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#### NOTICES OF SYNOD.

The Synad of the Fre ' erra Church of Canada meets at Kingston, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June next, at 7 o'clock, P.M., to be then opened with sermon by the Moderator.

PresbyteryClerks are requested to have torward, at themsetting, rolls of their several Presbyteries, congregations duly organised, though not provided ; with Ministers

Reports on Home Missions by Presbyicties. should be prepared and finnded to the Convener of the General Home Mission Committee. See printed Minutes, p. 82-3.

It is hoped that the suggestions of the circular tecently issued, on the subject of funds and queries temecting Ecclesinatical Statistics, will be attendid 10.

WM. RINTOUL,

Synoil Clerk.

Notice to Students.—The Students who attended Krox's Collings last Session, and not now in attendance on the summer course, may expect to see in the next number of the Record. if they have not had sent them previously, recomendations and directions respecting the course of reading and anuly to be persued by them during the summer recess.

Arrangements will be made for having the competition for Bursaries at the opening of the Winter Session: and it is hoped that these also will be notified in the Record for June.

By authority of the Committee.

WM. RINTOUL, Contener.

Knoz's College, 12th May, 1847.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON. INDUCTION SERVICES.

On Wednesday, May 5, the Presbytery of Hamilton met in Knox's Church, Hamilton, tot the purpose of inducting the Rev. Mr. Robb to the pestoral charge of that, congregation. A large and attentive audience was present, and all appeared to manifest the deepest interest in the various proceedings. The Rev Dr Ferrier conducted the opening services. He preached from Acts zvi. 17, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto as the way of miration." The Rev. Mr Stark gave the charge to the minister; after which the Rev. Alexander Gale addressed the people. The usual queres baying been put to Mr. Robb and answered satisfactorily, he received the right hand of fellowship from his brethren of the Presbytery, and met Mierwards with a cordial welcome from the members of the congregation.

On Sabbath the 9th, the introductory services took place. In the forenoon, the Rev. Alexander Gale delivered a discourse from 1 Thess. v. 13,

sake " In the alternoon, the Res. Mr. Robb preached from John In. 18, "He that beloveth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begutten Sen of

> On both occasions the Church was well filled with deeply aften ive and deeply interest. I e. diences. Mr. L. b. we rejoice to know, enters upon his in | ; ant labours with the factest prosthe congregation in all its preliminary in incinents in regard to the settlement. This is a teken for good. We carnesdy hope and pray, thus the tie which has now been formed between . Ir and people, mry be hallowed and abundance, beessed by the Great Head of the Church.

#### PRESBYTERY OF TORON O.

On the 29th ultimo, the Presbytery of Tecento licensed as Preachers of the Gospel and Liebationers for the Holy Ministry, Mr. Junies Boyd and Mr. Robert F. Burns. Both these grademen had obtained their preparatory education to Scotland, and had there, also entered on their Divinity course, which has now been completed ma highly satisfactory manner site Knox's College. Ader hearing from them the various pieces of trialprescribed according to the laws of the Church and after examining them rica roce in the virious departments of their literary, philosophical, and theological courses, the Presbytery found occasion o record their high satisfaction with their attainments. The questions appointed to be put to Probationers having then been star-factorily inswered by the candidates, and their readiness to subscribe the proper formula ascertained, they were solemnly authorized by the Preshytery to preach the Gospel. The Rev. Mr. Harris presided on this interesting occasion, and addressed t to those volthful evangelists many valuable and appropriate counsels, in a truly fatherly estain. Both of them have, for some time pasi, been doing good service at the destrinte stations, as Casechests, and giving great promise of extensive usefulness-which we trust, through the blessing of t'e Lord, will now be amply realized,

## KNOX'S COLLEGE.

Every individual Christian has some proper rivice bud upon him by the blessed Savi oir, whose servant he is; and well is it for him when he understands what that service is, and gives himself to it in the strength of his Master is with individuals, so it is with churches; these, according to the times-according to their peculiar telations to the world around them,-the gifs conferred on them, and other circumstances, have their own special and appropriate work to perform It were well for all the office-heaters of the Presbyterian Cource of Canada, who regard the Syrod as the deliberative and executive content of the church, to bethink themselves, as the time of its natual meeting approaches, of the work "Esteem them very highly in love for their work's which the Great Head of the Church, through the

A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH intimations of his Providence and the Word, is requiring of the Synod at this time.

To us it seems very plain that He is calling on our church to labour earnestly in promoting these two great objects-internal revival and extension and enlargement in the land. These things, it is true, constitute the vocation of all cliurches: if time permitted, we think we could show that no church is more loudly called on to aim at there objects than our own. It is of our - uty, in regard to the latter object, that we are now briefly to speak. Let it be observed, that we are called to belour for the evangelizing of the community at at the meeting, rolls of their several freshyteries, peets. The a most unanimity has characterized jurge, not merely by those considerations which the congregation in all its ofeliamory are counts; address themselves more or less powerfully to all churches-the prevailing ignorance of Ged-the irreligion and supersition of the community around us, and the demand actually made upon us by many of the people for spiritual labourers; that there is a longe and increasing number of pions youths, who are actually offering themselves through us to be great took of crangelizing themselves They sole . us to aid them in the culture of their minds, and the acq a sum of an enlarged knowledge of Diving truth, in order to their giving themselves to the instruction of others in that truth. The labourers are in truth thrust upon us, by the Great Lord of the Harvest-and, also ! for us, if we count it not as much a privilege as a duty to do what we can towards opening a way to their entering on his work, and training and accomplishing them for it.

The attention of the "3 and then, at the ensuing meeting, ought to be, in a great measure, con-centification by All its rembers should come to it, prepared to meet there ques-tions. How may it be energed so as to meet the increasing demand for a full and complete ministerial education? How may it be rendered more efficient? How may it be placed on a more stable basis?

It may contribute something towards promoting an interest in this deeply requirem Institution, to give some account of the session which has just closed.

The third Winter Session of our Seminary, now known as Krox's Coulder has surpassed the two former sessions, in the number of students m attendance, the variety of branches might, and we think we may also say in the devocatures to study of the students themselves. The Conege Communee, we may remail our readers, examines all the soulears on their first admis ion to the College, and at the commencement of every session, in respect not merely to have scholasuc acquirements, but especially their personal religion and views to the miristry of the Gospel. admit at first, and continue in the Institution, only those who, in the judgment of charity, have had some experience of a work of grace in their hearist while those who are attending the literary and philosophical classes are considered to be more strictly thebattoniary it a dents

The progress of the College, as to the number of students in actual attendance, each year has Leen as follows:

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The Classes raught, during the last session, were as follows:

Junior Latin, Senior Latin, Principal of the Academy, and Professor Esson. Schior Greek.

Mathematics-Rev. Thomas Wighman of he Academy.

Mental I helosophy-Rev Professor Eason. Moral Philos phy-Rev Professor Esson. Januar Helica - Rev. W. Rintoul.

Semm Hebren . date. Biblical Criticism, ditto

Blatora - Rev. R. McCorkle, Deputy from the Free Church of Sectland.

Rev. R. McCaride, Deputy from the Prec. Courch of Sendand.

Systemeta The dagy - Rev. R. McCorkle, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland. Clorch History and Pastoral Theology-Rev. Dr. Burns.

The session lasted from the 3rd November until the 5th April.

Burearies for aiding students, and as incentives to study, were awarded in the middle of February. The most of these were competed for by examinations, tounded on the course of study pursued in each class. Questions, previously prepared by the Professors, were dictated to the students, and the suswers were written out. In a few cures, Bursaries were given for Essays.

