the previous year. The total amount of congregational income during the year 1873 has exceeded that of the previous year by £5983 15s. 5d., having amounted to £320,-728 9s. 1d., of which sum there were contributed for congregational purposes £244,-441 8s. 9d., and for missionary and benevolent purposes £75,287 Os. 4d. The number of members in full communion with the Church at 31st December, 1873, was 184,-033, showing an increase during the year of 1223; and the average rate of contribution per member for the year has been £1 14s. 10d., or two shillings per member more than in 1871. The number of Sabbath School teachers is 10,963, and of Sabbath scholars 84,754; and the average attendance at public worship on the Lord's Day is estimated at 209,130.

This is a noble exhibit, but according to present appearances the current year will show still better results.

The death of the venerable Professor M'Michael of this Church is deeply regretted. We quote the Magazine for May:

We shall miss at our approaching annual gathering familiar faces. Mr. Thomas, of Mauchline, will not occupy his accustomes seat, and we will not have the benefit of his sagacious counsel and singular ability for the important office he so honourably filled. And now also one, with whom a whole generation of the ministry were familiar as a teacher, has passed away. It stirred feel-

ings of genuine sorrow, and awakened pen. sive memories in the hearts of many long tried in ministerial labour, when they read in the newspaper obstuary that Professor M'Michael was no more. This is not the place to speak of his amiability and excellence as a man, of his ability and crudition as a professor, of the great boon which he conferred on the Church by originating and carrying successfully out one of the most useful of its schemes,-these will receive due notice. But we must here express our deep sense of the loss we have systained by the removal of one who for a time occupied the place of editor of, and always was an able and valued contributor to this Journal. It was our hope that we would long and largely benefit by his ripe experience and various learning; but it was the Master's will to take him to Himself and to the reward which awaits the faithful servant, and it is ours to submit to His decree.

One of the congregations of the Free Church is calling a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, under the Mutual Eligibility Act.

Bishop Wordsworth of the Scottish Episcopal body has resigned his bishopric on account of the irrepressible progress of Ritualism among the clergy associated with him.

The glory and the joy of Scotland is the revival of religion still in progress. A similar movement prevails largely in the Established Church of England as well as among dissenting bodies.

In Ireland we are glad to note that the Espiscopal Synod has come to a very decided finding against the Romish "Real Presence" idea. The contest between the two elements in the body—the Reforming and the Romanizing—is still very keen.

The Presbyterians are hard at work as is their wont. They have raised over £25,000 for Sustentation Fund. One of their leading ministers is now a member of Parliament; but he has not relinquished his ministerial functions. The pulsations of the spiritual life, prevailing in Scotland are felt in Ireland, and a general revival is expected and ardently longed for.

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REV. NARAGAN SHESHADEL is on his way back to India. His services were equally acceptable in England, Scotland and America.

# THE REVIVAL IN SCOTLAND.

Space will permit us to give only a very brief outline of the more recent revival work in Scotland. A convention of minisurs and office bearers in the Evangelical Churches was held in Glasgow in April. Over 5000 persons attended. Dr. Robert Bachanan opened with prayer. A paper by Professor Charteris was read urging the duty of not obstructing the work of God. Since they believed that a great work of God had been wrought among them, it must be their chief aim to be fellow-workers with God according to the principles which lle has shown to regulate His working bitherto. When they saw hard hearts softened, careless lives changed, wandering prodigals recalled, downcast spirits raised tp, and anxious souls enabled in sweet peace to rest; when they saw all this reulting from the simple direct teaching of the truth and united thankful prayer and mise, they must all cry, "Not by might for by power, but by thy Spirit, O Lord of Hosts" And when they sought to advance the movement in the time to come it was very clear that their part was to continue to preach and pray and praise God with emest expectation and a hope strengthened by their happy experience. If they would have to go on deepening and widening, they must all work and pray with an soxiety and kind of expectation to which they were formerly strangers. Further, if this movement was to be advanced, the great principle must be learned that there "are many members of the body, and all members have not the same office, but every member has its own office;" and so every one must get something to do, and must do the thing which God has fitted him or ber to do. He thought that would involve some change of the ordinary Church chantels. Dr. Charteris then suggested the following method of utilising the Sabbath for the propagation of the gospel, and the ingathering of the 150,000 people in Glasgow whose very existence was appalling. The Lord's Day might have, first, a serrice at twelve o'clock-eleven being too early it seemed-for the ordinary congreguion; second, there might be children's services at two, the minister presiding and others helping; third, evangelistic services at six or seven, of which the last half-hour should be open, but layrnen helping throughout; and fourth, the afternoon should be devoted by the congregation to visiting, perhaps with a special view to the evening meetings.

Principal Fairbairn hoped that this movement would leave its mark behind it upon the ministers, and this would be of unspeakable value for the future. The subjects dealt with in the pulpit would also be marked by modification. What were the leading doctrines upon which the Spirit in this movement might be said specially to have made a mark? First of all, there had been the doctrine of a living, personal, holy God-a God who sees and hears, and pities, and judges the earth; secondly, the doctrine of an atoning Saviour; thirdly, the doctrine of a free and full salvation to sinners of every name and every degree; and lastly, the doctrine of regeneration by the Spirit and Word of God-regeneration into newness of life. These were, he ventured to say in the presence of that audience, the grand primary doctrines upon which this movement had turned. were not the doctrines of what were called the advanced thinkers of the present day. The moment they eliminated these doctrines, and turned Christianity into philosophy, it would suit some intellectual individuals, but its influence on the great masses, its power on mankind, was lost.

Many others spoke wisely, but we have no room for quotation.

#### ADVANCING.

How has the movement advanced? We learn from the Daily Review that in Edinburgh the Daily Prayer Meetings number an attendance of from 900 to 1200. Prayer is as earnest as ever, and gracious answers as frequent. All denominations work together and worship together in love. On Saturday afternoons there are crowded meetings for children in the Free Assembly Hall. A special meeting is also held every evening till 10 o'clock in the same Hall, for persons who cannot attend other meetings. Meetings for inquirers and converts

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are also largely attended. From the first the names and addresses of converts, and trequently also of inquirers, have been taken down and transmitted to their ministers or otherz connected with the congregations to which they belong. In addition to this, they have been divided into districts, according to the part of the town where they reside, a Christian lady of experience being saked to visit the females, and a Christian gentleman the males in each of the several districts.

#### BIBLE CLASSES AND BIBLE READINGS.

The eagerness with which systematic instruction in the Scriptures has been sought is one of the most pleasant fruits of the There is scarcely an earnest minister in the town who cannot bear testimony to the fact that they are better attended and much more highly appreciated. One or two facts, however, will show how the current goes. A Bible reading is held by Mr. Wilson, of the Tolbooth Church, on Monday evenings, attended by 350. About 300 attend a Bible class or conversational lecture on Sunday mornings, begun by Professor Blaikie for young men and men generally impressed during during this movement, and desirous of more systematic instruction. As a proof of the indirect influence of the movement, it may be stated that Professor MacGregor recently convened a meeting to consider whether a ladies' theological class would be welcomed; his room was quite filled, chiefly with ladies coming from the daily prayermeeting.

The number of young communicants and applicants for communion, is unusually large.

#### EXTENSION OF THE WORK IN EDINBURGH.

From the first it was sought to give to the movement an aggressive character. Those who had got a blessing were urged to earnest prayer and effort on behalt of their friends and neighbours. This counsel has been most earnestly complied with, but in no class has there been more of this than among the young persons attending public schools, and from the University downwards there is hardly a school, public or private

that does not contain amongst its pupils punils fruits of this movement. The University, theological halls, normal schools, Merchant Company schools, boarding schools for young ladies and for young gen. tlemen, all bear witness, in a way most wonderful, to the extent of the impression. For several weeks during the latter part of the winter session there was a daily prayermeeting among the undergraduate students of the University, attended by a considerable number. Similar meetings have been held in several schools. A considerable number of the students of the New College have been very active in aiding the work, and several have offered their services to carry on evangelistic work during the sum-The remarkable degree in which young persons have been influenced seems to indicate that out of this movement there will be raised up a body of labourers for all departments of the Church's work during the next generation unsurpassed by any previous workers in earnestness and spiritual fervour.

#### SPREAD OF THE WORK TO OTHER PLACES.

For a considerable time past a large number of ministers and laymen have been going out to places in the neighbourhood, and even to a considerable distance, to hold meetings. It would be almost endless to specify all the places where meetings have been held, and where a remarkable interest has prevailed. It is a common remark that the work is "breaking out" everywhere.

Lord Ardmillan speaking recently at a public meeting in Greenock, referred to the revival as a great and blessed work, a grace from God: "I think it a hopeful characteristic of this movement of which I speak from personal observation at many meeting, that there has been so little self-exaltation and so much sobriety, and simplicity, and humility, combined with deep convictions and fervent feeling." He had come deliberately to the conclusion that that was a specially marvellous, gracious work of God, in which there were human elements the responsibility was great, and he prayed that as their last day was drawing near their best day was drawing near. Objections had been made to the movement that it was sustained by the encouragement of nervous hysterical excitement. Nothing could be more contrary to the fact. Another objection was that they tended to encourage enthusiasm. He did not agree that enthusiasm injured religion. They needed enthusiasm, else they had indifference, coldness, selfishness, and spiritual death.

We could fill page after page with good news from Scotland, but we have given enough to excite gratitude and praise, and an earnest longing for similar heavenly risitation.



# "The Presbyterian Church throughout the World."

This is the title of a volume of about 800 pages, published by DeWitt C. Lent & Co. New York. Mr. W. G. Pender, Halifax, Agent for the Maritime Provinces. It professes to give an outline of our Church History "from the earliest to the present times, in a series of Biographical and Historical Sketches." A fair idea of its comprehensive character will be given by the following table of contents: Chapter 1. The Presbyterian Church in the Earliest Times; 2. In Scotland; 3. In Ireland: 4. In England; 5. In Switzerland; 6. In Germany; 7. In the Netherlands and France; 8. In Austria and Hungary; 9 and 10. In America. The succeeding eight chapters relate more particularly to Presbyterianism on this Continent. It is very copiously illustrated with portraits, &c. This is a feature which makes it attractire to the young.

In these days of union and communion among the different branches of the Presbyterian family it is very desirable that we should become mutually acquainted. The "family" is large and widely scattered. The bistory of the various members of it is of very great interest. Volumes might be devoted, and, indeed, have been devoted to the History of the Presbyterianism of Scotland. No single volume can treat exhaustively of all. We are glad therefore to be able to point our readers to a work which,

while giving some idea of the whole field, introduces us more fully to the largest branch of the family,—the Church of the United States.

The more we know of Presbyterianism in its wonderful history "from the earliest to the present times," the more we shall be convinced that it is not of man but of God, and that it has before it a future of vast influence and usefulness. We hope that with the aid of works such as this our young people will become acquainted with the antecedents of the Church of their love,—her achievements on behalf of human liberty and divine truth,—her conflicts with the man of sin,—her success in mission fields,—her sufferings in the fires of persecution, and her noble contendings for the Gospel of the Son of God.

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Under this heading, we published in our last number extracts from letters received from ministers of our body in different parts of the Church. We add the two following, which, however, we must acknowledge, were not sent for publication:

PROGRESS OF RELIGION.

# EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM REV. JOHN MURRAY.

You have no doubt heard of the awakening that exists throughout this island. You can hardly have any conception, however, of its depth. We have to say in New London, "The Lord hath done great things for us; which of we are glad." He has turned our captivity as streams in the south.

We started our meetings on Friday, April 3rd. Up to that time during the fifteen months I spent in New London South, I have not had as much as one English speaking man to help me with my prayer meetings. I had to conduct the English prayer meetings all alone excepting the occasional help I received from a brother of another denomination. My usual way was to offer two players, and give two short addresses myself to keep up the interest for something over an hour.

Mark the change in three weeks and a few days; there are now about thirty upon whom I can call for prayer, and they are increasing every night. In that time many seem to have found forgiveness of sins through the about of Jesus. Last night, though it rained, and though the roads were very disagreeable, we had the Church full as on former nights. After a two hour

meeting nearly the whole congregation remained for a second meeting of about an hour, and still about eighty remained to a third meeting-the enquiry meeting. interest has not been deeper, nor so deep yet as just now. Family alters have risen all around us. I don't think there is a family in the congregation now that does "The winter is not have family worship. past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers, appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard on our land."

Cavendish is also sharing very largely in the blessing, and so are other congregations, but of them I cannot speak definitely. It would seem as if my people as a body

were ready to close with Christ.