The Record for February and March contained an enumeration of the Bursaries, and the manes of the successful compentors. We shall here give a continuous list, in the order of the scheme of competition, as first advertised, referring to our former accounts of them for more particulars:

- 1. The Jons Ksox Bussers (£15), for the lughest attainments in Systematic (heolog) — Mr. John Black; Mr. Andrew Hudson was second in order et ment.
- 2. Bursary for greatest troficiency in Church History and Biblical Criticism (£10)-Mr. Wm. Ball ; Mr. John Black was first in Biblical Criticiem.
- 3. A Bursary for the greatest profesency in the evidences of Nutural was Revealed Religion (£10).—Mr. Robert Ure. Mr. John Gray second Mr. Lachlan McMillan.

  [4] Order of wierd.
- 4. A Bur-uy for the greatest proficiency in Hebrew (£10)—Mr. John Black first; Mr. John Ross second; the Hebrew y was awarded to the latter. Mr. Black his rig previously had the John Knox Bur ary awarded from.
- 5. A Bursary for the highest attainments in Logic and Moral Philosophy (£10); the order of merit :-- Wr. Rebert Un first, Mr. John Ross second: Mr. George James son third. The Bursay lell to the last, the others having been that a documents would afford our readers some successful in other compensions.
- 6 A Bursary for highest attainments in Mental I miosophy (£5)-Mr. Warran W dlace.
- 7 The Ground Brenes vs Bensany for highest
- S. A Bursary for proficuracy in Latin (25)-Mr John Alexander.
- 9. A Bursary for greatest professory in Latin and Grook Grammare ( Ca - Mr. Geo. Wardrope.
- 10 The Bursay of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for greatest profaceacy in Carl. (210); the order of ment :-Mr John Ross bise: Mr. Peter Curie second. the Bursary was awarded to the Latter, Mr. Ross having previous y obtained one.
- 11. A Butsary for greatest proficiency in General H story, Chronology and Autiquaties-(L7 10s.); other of merit :- Mr. Read Cre first. Mr G orgo Jameson second; N. Win. Melaren third | The Bar-my was given to the then, the first and second having been successful C dlego-to that gentleman himself, for the ardour La offici e anjectitions
- 12. A Barsary for the lest Essay on the pecu-12. A forestry for the acts to consider that commuted to fam, and also to me congregation har informers, favourable and un'acourable, that of the Free Church, St. Norman, Scotland, for the Free Church, St. Norman, Scotland, for the Free Church, St. Norman, Scotland, for the Church, St. Norman, Scotland, S
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At the close of the course, prizes of books were bestowed in every Class, and there, in most cases, in the students themselves. Those who were hono red with prizes, are as follows :-

Syston Divisity Class -1. Mr. John Black, Toronta-2. Mr. John Scott, Toronta-3. Mr. Andrew Hudson, Galt. Mr. James Nesbit also tree reed a prize for eminence in this clars.

Jaxon Divisity Class -1. Mr. Robert Ure, Hamilton - 2. Mr. John Gray, Montreal - 3. Mr. John Gourlay, March, C. W., (Professor McCorkle's prize.)

Sesion Henrew Class .- Mr. John Black. Junior Hannay Class.-Mr. John Scott.

For the best written specimen of a paradigm of a Hebrew verb, in all its forms, with points—Mr. John Ross, Zorra, C. W., (Mr. Rintoul's prize. Mr. William S Ball and Mr. John Black also received prizes for their specimens.

SENIOR MENTAL PHILOSOPHY .- 1. Mr. Robert Ure-2. Mr. John Ross.

JUNIOR MENTAL PHILOMOPHY-1. Mr. John Grov-2. Mr. J. Gourlay-3. Mr. Andrew Wilson.

Rimronic .- Mr. John Gray, Montreal.

Highest Greek Class.-Mr. John Gray, Montreal.

Steam Greek Class .- 1. Mr. George Ward. rope, Flamboro', C. IV .- 2. Mr. Robert Swinton, Monte al.

Hight or Latts Class. - Mr. George Jamieson, Larento.

Second Lyan Crass -1. Mr. Win. Wallace, Baren, C. W -2. Mr. Andrew Wilson, Caboarg.

Finer Garre Class -1. Mr. Luchlan McMillan. Inverness, C. B -2. Mr. Andrew Tohore, Taranta.

Exalish Reading And Electrics -1. Mr Thomas Henning, Toronto Academy-2 Mr. Robert Ute-3. Mr. John Scott, Mr. John Black Mr. and Mr. Andrew Wilson, equal.

We are not without hopes, that we may yet be able to give a place in our pages to the questions that were proposed to the students in the different branenes of Theology and Philosophy in the coma tition for the Bursaries, and also to the outlines of the course pursued to the different classes means of judging of the thoroughness of the Colleguir confee,

During the session, a considerable number of the students were occasionally employed as Catechists at the Mission Stations in the neighbourhood informed in Latin and Greek (£15)-Mr. of Toronto. The most of those who were so employed, and a few others, will be similarly occupied during the summer vacation. Two have been beensed by the Presbytery of Toronto since the close of the session, viz., Mr. James Boyd and Mr. Robert Burus. A few have gone to test le with their parents and friends to pursue their states privately, while a number of them are now in attendance on the Academy and the prelictions of Mr. Esson.

At the close of the session, on an occasion of the meeting of the whole College, Professors and Stadents, with a few members of the College Commutee, at a Soirce given by one of the Professors, thanks were voted to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for the tenewed token of their regard to our church in sending forth Mr. McCorkle to ussist in the and ability with which he had devoted himself to the work of teaching in the important departments the sacratice made by them in behalf of our Colohad Church, in sparing Mr. McCorkle so long to lons gits of the Holy Saram the Printing Congregation were afterwards embodied in a gift of £20, carrency, for his Congregational 14 A Il reary for the best Essay on the Sabbath School Library -a sum which was raised

The students presented Mr. McCorkle himself with a very hundrome Writing Desk, and a Gold Pen, us a memorial of their esteem and gratitude.

The students have a Missionary Bociety, designed for spreading missionary intelligence, and for cultivating a missionary spirit. Of this Society the Professors are honorary Presidents. During the year immediately preceding this last Winter Session, when their number was much smaller than what it now is, they collected about £25 for the Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland.

Towards the close of the session, a very solema and interesting meeting of this Society was held, to hear an address from the Rev. Mr. Doudier, one of the missionaries of the French Canadan Missionary Society. Addresses were delivered also by the Professors, intermingled with supplications to the Throne of Grace. At a subsequent meeting, of a similar kind, it was resolved that one of the students should be called to the missionary work amongst the French Canadiane, and sustained by the Society. The enterprize, and the election of the missionary, were com-mended to God in special exercises of prayer by the students, and when they met to make a choice, the vote fell on Mr. John Black. Mr. Black is one of the senior students. His name, it will be seen, stands amongst the highest in the list of the successful candidates for honours. Mr. Black, at first, thet the call with something like a declinature, but after lengthened counsel with a Communitie of Professors and Students, and deliberation and prayer, he declared his consent to it : and he is forthwith to devote himself to the study of the French language in Canada East, in connexion with the theological studies which he has yet to prosecute previous to his being licensed as preacher of the Gospel.