#### Rev. J. B. Logan, of Kentville, writes:

"Never have I spent such an interesting and profitable winter, as the one that is now gone. The meetings on the Sabbath have never been so large, nor have the attention and solemnity ever been at all equal. The prayer meetings are three times larger than ever before; and there seems a pervading and prevailing anxiety about the interests of the soul.

I baptized three adults yesterday; and on next Sabbath (our communion) we will add eight or ten, by deed of session, to our membership. In somewhat less than half a year, we have added twenty-fine to our communion roll. All this, with the encouraging prospects, cause much thankfulness, and demand increased thanksgiving. Do not forget us in your prayers.

# Home Missions.

We must acknowledge that we have given too little on this subject in the later issues of the Record. We have not even published the appointments of the preachers. In some cases this could not be safely done, as these were to some extent conditional. other cases it was neglected, in consequence of other things being more urgent at the

We cannot at present publish any of the reports which have been read to the Board and laid by. Many of these are of a routine character, while others are rather out of date. As the annual report will appear in our next, we will not anticipate its statements, farther than to submit a list of the Preachers, their appointments and fields of labour, for the next two months. But in doing so, we must state that some of these are made in anticipation of calls being accented, and should this expectation prove unfounded, some change of field may be necessary:

Rev. S. Bernard, Halifax, Presbytery, Rev. S. McCully, P. E. Island, " Rev. J. Sutherland, Halifax, "

Mr. A. Thompson, Victoria and Rich-Rev. John Gillis, Cape Breton, "

Mr. John Wallace, P. E. Island, " Mr. H. McD. Scott, Picton, Mr. M. McLeod, Victoria and Richmond,

#### CATECHISTS.

Pictou Presbytery: Adam Gunn.

Halifax Presbytery: A. G. Russell, Thomas Murray, D. C. McIntyre.\* Truro Presbytery: John Boyd. Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth: D. Creelman, D. McGregor.

Preshytery of Miramichi: J. H Hoyt.\*
Preshytery of St. John: W. P. Archibald, Wm. Ross, John J. Casey.\* S.E.
Bayne, J. J. Richards,\* Henry Hoyt.\*

With the Lord's blessing such a band should accomplish a good work. We ask for them a place in the prayers of the Church. Their work is sometimes very discouraging, and we know that the hands of some are hanging down, and their kness feeble. May the Lord strengthen them for their work and command the blessing!

\* The five marked \* are from New York and Princton.

# Our Foreign Alissions.

#### NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

We learn by letter from Rev. Dr. Steelthat the improvements and changes designed to fit the Paragon for her work were nearly finished at date, March 11th. "This colony, New South Wales, he writes, has raised £500, and if others do equally well, the funds will be supplied." Then follows the following interesting announcement, "I am purposing a voyage in the vessel to visit the missionary stations. I have long wished to do this, in the interest of all my constituents, and I hope to enjoy the

change for three months." The following notice is also of interest:

"I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Tarner, formerly Mrs. McNair, on her way to Samoa with her husband the Rev. Dr. Turner. She was looking well. She has sent a monument to Mr McNair, to be greeted on the island of Erromanga.

#### TRINIDAD MISSION.

Rev. Mr. Grant's letter, published in our present number, shews the latest evidences of progress, and the satisfaction of the Brethren at the appointment of the young Evangelists whom they recommended.

Our readers will be gratified to learn that Rev. John Morton, wife and family, left Trinidad on the 27th April, direct for St. Thomas, which they reached on the 29th at midnight. Left by Alpha next morning, and arrived at St. Georges, Bermuda, on the erening of May 4th. They remained in Bermuda, not wishing to reach Nova Scotia will the month of June was fairly in. If all is well, they will arrive in Halifax about the 7th or 8th, and Mr. Morton's presence at Synod will be another attractive feature not specially touched on in our brief notice.

#### Letter from Rev. J. K. Grant.

SANFERNANDO, April 23rd 1874.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,-

Yours of the 24th ultimo is to hand. We feel very thankful for the decision of your Board in regard to the employment of Indian Catechists. Foreign officers are not more necessary than native rank and file. It our Church would win the country she must keep this idea distinctly before her. We trust, however, that some Christian gentleman will undertake to support one native agent, and thus relieve your Board.

#### LAL BEHARI.

As I informed you, from the beginning of the present year no support has been drawn from the Scotch congregation for Lal Bihari, and as I did not feel able to maintain him myself he returned to aid his patture in their shop. I however, gave him a small sum monthly just to retain him in our service until h. aring from you. He is now engaged by us reserving an hour daily to write up the shop accounts, but we expect to have his full time in a tew months. In the meantime we have ananged with him on behalf of the F. M.

Board for salary at the rate of \$200 or £41 13s. 4d. sterling a year. If the Board will kindly pay at this rate from 1st April, it will partly reimburse me in my advance.

#### ADMISSIONS.

Our services on Sabbath were peculiarly interesting. There were three admissions to the Church, one a child, the other two adults-of the adults one was a young Brahmin and the other a Chinese, both intelligent, carnest young men. The Chinese is Jacob Corsbie, who acted as head monitor in our Sanfernando School last year and now he has charge of an Estate School. He is truly and intelli-gently devout. He is now about 17 years of age, but having arrived here at the age of 9 and having been engaged as a house servant in an English family he does not speak his own language freely. If a teacher could be found he would certainly acquire readily a more perfect knowledge of his native language, but a teacher can't be found. It would be difficult to do much for the adult Chinese. One barrier is the multiplicity of dialects spoken by those here, another is the prevailing use of opium amongst them, and thirdly their notorious gambling practices. Humanly speaking I think there is little hope of the adult Chinese population. The children, however, readily attend school and usually excel in their classes. We have about 20 enrolled in Sanfernando School, and in connection with this when I tell you that some of our most advanced pupils are from Madras you will readily acknowledge the propriety of endeavouring to sustain regularly an English service on their behalf. Our communion roll now numbers 23, and to us it was peculiarly delightful, to sit down with Hindoos of every caste, and Chinese also to eat the same spiritual meat and to drink the same spiritual drink. Others as well as Jacob will soon seek admission to the communion from the ranks of our Schools. Glad indeed were we the other day to hear of the testimony borne by a lad of 12 years. He appeared in court as a witness, and as Hindoos swear by the waters of the Ganges and the Mussalmans by the Koran as the Christian does by his Bible, a tumbler of water was handed to Henry, but he refused to take it saying "I'm a Christian," and amid an exciting scene the magistrate handed him a Bible.

#### A SOCIAL.

On Monday evening after the communion we had a social meeting of our Church members with a few others who show special interest. Mr. Morton was presented with two addresses one in Hindustani read by Thos. W. Cockey, and the other in English by C. Soudeen. Mr. Morton, re-

plied suitably and the impressive character of the address as well as their affection for their first missionary and family was shown in the feeling exhibited. Abundance of good things were distributed and addresses were delivered by Mr. Christic, by Aziz, Vishnu, and Anajee. The whole entertainment was most agreeable and profitable.

#### PRACTICAL HEATHENISM.

On Estates, occasionally on Sabbath we witness just such scenes, as we would expect to find in a Heathen village in the heart of India. On the 12th I visited an Estate; preparations were being made for a marriage and a band of women in song hurled their anathamas at the head of the bridegroom according to the custom of their country. I addressed the Creoles, but the excitement was too great to get the ear of the Coolie.

I passed on to another Estate: there about 700 labourers came up for pay—the pay day had been Saturday. Hucksters exposed their goods before the Barracks—a company of Creoles were playing at ball, and trained dancers from another quarter in dresses of fantastic colours drew a large crowd at another corner. Thus were the sacred hours of God's holy day passed away. Let Christians at home in pondering the prospects of those who thus abuse time, cherish deeper concern for their deluded fellowmen.

Ever yours faithfully, K. J. GRANT,

To Rev. P. G. McGregor, Secretary B. F. M. P. C., L. P. 

# News of the Church.

#### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tucsday, the 12th ult., and was constituted by the Rev. E A. McCurdy, Moderator. All the ministerial members except one were present, and a large number of the Elders.

A call from Merigomish congregation, signed by 242 members and 170 adherents, to Mr. H. M. D. Scott, preacher, was sustained, and trials for ordination assigned him. The Rev. A. C. Gillies was appointed to moderate in a call in Glenelg Church on Monday, June 1, at 11 a.m. The Rev. P. G. McGregor was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the Synod. A motion accepting the Basis of Union as a whole was passed by a vote of 15 for and 12 against. All the resolutions passed by the Committee on Union in connection l

with the Basis, were agreed to by a majority of Presbytery. The one on "The modes of worship" was passed by the casting vote of the Moderator. The Committee on the Antigonish Riot gave in their report, which was approved, and the farther prosecution of the matter remitted to them. agreed to hold a special meeting of Presbytery in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Monday, June 1, at 11 a. m., to consider the calls that are expected to come before it, and to make any arrangement respecting them that may be necessary.

# Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

This court met at Lunenburg, on the 12th May.

The Clerk reported that the H. M. Board had met the Presbytery's wishes in regard to Riversdale and Dublin; and that Messrs. Creelman and McGregor, students, are now laboring as Catechists in these places. The following Minute was adopted, in

explanation of the Presbytery's finding, on

the question of Union:

"Whereas,—it appears that the decision of this Presbytery anent the Busis of Union, has been construed abroad as opposed to Union:-it is hereby declared, that the deliverance was intended to be an entire acceptance of the Basis; and that the exception to one of the subordinate deliverances was designed to express the Presbytery's opinion, that some modification might yet be effected in the details, but was not intended to be, in anywise, a bar to the Union."

The next meeting will be held in Halifax.

#### Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Truro on the 5th May. The attendance was large. The Presbytery while not favorable as a rule to the building of "Union" Churches, agreed to sanction the steps taken by the people of Acadia Mines toward the erection of a Church in that section, and recommend them to the sympathy of the Church. Communications were read from the Rev. G. M. Grant and Mr. John G. Fraser respecting a meeting held at Spring Hill. It was agreed that the communications lie on the table, and in the mean time, that the Rev. E Ross be appointed a delegate to visit Spring Hill, and report at the next meeting of Presbytery. Nearly all the Sessions and Congregations reported favorably on the Union. Springside Session though favorable, took exception to the position in which the Catechisms were placed in the Basis. The Session of Economy came to no decision. The congregation agreed to reject the larger, but

tavor the smaller Union. Five Islands Session and Congregation—voted unani-

mously against the larger Union.

The Rev. Dr. McCulloch entered a protest against the employment of unauthorized lay preachers by the Presbytery. was agreed to ask for continuance of Supplement to Parrsborough and Coldstream -also for \$100 each to Acadia and Maccan a case of settlement. The Moderator enin case of settlement. joined on all Sessions who had not forwarded their Clerk's dues for the past year to forward the same on, or before, the next day of meeting. It was agreed to overture Synod on the formation of a standing Board on Ministerial Support. The Rev. Dr. McCulloch was authorized to correspond and expostulate with Lewis Carvell, Esq., with regard to the running of the Railway Trains on Sabbath mornings. The next meeting will be held at Truro on the 3rd Tuesday of June, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

#### Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Tatamagouche on the 5th inst. The subject of Union was considered. It was moved by the Rev. A. B. Mackay, and seconded, that the Basis strictly so called i e. the first four articles. of the Synod's remit, be agreed to—which motion passed. Mr. Munro dissenting, being dissatisfied with the use of the word "adopt" in reference to the Catechisms. The remaining articles were then considered and approved unanimously. The Rev. E. E. Ross was nominated as Moderator of Synod.

#### Bible Society.

Mr. Russel is undefatigably prosecuting his work as agent of the B. & F. B. Society. Weattended one of his meetings lately and a more instructive and interesting address on the Bible we never heard. The influence for good in these Provinces is worth ten times the salary paid him. His lectures must strengthen the faith of our people in the glorious verities of that Best of all Books and thus strengthen every good institution and cause.

# Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

By invitation from Rev. L. G. McNeil, theagent of the Church presented the claims of this fund before the congregation of Maidand in the Churches of Maitland and of Selmah on Sabbath, the 10th ult.

On Monday in company with Mr. Mc. Neill, he made calls on the people in Maitland, Five Mile River, and Selmah; and so cordial and liberal was the response, that in the evening over \$200 had been received. Even what was not paid is as good as eash, and the whole sum was over \$240 besides

S10 from Mr. Osmond A. Brien, of Noel. For particulars we refer our readers to the

long list of acknowledgments.

We were happy on the Lord's day in beholding the deep attention of the people as they waited on the Lord. We were equally delighted on Monday to find that their liberaliey kept pace with their devotion. They have an able and active minister, they have now an enlarged Session, well finished Churches, full prayer-meetings and with the Lord's Blessing will prove in the future as they have been in the past, a power for good in the land.