This undertaking we regard as a highly impor-tant event in the history of the College and of the Church. We trust that it has originated from some manifestation of Divine influence amount us-for certainly any copious effusion of the Holy Spirit will fill and possess the whole Church, the Ministry, and the College with the spirit of

We have said that two of the students have this session completed their Collegiate studies, and are now licensed as Probationers. Some of our readers will, perhaps, learn with regret, that no other students but these are this year to be given over permanently to the work of preaching. But it should be known, that whatever opinions may be entertained of the ripeness of the gifts of some of them, there is not one of them who thought so favourably of himself as even to consent to an application being made for his being licensed this season. Those who are most advanced in theological study are desirous of prosecuting it still faither before they become teachers of others. And it admits of no doubt, that a full and even protracted academical course, is best for the preacher himself, and the people among whom he is destined to labour. In the present exigencies of the church in this land, when so many congregations and stations are without pasters and missionaries, our students could scarcely be allowed to pursue any thing like a full academical course, if they were not giving some aid to the church as exhorters or catechists.

We know that some of our brethren look with suspicion on the employment of students in any ministerial service as being an interference with their studies; but, apart from all other ressons that may be pleaded for engaging theological stedents in some department of public instruction, it may be urged in our case that accessity requires us to do so. We cannot refuse the calls that are addressed to us from all quarters for religious ordinances; and it is better to supply this partially by our more advanced students, than to push them prematurely into the full status of preachers. By keeping them students and bons fide students as long us we can, we are in the way of capacitating them for wearing well in ministerial work.

Our seminary, we rejoice to say, is remembered by a goodly number in their supplications at the satisfaction of the sensitive nature of man for the realist of the knowledge, and enjoyment their ambies, and a few of the members of Kuox's marks may contribute to increase an interest in it is the country.

Satisfact National School Library—a sum which was raised by a goodly number in their amplications at the two subscriptions from amongst the Professors and Throne of Grace. And we trust that these references of the country.

Charles, Thronto. , among the readers of the Record.

the Synod must be prepared to meet these its wants.

Certainly no higher or more important question can be agitated in any of its diets than this-Hore is Knox's College to be rendered efficient for the education which the rising Ministry of the Church demands, and for receiving the number of students amongst us?

A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE

# Home Alissions.

To the Editor of the Record.

Kisa, April 21, 1817.

Mr Dean Sin .- In my last communication ; give you an account of my visit to Nottawasaga, and several of the neighbouring townships, lying or the West side of Lake Simcoe, I now send you an account of those townships which I have visited on the East and south side of the Lake. But before proceeding with my narrative, I beg to sty a few words about Orillia, a township lying North of Oro, and bordering on the Lake. Some of the early settlers of this township were Presbyterians. Having remained a long time without any supply of preaching from their own Church, many of them have joined other denominations but a number of them still remain warmly attached to the interests of our cause. I would strongly recommend this place to the Presbytery, where a promising station might be formed, and I have no loubt, that could an active and zealous missionary be stationed between Orillia and Mara, two good congregations might soon be collected On Wed. day evening I preached in a school house, in Orillia, on my way to Thora; the house was well filled, but many of them were of other denominations. Next day I visited some of the Presbyte-rians in the neighbourhood, whom I tound favourably inclined to our cause. On Friday, Mr. F. Dallas provided me with a sleigh, and drave me to Thora, where we did not arrive till late at night having been detained by the drifting snow. There is a next Church erected at Beaverton, in Thora, it is not yet completed, but it is expected to be faished early in summer. On Sabbath we men for divine service in a school house, at cleven o'clock; the house was filled, and many stood outride at the door and windows. In the afternoon I preached at Eldon, in a private house, to a tolerably fair audience. Here they have built a beautiful Church, which will be opened in a few weeks. Thora and Eldon would make a good charge for a Minister speaking the Galic language. The people feel much the want of a stated Minister mong them.

The congregations are kept together at present in a great measure by the Eiders. At Thora their worthy Elder, Mr. Gunn, who speaks the English and Gælic languages fluently, assembles the congregation every Subhath, when they have no preaching, (which of late has been very seldom,) and conducts the devotional exercises in both languages, and I have no doubt that his labours have been blessed to the people. His uno trusive manner, his meek and quiet temper of mind, and his great care and watchfulness over the interests of the Church, cannot fail to make a mlutary impression on the minds of those over whom he is placed. On Thursday I preached at Mara to a Gælic audience, Mr. Gunn interpreting. I also took up a collection for the Home Mission. Although this is not one of our sanctioned stations. yet the people feel an interest in our rause. On this occasion they manifested their good will to us, by their hearty free-will offerings. Although it was at a private house where I preached, and there were but few in attendance, yet when I explained the object of the collection, they contributed between four and five pounds. This, I trust, is the indication of a growing desire among the people for spiritual things. It convinces me more strongly of what I always believed, that the prople are both able and willing to support the Gospel.

resources for their support and its efficiency; and they only knew how to go about it. Hitherto they the Synod must be prepared to meet these its have not known that it was their duty to support and propagate the Gospel; and that it was a s a to neglect it.

They have been accustomed to look to the Establishment to do a duty which clearly devolves on themselves, and this has fostered a spent of dependence and sloth. Let it be explored to who are craring an admission to the Ministry the prople what they have to do for the extension of Christ's kingdom, and let the subject be brought. before them in such a way that they may know what their daty is and how to perform it. Till this is done, let us not complain that the contibutions come in but slowly for the schemes of the Church

> It requires more than a notice, calling their Rention to the time when they are expected to make a collection, to instruct them in a data what's requires an act of self-denial. I have found in my late visit, that there is great ignormes among the people respecting the Home Mission, and the operations of the Church generally.

> Among those who do know, I found a general desire to do something for the cause. I may ne spirit which I have seen manufested among the people, I am convinced that they will cheerfour support all the schemes of the Church, when they come to understand their propriety. I preached again on the following Sabbath, at Beaverton, in the forenoon, and at Eldon in the alternoon. both services were well attended and there anpeared to be a growing desire to hear the word a left. Thora on Tuesday and proceeded south to Bradford, West Gwillimbury, where I arrived on Wednesday, and preached on Firstly evening in the school house, to a mixed congregation collected mostly from the village.

> There was a meeting house here partly finished at the time of the Disruption, but it has been claimed and taken possession of by the Establishment. Miss McGee with her usual liberality has given ground for another, on which our people hope to erect one in a few months. This place in connexion with another about five miles West. called the Scotch Settlement, and where they have a neat Church, form one Charge.

> The people are ready to call a Minister, but they must have one who speaks the Gible, and that they cannot easily obtain. It would be well if our Galic brethren would establish a number of t bursaries in the College for Gathe Students, seeing : there is such a demand for Ministers who speak that language.

> There are numbers of young men of poety and talents among the Gathe sculements, who would willingly devote themselves to the service of Christ, but who have not the means necessary to carry on their education Now, the species! way to supply those places where Galic is required is to send those young men to College Taev may wait and look long to Scotland before they get a supply. While they are waiting and looking to Scotland, they overlook altogether the means and the men they have within their teach. On Sabbath I preached at Bradford in the forenoon. and at the Scotch Settlement in the afternoon, both services were well attended. On Monday evening I preached at Holland Lan ling, in the Methodist Chapel. The audience was but small and mostly of other denominations. Next day I proceeded southward and arrived at King Township in the evening. On Friday I preached in Vaughan, in the afternoon, and on the following Subbath my services were confined wholly to King. In the forenoon I officiated in a school house in the ninth concession, the audience wa large and attentive. The afternoon services were conducted in a school house on the 10th concession I was to preach at three o'clock, but when I went to the station, I found the house occupied by the Established Minister. (Rev Mr. Jaws-) of King It appeared that he had made an appointment to preach at the same place, but at an earlier hour He was finishing the service when I arrived, and had just pronounced the blessing as I entered the liouse. I amounted to the congregation, then ready to depute, that I was a Missionary from the Free Church of Scotland, who had come there to

It requires an increase of teachers, and increased do it. The people are willing to do n great deal, it they might remain. The people all immediately est down, the Rev. Gentlemin walked on, and I was left to possession of the house and congregation. Our people now e tered, and I stoeceded with the exercises of the afternoon, to a sarge and deeply affected an fence. King was the last towship I was instructed by the Presbytery to visit.