Ships are building to the right and left, nearly a dozen within sight, yet the place is as sober and orderly as the most retired

rural settlement.

N.B.—No intoxicating liquors are allowed to be on sale in Maitland, and such is the power of public opinion that probition there is not a name or sham, but a reality.

# Another Deputy to American Churches.

Rev. Peter Hope, the Secretary of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, has written to the Clerk of our Synod official notice of the appointment of the Deputies named in our first article, and adds the following postscript:—

"The Rev. D. Miller, of Genoa, is to be at the Assembly, at St. Louis, but I question if he will manage to visit Halifax. If he should, he carries with him a commission from the Continental Committee, and we beg you to receive him as our accredited Deputy. He is an excellent man, and worthily represents both the Continental Committee and the Presbytery of Italy?"

### Mission to the French Acadians

This work is being prosecuted. Mr. Paradis is engaged in the neighbourhood of Grand Falls. Another labourer succeeds Mr. Brouillette during the summer. Mr. F. L. Richard is acting as Colporteur, in the neighbourhood of Shediac. Mr. Cruchet has been appointed by the Presbytery of Pietou, to operate among the Alsatian miners in Pictou County. All these agents require support.

ASSEMBLIES.—The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet at Ottawa on the 2nd June. The Scottish Assemblies and Synods and the leading American Assemblies have been held. The Irish Assembly is now in session.

Rev. S. Houston, price to leaving St. John a few weeks ago, acknowledged gifts amounting to \$335.

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<sup>\*</sup>Clyde united to Brookfield and West River, Sept. 1st, 1873. † Mission Station, under charge of Rridgewater Session. Murdoch McGregor, resident Catechist for One-year. † Mr. Millar was inducted the end of October.

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PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.													
	James Watson, W. S. Darragh, H. B. Mackay, Thomas Sedgwick, John Munro,	10 x 4   50   15   1   2   50 x 20   500   20   1   2   7 x 7   700   130   1   6   10 x 7   800   150   3   9   30 x 10   522   109   4   10	45 0 5 00 1 2 50 414 00 222 00 125 00 217										
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4 Barney's River, 5 Blue Mountain, 6 Green Hill, 7 West River, 8 L. Harbour Fisher's Grant, 9 West River, 10 West River, 11 Hopewell, 12 Pictou and vicinity, 13 Antigonish, 14 Albion Mines & Stellarton, 15 New Glasgow, 16 East River, Pictou County, 17 Lochaber and Union Centre, 18 Sherbrooke, 19 New Glasgow, 20 Earltown and West Branch, 21 Scotsburn, 22 Saltsprings, 3 Merigomish, [St. Mary's, 24 Glenelg, Caledonia & E. R.,	John Lees, George Roddick, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, Peter Goodfellow, Thomas Cumming, E. A. McCurdy, A. McL. Sinclair, J. F. Forbes, A. C. Gillies, Robert Cunming, William Grant, Alexander Stirling, Vacant,	8 x 8   300  45   1   32   26 x 19   400  70   1   33   26 x 19   400  70   1   33   8 x 6   450  80   1   65   8 x 10   480  74   1   66   14 x 3   450  110  2   56   14 x 3   450  110  2   56   10 x 4   650  110  1   750  25   2115   10 x 4   650  110  1   750  25   2   12   10 x 4   675  130  2   2   65   3 x 3   600  110  1   2   10   2   10   2   10   2   10   2   10   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2	00										
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1 Annapolis and Bridgetown, 2 Bermuda, 3 Cornwallis North, 4 Do. South, 5 Do. West, 6 Dartmouth, 7 Halifax, Chalmers', 8 "Fort Massey, 9 "Poplar Grove, 10 St. John's, 11 Harbor Grace, Nfld., 12 Kempt and Walton, 13 Kempt and Walton, 14 Lawrencetown & Cow Bay, 15 Maitland, 16 Musquodoboit, 17 Musquodoboit, 18 Milford and Gay's River, 19 Newport, 20 Nine Mile River & Elmsdale, 21 Noel, 22 Sheet Harbor, 23 Shubenacadie, 24 St. Croix and Ellershouse, 25 St. John's, Nfld.,	Walter Thorburn, Joseph Hogg, J. B. Logan, Vacant, Alex. Falconer, C. B. Pitblado, Jas. K. Smith, Allan Simpson, John Forrest, Alex. Ross, Vacant, John Gauld, Alex. Stuart, L. G. McNeill, Robt. Sedgwick, James Rosborough, Vacant, J. D. McGillivray,	21 x 2½ 710 2 65 10 x 8 360 65 1 4 30 x 6 346 90 3 75 2 2 4 x 3 500 101 1 55 City, 480 75 1 60 City, 480 75 1 60 City, 480 104 1 5 City, 480 104 1 5 City, 480 104 1 5 30 x 3 2 20 x 8 384 96 3 0 25 x 10 345 57 3 33 25 x 10 345 57 3 33 15 x 4 500 70 2 60 26 x 6 1300 275 2 80 3 2 200 8 8 1 35 4 x 12 280 86 2 60 12 x 2 2 290 58 1 3 40 x 7 560 93 3 90 700 150 2 70	1   12   12   10   4   10   10   10   10   10   10										

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No. Communicants. No. Accessions. No. Removals. No. of Elders. Diets of worship each Sabbath.		No. Sabbath Schools. No. Teachers. No. Pupils.	Vols. in Library.	weck.  Average weekly attendance at do.  Bible Classes.  Attendance at do.	No. of Deacons or Managers.						
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PRES	SBYTERY OF	F TATAMAGO					_
1 New Annan, 2 Wentworth, 3 Gagge Piver	V. S. & P. R. Vol. Sub.	Cash quart'ly.	\$40		:::::	356 37	\$360 46
3 Goose River, 4 River John, 5 Tatamagouche,	Weekly Off. Vol. Sub.	Cash quart'ly.			64 51		600 600
6 Wallace and Pugwash,	Sub. & Col.	Cash & P. yly.	<u>}</u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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2 Pictou.	Weekly col.   Weekly col.	Quarterly adv					\$800 1000
3 French River,	Weekly col.	Cash monthly,		\$80			
4 Barney's River, 5 Blue Mountain,	Vol. sub.	Quarterly, Quarterly,					300 350
6 Green Hill,	Vol. sub.	Quarterly adv			l!	11	700
	Vol. sub.	Quarterly adv Quarterly,			S565		600
9 Westville & Middle River,	Weekly col.	Quarterly.			2475		800
10  West River.	Vol. sub.	Quarterly,	ì l	1 1			600
12 Pictou and vicinity,	Vol. sub.	Quarterly adv Quarterly,	l	1 1		1 1	800
13 Antigonish,		Quarterly, Quarterly adv	100	1	1		700
14 Albion Mines & Stellarton, 15 New Glasgow,	Weekly col.	Quarterly adv	140		800		S00 900
16 East River, Pictou Co.,	Vol. sub.	Quarterly,	i l	<i>   </i>		I I	800
17 Lochaber & Union Centre,	Vol. sub.	Quarterly adv	i !			}	800
18 Sherbrooke, 19 New Glasgow,	Weekly col.	Quarterly adv Quarterly adv				1 1	800 700
20 Earltown & West Branch,	Vol. sub.	Quarterly,	60		l J	i }	600
21 Scotsburn, 22 Saltsprings,	Vol. sub.	Half yearly, Half yearly,					400 200
23 Merigomish, [St. Mary's,]	Weekly col.	Weekly,	60		]		
24 Glenelg, Caledonia & E. R.	Weekly col.			<u> </u>	<u>l</u>	<u>1</u>	
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I Annapolis & Bridgetown, 2 Bermuda,			\$150	\$185	1230	$\widetilde{\cdots}$	\$415 1000
3 Cornwallis North,	Subscription	Half yearly,	50				760
41 Do. South, 1	Sabbath col.	Quarterly,	60		, J		600
5 Do. West, 6 Dartmouth,	Sabbath col.	Monthly in ad			6000		900
7 Halifax, Chalmers',	Sabhath col.	Quart'ly in ad	400	1 1	40001	, ,	1400
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10 "St. John's,	Sabbath col.	Monthly in ad Quart'ly in ad			4700		1200
Harbor Grace, Niid.,	Qr. sub. P.R.	Quarterly,	160				800
12 Kempt and Walton, 13 Kennetcook and Gore,	Sub. & S. col.	Onarterly.	50		200		600
14 Lawrencetown & Cow Bay,	Sub. & S. col.	Quarterly,		140	62		350
14 Lawrencetown & Cow Bay, 15 Maitland, 16 Musquodoboit,	Sabbath col.	Quartly in ac	155 40				700 760
17 Musquodoboit Harbor,	Sub. & S. col.	Quarterly, Quart'ly in ad		60			
18 Milford and Gay's River,							600
19 Newport, 20 N. Mile River & Elmsdale,	Sub. & S. col.	Quarterly,	80		200	\$112	900
21   Noel,	Sabbath col.	·			500		500
23 Shubenacadie,	Subscription Voluntary,	Quart'ly in ad Quarterly,	40		900		600 800
24 St. Croix and Ellershouse,	Sabbath col.		.,				
25 St. John's, Nfld.,	P. R. & sub. (	Quarterly, Quart'ly in ad	160 130				$1200 \\ 1000$
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#### PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.

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LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION. NAME OF PASTOR.	Length and breadth of Con. in miles.  No. of Adherents, including children.  No. of Families.  No. of Churches.  No. of sittings in these No. of sittings in these No. of Baptisms.												

#### PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

1 Sydney, Mira, &c.	Hugh McLeod, D. D.	[30 x 15]2000[350] 4[1800] 2,100
2 Sydney Mines and Bras d'or,		7 x 10 895 180 3 700 1 96
	James Fraser,	20 x 36 1080 197 2 1040 1 31
4 Grand River and L. Lomond,	James Ross,	20 x 36 1080 197  2 1040  1  31
5.St. Ann's and North Shore,	Abraham McIntosh,	30 x 5 [2300[280] 4[2000] 20
6 Glace Bay,	Alex. Farquharson,	3 x 9   650   125   2   600   4   26
7 Cow Bay,	D. McDougall,	460 110  1  500   30
8 Leitch's Creek,	C. E. McLean,	8 x 5   260   52   2   300   2   16
9 Gabarus and Framboise,	D. Drummond,	40 x 7   750 125 2 750 5 33
10!*Cape North, &c.	Peter Clark.	40 x 30   700   140   1   300   3   2

#### PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

1 Whycocomagh,	Murdoch Stewart.	15 x 12 1650 250  1  800  1  38
2 Port Hastings & Riv. Dennis,		20 x 10 550 110 2 700 3 50
2 Daddoole V	1	( 12 x 3   457   78   2   450   1   17
	Kenneth McKenzie,	{   12 x 4   385   70   1   320     3
	Adam Mackay.	20 x 12 1350 270 21 11 38
		20 x 6   540 100  2   410  2   2
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8 Mabou.	Vacant.	14 x 5   260   44   1   400   1   13
5 Middle River & L. Narrows, 6 N. Margaree & Lake Ainslie, 7 West Bay and St. Peters,	Adam Mackay. Alex. Grant, J. Sutherland,	\ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc

# PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

1 St. John Pres. Ch., St. John,	James Bennett,	City,		100  1	750]	25
2 St. David's Ch., do.,	David Waters, LL. D.,	City.		125  1	900]	6
3 Calvin Ch., do.,	Vacant.	City,	640	140 1	800]	10
4 Carleton Pres. Ch., do.,	J. C. Burgess, B. A.,	5 x 3	300	70 1	350 1	14
	John Turnbull,	16 x 4	375	75 3	600 2	18
6 Sussex, Studholm & Norton,		24 x 8	260	70 1 75 3 50 2	342 2	24
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	Kenneth McKay,	11 x 10		GSI 2	300 1	
	John W. Nelson.	$27 \times 8$	350	60 2	350 5	15
	Vacant,					
11 Buctouche, Cocaigne and	John D. Murray.	26 x 12	390	70 1	300 5	7
12 Harvey, Scotch Set.		20 x 7	600	90 1	230 2	38
	Robert Wilson,	5 x 3		70 1	350	10
14 Lond'ry and Campbell Set.,		38 x 7		64 2	280 7	13
15 Saltsprings & Hammond R.	John K Begirsto	25 x 10		63 3	3	11
16 Bocabec and Waweig,		18 x 18		48 2	270 2	14
17 Springfield and English Set.,		17 x 12		58 2	400 4	2
18 Fredericton, [salem,	William Stuart	City,	138	29 7	200	6
19 Pisarinco, Neropis and Jeru-	Teage S Simpson	36 x 4	300		600	6
20 Chipman, Q. C.,	Tomos Solmon				250 4	٠
21 Glassville and Florenceville.		20 x 7			475	
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1 New Mills and Point LeNim, Angus McM. 2 Chatham, John M. All 3 Blackville and Derby, Thomas G. James Law, Thomas Nic 6 Bass River. James Fowl	an, 9 x 3   450   97   1   410   15 Formatione, 20 x 1   396   68   3   600   3   23 20 x 6   1000   200   2   800   2   39 holson, 34 x 6   820   110   3   600   4   30
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<sup>\*</sup>Mr. Clark is only a few months settled at Cape North.