> Before closing my narrowive, permit me to say that I was much refreshed by my visit to the District, and the instances of deep puty, and warm spirated feeling which I met with in come of the Garlie settlements, will long be remembered by me. Everywhere I went, I met with kind attention, a hearty welcome and could dhospitulity. Those expressions of kindness while they were cheering to me. I trust they are indications of a growing desire for the bread of life.

There is one fact that has urged itself on my attention, during my late visit, and which has made a deep impression on my mind. It is the growing greatness of the country, not only in wealth but in population. To this I would call the attention of the Church, and through the Church, I would urge on every member the necessity of doing something immediately, order to supply the great spiritual destitution. Unless it be done now, humanly speaking, we shall not be able to do it hereafter. The Province is increasing in proportion faster than we are rasing the means and the men, to supply their piritual wants. Its resources are great and hold out strong inducements to settlers. It has a fertile or and a healthy climate; it is surrounded on all sides with navigable Lakes and Rivers.

The internal resources of the country are now being opened up by tools intersecting it in all directions. The tide of cangration is folling steadily in from Lers per vallages will seen become directions sidendid cities; the forest will soon give place to he plough; and, the fertile valleys will soon be illed with a techning population. These who tilled with a teeming population. These who have lived in the Province of ring the last threen years, have seen such improvements springing up around them; they have seen the straggling village grow into a ciry, and what was then a dence forest, now covered with well cultivated farms. We may expect greater improvement in future.

What, I ask, will be the future conducton of the country, unless immediate and vigorous efforts be made, to supply the population with the Gospel now? An appeal has been note to our Christian teeling, in behalf of a starying popular n in a sister kingdom, it has awakened our sympathies, and our charities have been sent touch through different channels. Will Christians not hear the uppeal when it is made for the bread of life? when it is not the body but the soul that is perish-Thousands are now dying for want of the bread of life. What Christian can look at the spiritual wants of the country, without being led to pray "the Lord of the barvest to send forth labourers into his barvest?" The duty of contibuting the means is just as extensive as the duty of praying for the cause. Let none think hat he has done his duty, when he has prayed for the can e or when he has contributed for it. two things should not be a parated, the proyer and the performance.

I remain, my Dear Sir, Yours sincerely, Wil KING.

#### FRENCH CANADIANS.

MOVEMENT IN KNOW'S COLLEGE IN THEIR BEHALF.

It must be familiar to most of our readers, that c "Man of Sm" has held almost undisputed apremacy for well nigh two centuries past, brough the greater part of the Lower Province. Half a million of our fellow countrymen-subjects of the same government, creatures of the same God-groun beneath his iron yoke, now become hereditary, but not the less galling on that account. A people distinguished by the simplicity of their character, and a superstitious veneration for the pompons ritual of their church, but at the same time sunk (the great majority of them at least) in They only want to know their duty in order to preach, and if any of them wished to hear me the greasest ignorance, civeloped and the gloomy

tolds of a deeper than Egyptian darkness, and Resolutions were proposed and adopted, with a tation to abandon our principles and adopt those of worshipping "they know not what." I'll within seem to the functe procedure of the Society. It fan opposite character, there are other causes, these last lifteen years or so, little or nothing was resolved that the Missionary should devote which to various places if Divine ordinances are these last lifteen years or so, little or nothing comparatively was done, with a view to the spiritual amelioration of this benighted section of out connery's contention. No one seemed to care for their souts, and they were allowed to live on devotees at Bonash (Idatiy, "without God in finned perial to which we have referred, some of the Land's prople have began to bestir themselves-i mavement or tather movements have taken place in a right detection-inistions have superintendence of two separate societies—the Grande Ligno and the French Canadian—the good work is now most auspiciously progressing The labours of both these societies are confined. almost entirely, to the vast uncultivated waste in the Lower Province, and have been already eminently owned of God in the saving restoration of not a few of the blinded victims of the "strong delusion." Some time ugo, the Rev. Mr. Doudiet a Deputy from the latter, pattl a visit to Toronto, in the course of a reconnecting tour to the West, and had an opportunity afforded from of addressing the students of Knox's College on the subject of hin mission allie address was intensely intesesting, abounding in graphic details and painfully pleasing incidents, in regard to the present condition of the spirtually enslaved habitans, and the efforts that are being made with a view to their evangebeeton. A train of circumstances, prior evangelization. A train of circumstances, prior to the visit of Mr. Dondiet, had directed the attention of the Missionary Association, in conpeaton with the College, toward that longneglected people, and pointed them out as an interesting field for missionary exertion; and his thrilling recital served, as it were, to fan the flame which had already been enhandled-to work up to the pitch of action, feelings and sentiments which has already found a place in the breasts of not a few. Private conferences were held special seasons for prayer were appointed—two different meetings of the whole College, Professors as well as Students, were convened, and, as the gratifying result, in unanimous Resolution waome to that a mission to the French Roman Catholics should be immediately established.—Canada West was selected as the field of the Society's operations, being more directly under its own cognizance, and the lack of missionary exertion in behalf of the French population scattered along the banks of the Thames towards Amberstburgh not in the surrounding districts being lamentably great. In fact, there is no supplifying or colporteur at all throughout the whole of that excusive and interesting region, so that our missionery will have undivided possession and a general oversight. It was judged expedient that one in connexion with the College, and prospectively to be in connexion with the church. should take the superintendence of the mission. and by the Society's agent in the prosecution of the important work. Accordingly, one of the senior members (Mr. Black) was chosen, by the unanimous voice of the Students in conjunction with the Professors, and time was given him for prayetfal deliberation before coming to a decision on the matter. A Commoter was appointed to taret and consult with Mr. B., and with two others of the Students, to whom the eyes of the Society were directed, in the event of his seeing it his duty formally to decline.

The Committee held two Sederants. first, Mr. Bluck was still undecided -difficulties genied to stand in the way—the path of dute ress, and had no light.".

At the second, the difficulties were removed, the temporary darkness was dispelled, and the hearts of all were cheered and encouraged by the announcement (at a special meeting convened for the purpose) of his formal acceptance of the invitation that lind been given him, and his readiness to enter, so soon he was judged convenient, on the projected undertaking.

Things having thus assumed a tangible form,

the ensuing summer to special preparation for the momentous work-that the metabers of the success, in their respective spheres, should endeavour to mass such a fond as will enable him are their tathers and done before them, the willing to enter efficiently opon it, and that their offerings site and be accompanied by incessant and importurnate intercessions in his behalf, that he may be abundantly successful in the conducting of his prebining arrangements, and that his labours may be signally biessed when formally installed in the full occupancy of his albated sphere been to stated—unstrongers commissioned and would eathersty and affectionately bespeak the sent for from play—and, under the executive prayers of all the lovers of our Zion, in behalf of the Mission and the Missionary, and particularly on the part of the members of these congregations wher our Cat chists may be stationed—that proyerful liberality, which increases fourfuld the value of the most insignificant mite can into the treasury. If the Massion be condicted in the spiret of faith and prayer, and the Missionary's han's be upheld by the darans and Hars in connexton with our Church, she may expect the most bless d results to accrue from the efforts of bosh, and a real-zation of benefit to that interesting class of our fellow subjects for whose behoof the noble enterprise has been devised, such as eternity alone will be able fully to disclose .- Com.

### ON THE NECESSITY

OF AN INCREASE OF REAL-AND INTEREST IN MEHALY OF CUR MISSIONS.

Our Church may now be regarded as placed in a very important crisis. On the efforts which are num made for its extension our condition and prospects for generations to come may depende in every part of the land there are congregations and bodies of Presbyterions maintaining our priniples, and desirous of a supply of ordinances from us, and it is of the utmost importance that these be supplied without delay. Not a few bodies of our adherents are nobly rallying around us though p'aced in the most unfavourable circumstances. Rather than adhere to the Church which we have thought it our duty to separate from, they espouse the same cause with ourselves, build churches and contribute liberally to the support of Missionary labours, thus manifesting much devotedness; nor are we to estimate the strength of the cause merely by the number of our professed adherents; there are many others who are decidedly favourable to our Church and its principles, but are unwilling to abstalon the Church with which they are cone tel until a regular aliaistry connected with our tooly be established in the vicinity. In this course we conceive they are blameable; for, if a testimony for good principles, and the vindication id them be a daty at all, it is so in all circum-straces; and by such an adherence, in the meanme they but strengthen the Church whose prinoples they repudiate, and weaken that with which their views and feelings are in unison; but still such a case as theirs is far from being uncommon, and requires to be met, - and the most effectual way of meeting it is by regular ministrations. Others are wavering and undecided, and if they were favoured with a good supply of ordinances might be confirmed in what we regard as sound prin-ciples, but for want of these may soon beome lest to uz. In extensive tracts, such as from Lake Suncoe to Owen's Sound, and from Aldboto' to Tilbury West, where are large bodies of Presbylerians, there is neither a stationed minister air missionary. In some of these settlements there s a strong thirst for ordinances, and the symptoms of Divine influence accompanying them when supposed. That to meet all this destitution, there should be so inadequate a supply is an incalculable evil, and tends to a great extent to diminish our strength, and this weakening process from the want of ministerial labour is going on in every part of the land; and even when there is no tempnot supplied by us, will in all probability ere long as they have already done to a vast extent, dept se our cause of much strength Other denominations, aware that our prople are eager for Divine ordinmices, and the more so on account of the testimony which they are making not unforquently ic. the farce of difficulties, are induced to make ellors in order to supply them, and in cases, where the principles of those denominations are closely allied to those of our people, they may, not unfrequently, if there be but a slight hope of supply from outselves, unite with them. And even where these principles are very dissimilar, not a few may thus unite, as we find has been the case to a greater eatent than any one could imagine, who has not visited much of our destitute settlements. In many Presbyterian settlements, large numbers from want of ordinances have connected themselves with other sects, especially Methodiets And in speaking thus we mean to throw no reflection on other denominations, they have a right, may it is their duty to collect all they can to extend their principles, and where there is no supply of ordinances, and the people thus neglected are willing to receive a sunply from them, it is even praiseworthy to afford them, and we should rejoice to know that in settlements of our adherents where they have scarcely any divine services from us, they enjoy them from others. But at the same time we should be chiefly desirous that these services, be supplied by ourselves; and while we would hid God-speed to every christian denomination, and rejoice in the amount of good which may be done by them, we should feel chiefly interested in our own, and be anxions to keep the ground which we possess; and next to our concern for the advancement of the cause of God, generally speaking, should be our anxiety for the extension of that branch of God's Church to which we belong; and, if indeed we are sincere we shall cherish the honest conviction that the most effective way of advancing the furmer is to promote the extension of the latter.

We would, therefore, that the Church should be aroused, and would earnestly design that she would seriously consider the present important crisis, and form an adequate estimate of the vast importance of strenuous exertion. Believing as we do, that the Church, whose principles we espouse, is destined to be a mighty instrument for extending the cause of God, we cannot but teg rd t as of the utmost moment that, we should with indefatigable ardour and energy seize the present favourable opportunity of advancing its strength, and averting that serious loss and dimination of it which the want of such an exertion as is adapted to the entergency will infallibly occasion.

And it is impossible that the evil we have described can be adequately met without foreign aid. Ere long we may and must depend chiefly spon ourselves, but at the first starting, and while our. church may be said to be yet in its infancy, without very considerable aid from the parent church, great detriment to the souls of men and the caute of God amongst us must ensue. Our representations to that quarter have not been altogether disregarded; but, on the contrary, we have abundant reason to be grateful to the church at home, espe-cially since the diaruption, for the tender and parental interest which she has taken in us fostering us "even no a nurse cherisheth her children,"-not grudging to put herself to gree expense, and to part for a while with many of her most pious and able ministers, in order to supply our lack of labourers. By such affectionate treat ment she has become much endeared to us, and ties of mutual love and amity have been formed between us, which we trust will never he broken But, nevertheless, we must not deniet from the argency of our appeals, which, indeed, the kind sympathy so far from lessening, should stimulate and excite by the hope of success which the mai festation of such interest in us is calculated to foster—our necessities should be more fully us-folded—a more adequate idea given of our state and prospects—the imperious call them, is for even increased exertions in our behalf on her part-the momentous results which is all likelihood would flow from such energy in so very important a

crisis-and the immensurable extent of loss and detriment to the cause which would be the result of any remissioness or want of abicity at to peculiar and critical a period. In a word, the work of agi-Milon on our part laust he a saiduaus and auremitting, till we have reason to believe that the parent church is fully awakened to the extent of our chims upon her aid, and is making exertions for us in some measure proportioned to the emer-

About a year ago there appeared in the Powerd censin suggestions which it was thought a feine. ble for the church here to make to the charies home, with the view of obtaining a more tall sop-ply of missionaries. Of these suggestions geneally the Synad has been pleased to approve, and to direct that in substance and with whatever modification of them which might appear proper, they should be made to the parent church and the Mission Committee. This we hope has already been done; but whether or not, we apprehend they should be repeated until they are either acted upon or shewn to be impracticable or inexpedient. one or two of there suggestions, which we regard as very important, and which were but slightly touched upon in the remarks to which we refer. we would make one or two additional observations.

One of these was a suggestion originally made by the Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Cardress, one of the deputies who manifested a deep interest in the welfare of Canada; and who, we believe, had it sot been for certain unavoidable obstacles, would have permanently settled among us, viz :-That each Syned should send two of its ministers to labour for a year in Ganada, making provision for the supply of his pulpit for that time. We would my if only one were sent from each Synod, it would be a great boon. And as in contributions of money an inculculable amount of good can be done to a cause of liberality, while no individual of the aggregate of contributors feel u ; so by this plan an incalculable service might be done to our church-a service which would tell on the destiny of millions-on the religious character of the land for generations - while no individual or congregation would feel the privation which would be to us source of so much benefit, - Nay, in teturn for such a supply to us, there might be such effusions of Divine influence as would much more than counterbalance the very rare privation of ordi-nances to which it might subject them. It would be well, we conceive for the Synod to address an appeal to the various Syno Is of the church on the subject, or get the Colonial Committee to do so: and though all of them might not move in the matter, so many of them might, that we might secure a substantial benefit.

Another of these suggestions is, that the esteem ed deputies whom the church so kirdly sends to visit us, should be soubled to remain with us for a longer period. Owing to their short stay in the country, one important end of their mes on is ma great measure defented, namely, their obtaining information—and when it is obtained it must necessarily, if multifarious, be partial-while the expense of the mission is nearly as great as if i were much more beneficial. If only fall the number of deputies were sent, And arrangeme ts were made that each of them should remain for double the average period allosted for their stay-a year, for example, instead of half-a-year-more benefit would accrue to us we are convinced, and at not much more than half the expense; while each would obtain a better acquaintance with our wants and claims on the sympathy and exertions of the church, and would carry home with him a deeper and more tender interest in our people-and both these happy effects of a longer stay might lend to greater exertions in our behalf. ... Should the present system be continued, it would be much better that each deputy should have a distinct province allotted to him, so that his labours might not, as has been too much the case already, he dissipated and in a great measure lost by being spread over ten wide a field. A much preferable plan, we humbly conceive, would be, when their stay is so short, to assign each deputy to the direction of a particular Presbyters to labour all the time within its bounds, or even to assign two to a Presbytery where it is very large, as that of Hamilton and Maureal.