No. Communicants.  No. Accessions.  No. of Elders.  No. of Elders.  Sabbath.	Communion services. Families observing family worship.	No. Sabbath Schools. No. Teachers. No. pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Prayer meetings each week.	is it ek	Attendance at do.  No. of Deacons or Managers.						

# PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

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### PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

1 Sydney, Mira, &c., 2 Sydney Mines & Bras d'or,	Subscription Subscription	Cash annually Cash quart'ly.	860		····		\$1000 600
3 Boularderie, 4 Grand River & L. Lomond,	l		ll		l	l	600
5 St. Ann's and North Shore,	Subscription	C. & P. hlf yly Cash monthly	iI			1060	600 600
7 Cow Bay. 8 Leitch's Creek.	Subscription	Cash monthly Cash half yrly		\$60 130	630		600 420
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## PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

1 Whycocomagh,	Subscription	C. & P. hf yly	A.	Ī		l	S700
2 Port Hastings & R. Dennis	Subscription	Cash or Prod.	l <b>.</b>	\$80		<b></b>	600
3 Baddeck,	Yrly sub'tion	Cash quart'ly.	ļ				325
		C. & P. hf yly					280
5 Mid. River & L. Narrows,							800
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	3 Calvin Church, do.	Vol. con.	Cash weekly,	1		13500		1200
	4 Carleton Pres. Ch., do.	Pew Rent,	Cash quart'ly.	]	\$100			500
	4 Carleton Pres. Ch., do. 5 St. James, [ton,	Pew Rent,	Cash quart'ly.	120			\$453	400
	6 Sussex, Studholm & Nor-	Subscription	Cash half yrly		100	600	86 08	400
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	8 Richmond,	W. & M. D.	Cash monthly					600
	9 Baillie and Tower Hill,	Subscription	Cash half yrly		160		100	400
	10 Moncton,							
	11 Buctouche, Cocaigne and							400
	12 Harvey, [Scotch Set.,							440
	13 St. Stephen,						366 03	
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	15 Saltsprings & Hammond R.					70		392
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	18 Fredericton, [salem,					350		400
	19 Pisarinco, Nerepis & Jeru-				50			550
	20 Chipman, Q. C.,	Subscription	Yearly.					300
	21 Glassville & Florenceville.							

1 New Mills & Point LeNim,	Subscription						\$464
2 Chatham.	Pew Rent.	Monthly,	l	None	None	None,	700
3 Blackville and Derby,	Subscription	Half yearly,	\$40				460
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#### Dalhousie College.

The Annual Session closed on the 24th April, too latte to admit of any notice in the May Record. On the evening of the 23th, the closing exercises of the Medical Faculty took place when prizes were distributed and enthusiastic addresses delivered to a large audience. The Doctors are persevering and advancing, and will not be content till they have enlarged accommodation.

The Convocation was held on the following afternon. Argyle Hall was well filled. It appeared that the Session had been one of the most successful. Students in Arts, 78. In Medicine, 29. Total 207. Seven Students received the degree of B. A., and one of M. A. The valedictory was read by Mr. Stiles Fraser.

Excellent addresses were delivered and the meeting was well sustained and enthusiastic till its close.

The Professors are doing an excellent work, and instant measures should be adopted for adding to their salaries. Unless this is done, we will find the value of some of them when their services can no longer be retained.

UNION.—The Yarmouth congregation approved of Union unanimously.—The Barney's River Session unanimously disapproved of some features of the Basis, and desire delay so as so secure improvements. The Blue Mountain Session have decided to the same effect.—The West Branch, River John, congregation decided unanimously in favour of Union.—The congregation of Sharon Church, Stellarton, came to a similar finding.

The Session and congregation of Tatamagouche have approved unanimously of Union on the proposed Basis. The same is true of New Annan and Goose River Sessions and Congregations. The Wallace Session and Congregation also, with two exceptions to the Basis. The River John Congregation approve with one exception to the Basis, and the Session while approving of Union, take exception the Basis.

PRESENTERIAN FEDERATION. — This subject will, without doubt, come before our Spood at its approaching meeting. The Australian Church has received the proposal favourably.

#### OBITUARY.

#### In Memoriam.

At Woodville, West Cornwallis, Mr. Seth Burgess departed this life, on the 12th of March last, quietly and peacefully falling. skep in Jesus. Born in December, 1790, he was in the 34th year of his age when he

died; and had he been spared a few months longer, he would have completed his half century of service, in the work of the Master whom he loved, as a ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church.

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Carefully trained by a pious mother, who took great pains, by example and procept and prayer, in instructing him as well as the other members of a large family -in the principles and doctrines of the Bible, he was early impressed with a deep sense of his sinfulness by nature, and his need of a Saviour. In his boyhood and during his early manhood he enjoyed nothing so much as religious conversation. and manifested great interest in religious services, whether public or private. His serious impressions were much deepened by his having twice narrowly escaped death by drowning. Having given himself to the Lord, Mr. Burgess embraced the earliest opportunity of confessing Him before men, and became a member of the Church in full fellowship-the congregation then, 1822 being under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. Two years thereafter, he was Forsyth. unanimously elected to the office of the eldership, clearly showing the esteem and confidence thus early secured by him. Through the pastorates of the Rev. Messrs. Forsyth, Struthers, Murray, McKay, Steele, and the present writer, he continued faithfully to discharge the duties of his office; and till last winter, seldom was he absent from his seat in Church or at the meetings While he loved all his minisof Session. ters, and never had the slightest difficulty or misunderstanding with one of them, he formed a special regard and friendship for Mr. Struthers, which time only tended to foster and strengthen, and when Mr. Struthers died, Mr. Burgess mourned for him as for a brother.