We would suggest, moreover, that two deputies for each pair of the Province, the Eistern and Western, should be sent chiefly for the purpose of obtaining statistics in regard to our rumber, the prespects of our church, our pressettes, the cycle of our destitution, and the like, being requested to lollow the if reciency each Presbytery white traveling rong't its buileds, us to the riouse, so as to render deir journey the more postulated with the lone no arrant poss alord ravel. Great benefit in this accrue from such a miss-in, siel we conceive the charch would be wise in streng usly mying its adoption on the parent church. By this means the latter might obtain more accurate information, and our appeals might be more effectual.

Another plan which has been repeatedly brought under the notice of the church, and which we almost wonder has not yet been noted on, is that sending deputies were expended in such a mission as this, the meet he pay consequences might engue. We would not only have the services of all who might ceme for a certain term, but we are persunded we should also erjoy the labours of not a few of them permanently, for we doubt not a considerable proportion of them would be induced to remain with us. We are aware the church may plead that she cannot afford to part altogether with so many of the missionaries as might, in this case, be disposed to remain with us; but we would meet this objection by leading the church to form a higher estimate of the comparative importance of this field of labour.

We conceive that it is the most important of all the distant missions, and for the same reason that they consider the claims of the church at home superior to all the claims of every other mission. so we apprehend should they consider the claims of this mission superior to every other-for we ask on what grounds do they consider home missions so important? Is it not because they are amongst their own countrymen, and such as are nearest to them? And for the same teasons should the mission to Canada and adjoining places be regarded as next in importance, insimuch as we are also their countrymen, and are neater or more configuous to them than any others? More is done for some other missions, pethaps, than for the British Provinces, as for example for the Jewish one, and while we would not desire that there should be the least abatement in what is done for it or any other, yet we besitate not to say that still more should be done for the colonial field, especially for that part of it which has the advantage in respect of proximity. We would say, according to a philanthrope rule of proportion, if the Jewish and other missions have so much done for them, this and similar fields should have so much more. The preachers of the Pree Church missions should have liberty of choice. If our pressing necessities require the sending of manisters as departes, the same cause tequites the sending of probationers as missionaries, and if on being sent they think that a sense of duty should lend them to remain, why should they not be While we speak thus freely of what we conceive as the duty of the church at home, we would resterate what we have said as to her claims on our affection and gratitude for what she has done and is doing for us. Her exertions in our behalf are in the highest degree praiseworthy, and by her great kindness and sympathy we have been exceedingly refreshed as well as benefited; but still we feel impelled to insist that the peculiar circumstances in which we are at present placed require still greater exemians and eacrifices on her part. We may, perhaps, take an exaggerated view of matters; but we have stated our honest and conscientions convictions, and cannot help being degitous that our church here would embrace the same views, and urge entnestly on the church at home the above suggestions, and such others as might in her wisdom occur to her.

# Miscellancons.

#### HALIFAN, NOVA SCOTIA.

INTERESTE 6 PROCEPTINGS ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE BLY. RALPH ROBE.

The Young Men's Rengious Association in connection with St. John's Free Courch baving resolved to present their President (the Pastor of the Church , with some taken of remembrance. authorised two of their number to make a Portmatricen, at the expense of the Members, and an several of the congregation expressed a wish to contribute, orders were given to have it fully furnished.

At the meeting of the Association on Tuesday ventog last, after the usual devotional exercises, Mr. James Manro rose in his place and address of sending such missionaries as might be willing, the Rev. President-stated that as it was probably for two or three years—to return at the expiration, the last opportunity they would have of meeting of that term, if they think lie, their expenses to with him, they begged to assure him that it was aful from this country being defrayed. If the one to them of a most painful character. Mr. M. resources which might be saved to the free then referred to the formation of the Society-the Church by the proposed alteration to the plan of, amount of knowledge that had been imported to to acquire on many points of Theology, during the last three years; but as in the Prividence of God, he was to be removed from them, they would cherish the hope of meeting where parting was unknown, and trusted that in all their future life, their character would be such as to bear evidence to the entire faithfulness with which he had discharged his duties Mr. M. then, in the name of the Society, and other contributors, begged his acceptance of the article provided, assuring lim. that it conveyed no adequate expressions of their affection and gratitude towards him.

The Rev. gentleman appeared much affected at the warmth of feeling exhibited, and in accepting the gift expressed his regret at the expense to which they had gone, is the smallest stoken of their remembrance would have been highly valued.

Mr. Ronn then spoke in substance as follows: That he had, from his earliest connection with the ministry, felt the strong claims of the young to a large share of pastoral solicitude; and after twenty years experience. he had become more confirmed in his opinion. There were a variety of reasons. in his opinion. There were a variety of reasons why it should be so, for while the aged must ever create a sympathy, owing to the natural certainty of their end, the young were expersed to the temptations and allorements of the world, and more hable to the influence of evil example : they were, also, more likely to receive impressions of good and their minds far more capable of being moulded. and fixed by the instruction imparted to them. Not that conversion was more easily accomplished in their case, for it required the same Divine power in the case of the young as of the old; but their moral faculties were more easily awayed, their mind was more clastic, and their conscience and feelings less blunted. The opportunities and prospects of usefulness were also much greater on the part of the young, and it was to them the Church must look for support, as they would be called upon to act when their teachers had pass from the scene : and it was therefore of the greatest consequence that the minds of the young should receive a proper bias. The present was, in an especial manner, a time that required instilling of so nd principles, and the proper formation of chatacter. There was not a doubt but that the most trying time the Church had experienced since the days of Christ, was approaching, when Asti-Christ was to be revealed, and make another struggle for dominion ; for not only did Propi refer to the fact, but the everts passing around us, in the rising, even in nominally Protestant counthe inities, of many of the darker leatures of Popery, evidently aiming for its return to tower, and which must end in its final overthrow. This when contrasted with the work of evangelization in popush countries, all pointed to the working of God, in the developement of his own glory, and the final overthrow of error.

Mr. Robb went on to say, that possessed with those feelings, and seeing the unusal number of young men attending on his ministry, company, tively few of whom he met during his first vicitastion, he had felt extremely auxious to have some opportunity of more direct interement with the the and it was therefore with feelings of them satisfaction he learned that such a secrety as this bar been formed, and they having at their first mesting Cheld during his absence from the City electric him an their President; he had availed himself of the appointment and continued to meet tagether to the present time, a period of three years and the intercourse with this Society and the Femele Bibls class had been among the happenst-aye, and the most - profitable hours of his restience in Halifiex. The portions of Scripture he lind gone ever with the Society, especially the Epistle to the Galations had been of a most profitable character, and were well calculated to establish and confirm them in the truth. - In taking leave of them he might for necessity of encouraging a feeling of affection, and by all means to continue their weekly ment. ings for devotional exercises, expressing the piensure he felt in the choice, which by then reads tions he perceived they had made of subgeris for study, especially the doctrines and standards of the Church with the " Cateclusms," these if properly examined, and diligently compared wish the scriptures, they would day by day see more fully their value and excellence, and their entire harmony with the word of God. He referred to the remarkable times in the history of the Chaich. when these standards and catechisms were adopted, and the men who for that purpose met in this Assembly at Westminster, as undoubtedly the; most learned and pious that had ever met since the days of the Apostles.