Having married in 1823, he at once erected a family altar, and during the long period of more than fifty years that altar was never broken down or deserted; but from it there daily rose the morning and evening sacrifice of praise and prayer. What a privilege it was to hear him pray ! From his strong argumentative turn of mind, he may at times have seemed to have too much reasoning in his petitions; but at other times, and most frequently, there was an earnest, child-like which made one feel that, in his devotions, he had the unction of the Holy Spirit. His acquaintance with the old divines was extensive; but the Bible was ever his vade-mecum. Blessed with a powerful memory, he could easily and aptly quote from the Inspired Volume in a way to astonish delighted listeners. While he loved all who love listeners. Jesus, and rejoiced in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom by whatsoever instrumentality accomplished, he retained to the

last a peculiar fondness and veneration for the Church, in connection with which he lived and laboured and died. Among thelast acts of a long and a useful life, he secured for the Lakeville congregation and bequeathed (called now "the Burgess Estate,") the sum of six hundred dollars, (\$600)—the yearly interest of which is to be applied for the support of ordinances in the West Cornwallis congregation.

He leaves behind him a large and extensive connection to mourn his removal; but not to mourn as those who have no hope. One and another of our aged ones are dropping off from among us. "Our fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live for ever "-may their places be worthily supplied by the young and rising

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."



We have spoken of Gospel triumphs in old Scotland. Here is an instance in a distant "isic of the sea." The Togans have been converted by means of Wesleyan Missionaries. One who has been among them lately writes:

"If the public manifestations of religious life are a true index of the spiritual state of a people, then the Tongans may claim the palm as the most Christian of people. At sunrise the settlement is vocal with hymns of praise sung in the cottages at family devotions. At the early morning prayer-meeting the people throng in great numbers; but it must be remembered that the climate and habits of the people favour early rising. On the Sabbath, during ser vice hours, very few of the people are to be seen absenting themselves from the sanctu-You do not see groups of young men standing at the street corners or going on pleasure excursions, nor are places of business open on the Sabbath. The congregations are numerous, and strict decorum is enforced; the sexes sit apart, and though the ladies pay great attention to their toilet, yet few come late. The singing is cornest and general, though not very melodious."

Here then is something to rebake very many who have been under Christian training for all their lives. They shall come from the far off islands to the Kingdom of Heaven; alas how many of our favoured neonle must be cast out as evil and rebelious!

#### China.

We feel fresh interest in China and its missions on account of the presence in that vast Empire of a labourer from our Sister Church in the Upper Provinces. Mr. Mc-Kay sends very encouraging tidings. A minister of the English Presbyterian Church writes:-

"It will cheer the friends at home, who long the spreading abroad of the precious Name, that during the past year several new parts of our field have been visited by the grace of God; and where this time last year there was none to worship him or confess the name of Jesus, there are now in several villages both men and women who have turned to God from idols. In this feature of the work we especially rejoice; and as one town and village after another is being visited thus, and the light kindled, we rejoice in the hope that, ere many years pass, every town and village and hamlet of populous Tieckin will number among its inhabitants some who are witnesses for God."

#### A Brave Leader.

The conflict between the Papacy and the Civil Power continues in Germany. The German Emperor recently wrote a letter to Earl Bussell in acknowledgment of English sympathy, from which we make the following extract :-

" It is incumbent on me to be the leader of my people in a struggle maintained through centuries past by German emperors of earlier days against a power the domination of which has in no country of the world been found compatible with the freedom and welfare of nations-a power which, if victorious in our days, would imperil, not in Germany alone, the blessings of the Reformation, liberty of conscience, and the authority of the law. I accept the battle thus imposed upon me in fulfilment of my kingly duties, and in firm reliance on God, to whose help we look for victory, but also in the spirit of regard for the creed of others and of evangelical forbearance which has been stamped by my forefathers on the laws and administration of my states.... I rejoice at the proof afforded me by your letter, that the sympathies of the people of Eng. land would not fail me in this strugglethe people of England, to whom my people and my Royal House are bound by the remembrance of many a past and honourable struggle maintained in common since the days of William of Orange."

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#### Jews in Rome.

The Jewish periodicals are making a lament over the dissolution of the synagogue at Rome. It would appear that the members are no longer required by the law to contribute to its support, and they are taking advantage of their liberty. There are still a few devoted men who are willing to bear any burdens, but an extraordinary apathy has affected the majority, and not only the places of worship, but the denominational schools are deserted. Parents send their children to the Roman Catholic schools, and do not even take the trouble to see that they are relieved from attendance when religious instruction is given. The Jews in Rome number about 5000.

In England.—The two leading Presbyterian bodies in England are likely to unite this year. The opposition on the part of the U. P. body is strong-in proportion of 30 to 50; still they go forward.

AMONG THE HEATHEN.-We read with pleasing surprise of the proceedings of Presbyteries in China, Japan, Siam, India, West Africa, Brazil, Egypt, and so forth. Even in old Bible Lauds, Presbytery is litting up its head.

### NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDG-MENTS.

THE Committee on Bills and Overtures will meet (D. V., ) in Poplar Grove Church, Halitax, on Tuesday, the 30th June, at 4 o'clock, p.m. It is requested that all papers intended to be laid before Synod, shall be transmitted, through their proper channels, to the Rev. Dr. Bayne, Pictou, Chairman of Committee, or to the undersigned on or before the 27th of June.

ALEX. FALCONER, Clerk of Com.

THE Committee on Systematic Beneficence are anxious to present a full and accurate report to the Sy nod of the progress of the movement during the year. As only a small number of replies to their circular have yet been received, it would materially assist them if all the brothren who have not done so, would send their answers immediately.

E. A. McCurdy. Sec'y. Com. Systematic Beneficence.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following sums during the past month:

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

R. McNaughton, Fish Pools	5 1	50
John Knox Ch., N. Glasgow	25	00
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Rev. E. A. McCurdy, half of thank- offering for preservation from fire 10 00 Woodville, per Rev. J. Sutherland 10 00
George Grant, Scotch Hill
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Campbell 5 15
Master Geo. Stiles 2 45
Susan Wilson and Clara Stiles 6 42
Mary L. Matheson's class 5 00
Kate Harris and Ida Fraser 3 54
Master Arnison McKenzie 4 10
Master Edwin Burgess 12 50
Miss Allan 2 90
Miss L. R. Bayne 2 87
Master Ephraim F. Taylor 2 00
Master Arthur McDonald and
Harry McLennan 4 70
Master John Pringle 1 50
Michael B. McKay 2 55
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