The address, of which the above is but an im- and any others who know me. You may read perfect outline, written from memory, was issented this note to them also, for what I write to one, I to with deep interest by the Society and a number of the congregation, not members, including several Ladies.

The edgy Evening, in the school house, under the a little pillar guidance of their Vice-President, until the arrival no more out of naother Pastor, and they have the high satisfaction of anticipating the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Burns, who may be expected in June next, to spead some six months in Halifax.

I - have understood that the Members of the Female Bible Class and previously presented their beloved Pastor with a very substantial token of their affection and gravisude .- Halifas Paper.

## (To the Editor of the Record.)

My Dran Sin :- The following is a pleasing, and I think, if publicity were given to it, it might prove a profitable memento of one who is now shining as a star of the first magazinde in the happier firmament, and whose mem uy is where embalmed in the uffections of "the faithful." It was addressed to a Student of Divinity now labouring successfully in a department of the Master's Vineyard, in this widely extended land.

The solemn and salutary admositions which it contains must come home with power to all, and peculiarly so to those belonging to our College, who have a similar prospect and are placed in a kindred position. The lamented writer was cut down with the sickle in his hand, but he had many " sheaves" as his reward.

Oh! that his mautle would fall Elijah-like on not a few of those whom the Lord may be pleased to " thrust forth" into our whitening harrest!

Yours, very smeerely,

R. F. B.

Copy of a Letter from the late Rev. R. Me-Cheyne, to a Student of Divinity, dated June,

My Dear James :- I was glad to receive your letter, and to hear that you are making progress in your studies, and I trust not failing back in your love to Christ and His glorious cause. I have time only to write a short line, because my calls are many. You will come to know by-andbye, why I was always so cautious in encouraging Methodists, and Prosbyterians of England, and of you to look forward to the Monstry. I wanted to make sure of your being a child of God before I wanted

maps hardships and difficulties, just as they carried in the secular benefits of no Establishment. over the deserts of Africa, but nothing but grace in the heart will make useful Ministers of the Lard J. sus Christ. That says of himself, Rom. 1. that " he was separated auto the Gospel of Christ," and again c. 5, that "he had received state and Aposteship." Remember, if you are to be a minister whom God will bless and not east AN if, you must be separated from your own rightsmaness, hom the world, hom your lasts, from you pride, separated from all through unto the Gospet of Christ. "We are a garden walled around." We are marked out to bland and be We are marked out by blood and by a Holy Spirit, else we had better cut off our had then put it to Chrisi's plough. A carnal read will as ver make a straight-furrow in Christ's ii ld. Some men have Apostleship without grace, and some have grace without Apostleship, (us private Christians.) but some, like Paul, have triffixed grace and Apostleship. Pray to be one of these last Mr. W. is truly a friend to you all, and you must be attentive and obliging to him. Da and allow Latin and Greek to put you off your dairy study of the Word of God. All these are but pro ugat's busks when compared with God's own book. A knowledge of your own wicked heart, and of Christ are the grand preparations for eving and dying. Never forget that you carry alout with you a heart containing all the lusts and cuormous sins of other men. Confess your sus and forsake them Often read over the fate of an untarihful shepheid. Zech. xi. 17.

Commend me to P. D., A. L., and Mr. Mylne, write to all. I commend you all to God, and the worl of His grace.

There are some drops of the Spirit filling here, The Association intend to meet as usual cach (St Peter's Dumbee, James Laing has been made a little pillar in the house of our God, and will go

> Ever yours, in the Gospel, (Signed)

Ropt. Munnay McCheyne.

# THE PROTESTANT FRONT.

In the coming struggle against an aggressive Popery, last using into the ascendant, and a school of some-intidel statesmen bent on endowing religious error purely as a matter of secular policy, and because they chance to know and care nothing about religious truth, the Protestant force, like that of the Scots at Bannockburn, will be ranged in three buttles. But the arrangement is that of no human general; it arises mevitably in the economy of Providence, ont of an existing position of things which a thousand previous events have united to induce and determine. The Protestant-ism of the country has been thrown into three The Protestantin one united body; there will, in consequence, he a front of three buttle; and each in the coming engagement must be permitted to use its peculiar weapons, and employ us own special factics, or there will be otherwise no hearty fighting at all. It is not in man to alter the predisposed arrangement. What wisdom should set itself to effect, in the encumstances, is simply to stir up the three divisions to a generous rivalry, like that of the three Scotch battles described by Barbour, and to see that they turn not the arms against each other's bosoms in suicidal warfare, like the doomed factions of Jerusalem, when the insidious Roman bent on the destruction of all alike, was thundering at their gates.

The middle Protestant division holds, we are inclined to think, a highly important position, as it chances to be a middle one. The extreme right and extreme left divisions could scarce be brought by any possibility to act together, were there no force of an intermediate character-in contact at certain points with the other-marshalled be ween them. It consists of the Wesleyans, Whitefield the Reformed Presbyterians, Original Seceders.

Remember, natural feelings will carry us through shold by the Establishment principle, and yet share Capsan Cook round the world, and Mango Parke summerous and powerful class approximates to the ecclesiastically endowed Protestantism of the country on the one band, in holding that there is nothing neversarily take in its position as endowed Protestantism, and to the Protestant Voluntaryim of the country on the other, in holding that it is practically right in refusing to share in any of the existing endowments. It believes that there is that there is nothing indically unsound in the theoretical principle of the one battle, and holds that there is nothing practically wrong in the actual position of the other.

The established Protestantism of England and

Ireland we place on a decidedly higher level than the established I'me stantism of Scotland. Purcyism has doubtless made great inroads on the Episcopacy of the empire, especially on that of the Anglican Church; and Paseyism, in the coming battle, will be assuredly a force on the Popish side. There is perhaps more, not less Canterburiamem in the English Establishment at the present time than there was at the beginning of the troubles of Charles I. But then, on the other hand, its Evangelism is also strong-considerably stronger, we are of opinion, than it was at the Revolution, when the hishops made so noble a stand against the encroachments of James; and we are convinced there is much vigour and bottom in the evangelisthe Episcopacy of England. The circumstances of the English clergy are not favorable to the development of great independency of character. The genius of their Church is submissive; their lower working ministers are not represented by any body of men, ecclesiastical or lay; they have no constitutional opportunities afforded them for concert and union; and bonds and covenants are altogether alien to the spirit of Episcopacy. But they are Englishmen, and they are Christians; they have, withal, ever maintained a consistent protest against Popery; their national spirit, as sprung from a race of men to whom liberty has ever been as the breath of their nostrile, cannot fail to have militated against their submissiveness as Churchmen : the root of the matter is in them; and we have little fear that, should the worst come to the worst, the Protestant cohort furnished by the English Church will approve itself a thoroughly efficient one in the Protestant cause. It would he doing these men gross mjustice to regard them as adequately represented by the London Record. They are in reality what they profess to be-English Episcopalians sincere in their Protestantismnot Scotch Moderates disporting in an Episcopalian cloak, and in putting forth their endeavours to prevent good men from giving evidence of the reality of their religion by making sacrifices in its behalf.

To this division of endowed Protestantism, not only the Evangelism of the Irish Establishment, but also that of the Irish Presbyterian Church, must be held to belong: for it also shares in an separate detachments, that will assuredly not light; endowment; and in the coming battle, not only its ministers, but also the scheme of their partial support—the regium donum-will be fairly on We doubt not that our Irish brethren will trial. acquit themselves in a manner worthy of their uncestors.

The third great battle in the Protestant front includes the Independency of England, with its Baptist and some of its New Connexion Churches; and with these, the United Secession, Independent, and Relief boiles of our own country. It consists in short of all the Protestant Voluntaryiam of the empire. And in the coming contest this class will have two distinct principles to maintain. scheme of bribing with State support, for purely secular ends the Irish priesthood includes both Popery and Endowment : and so our friends of the third hattle will have, as consistent Voluntaries, to raise their protest against the one, and, as conscientious Protestants, to oppose themselves to the other. They have two separate points at which to give vent to their energies on the question ; and our chief fear regarding them is, that these distinct issues may be found to lead rather to a waste than to a concentration of power.

There are several grave considerations which te make sure of your being a child of Gad before and Free Churchmen of our own country—in weigh with us in urging, on at least the middle dered to pressyon to become a Father a least, short, of all the Protestants of the empire who buttle of the Protestant front, that its tactive in the ed a character us possible. Let them be purely Protestant factics, and we shall be able to act in harmonious concert with the battle on either side ; for let us mix it up either with the defence of Establishments as they are, or with a declaration of war against the existing Establishments, and we shall to a certainty alienate the battle either on our right or our left, and place at least two-thirds of the entire front-both the alienated battle and our own-in a false position. There is another consideration, too, to which we attach scarce less weight. The age has become weary of polemic controversy of the semi-circular cast; but it has not become weary of the great scriptural truths of Protestantism. Let us so simplify the rising conmoversy, that even our best and most conscientious ministers may be able to bring it with them to the pulpit, and the advantage gained will be incalculable. And it is well to know, that by rendering it purely Protestant, it can be so purified and elevated in its tone, as to be consistently mixed up with the most sacred truths of revolution. would ill like to see either the defence or the demolition of ecclesinstical Establishment made a subject of Sunday discussion; but the war against Popery is of a more sacred and Sabbath day character; the Spirit of God has given us many a precedent for its prosecution; and we know that never were the Churches of the Reformation more thoroughly spiritual than when jealously engaged in carrying it on. There is yet another consideration to which we may consorily refer. The Establishment war, while it divided some of the best men in the country, gave them as auxiliaries and fellow-soldiers in the contest some of the worst. The class who loved Establishments for their evil and their abuses, made common cause with the one side; and the class who hated Establishments in exactly the degree in which they were estimable and religious, made common cause with the other. The Church and the world came to be mingled up in the controversy on both sides, and its effects, in consequence were of a singularly re-active and secularizing character. The good differed with the good and came to blows; and, as if to add to the mischief, they formed friendly largues, offensive and defensive, with the cycle We have no wish to see a similar state of things induced now : it would be a state as unwise in its policy us unsound in its principles. It is all-important that the good men in the Protestant array should not, with the enemy full in front of them, quarrel among themselves. - Edinburgh Witness.

THE REV. ANDREW GRAY. OF PERTH, ON PUBLIC RELIGIOUS INTERCOURSE. WITH THE OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE LSTABLISHMEAT.

The Rev. Andrew Gray at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Perth, said-Moderator, recent occurrences in this town have rendered it necessary that some public explanation should be given in regard to religious intercourse with the officebearers of the Established Church. We have been blamed for not appearing with them on the same missionary platform, and for hesitating to join them in co-operating for the support of Christian institutions, whose objects we approve of whose labours we admire, and over whose useful-ness we rejoice. The conduct of dissenting brethren, who have acted a different part, has been contrasted with ours, and attempts have been made to represent us as deficient in the charity of the gosp I, and as cherishing feelings of jealousy and ill-will unworthy of the character of disciples of the Lord. I think, therefore, that the time is come, at least in this part of the country, when something should be said to explain and vindicate our behaviour. The obstacles in the way of the Free Church of Scotland, when religious fellowship with the ministers and elders of the Establishment is proposed to us, are, in my judgment, these three—the abandonment of their principles, of which a large proportion of these gentlemen have been guity; the grievances which our Church has suffered, and is still suffering, at the hands of the Establishment; and the injury that might be done to our testimony for the headship

along with us, the principles of Scottish evanthan many who are now in the Free Church of contributed, have in all parts of the country Scotland. In those days we and they were united in our counsels, our prayers and endeavours, for a holy and venerable cause, which had been baptized of old with our forefathers' blood, and which all seemed to feel to be worthy of being baptized with our own. But the trial came. The alternative ! was presented of renouncing that cause, or of losing the favour of the great, and along with it the advantages and emoluments derived from the State; and they made their choice,-a choice which separated them from their brethren, but not from their livings, -which cost them no sacrifice but that of the principles which all of them had said, and many of them had vowed, they would never surrender. Generally speaking, it is these very men,—the very section of the Established ministry and eldership which has now been described,-with whom we are urged to have a platform fellowship in the work of our Lord, and to co-operate for the diffusion of the gospel. In many instances they have been pecuniary gainers by what they have done, -ministers with small livings have exchanged them for large ones,—and the benefices which we were compelled to abandon are actually to a great extent occupied by them. The livings which, in justice, and by the ancient and solemnly guaranteed constitution of the country, we believe still to be ours, are in their hands: while the ministers whom these men have supplanted are, in numerous cases, dependent for the support of their families on uncertain incomes of one-half and one-third the amount of what they used to enjoy. The mere circumstance that what was once possessed by us is now possessed by them would not, I trust, prevent us from confederaring with them in the service of our Master; but the the whole moral aspect of their conduct, have deprived them of our respect. Others, who have not been obliged to mark so narrowly what they have done, may regard them with respect enough for the purposes of a close and hearty Christian fellowship. But it is not so with us. In our case the feeling has been destroyed which is necessary fer a cordial and honest co-operation in matters of a spiritual nature. In the second place, I must mention the grievances which our Church has suffered, and is still suffering, at the hands of the Establishment. We have grievances both past and present to complain of. I say nothing of a host of major ones, such as seizing upon our sessional schools and congregational libraries at the time of the Disruption, and our mission buildings in India, on the legal prefext that they belonged to the Establishment, although they would not have existed but for the efforts and contribu-There are tions of ourselves and our friends. more serious grievances. Availing themselves of the power with which they are armed, they have expelled from the parochial school establishment of the kingdom every teacher who adhered to our Church. Not more than one-third, at the utmost, of the population of Scotland is connected with them, and we have fully as many children to educate as they; yet have they converted the public schools of the country to their own party ends, and no instruction can be had now in these inetitutions except from teachers who are of their communion, and under their control. Let it not be said that the law obliged them to depose the teachers who could not take their Formula. gave them power, indeed, but it no more obliged. them, than it obliges the Crown, as visitor of the Universities, to temove Episcopalian and Free Church professors. In the Highlands, there are many schools belonging to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The great body of moung Christian Knowledge. The great body of the teachers, like nine-tenths of the Gistic inhab-itants, adhered to us. The Directors of the Soci-

coming combat should be of as simple and unmix- of Christ. First, there is the abandonment of ety were of opinion that the teachers should have their professed principles by a large number of the liberty they chained, and might be members of office-bearers of the 13tablishment. The fact is the Free Church if they pleased. But the Estabknown to all the world. A numerous section or lishment stepped in, raised a laws, against the those by whom the offices of the Ustablished Drectors, and obtained a decree that all the teach-Church are now held did, at one time, as ministers of the Society in our fellowship must be disters, probationers, students, or elders, profess, missed. Last summer, accordingly the dismissal along with us, the principles of Scottish evan-took place. This is equally a grievance with the gelism concerning the headship of Christ, and the torner, because the Christian Knowledge Society liberty and jurisdiction of the Church, with its as a national corporation, whose funds are derived freedom from secular supremiery. Not a few of from ancient endowments. Quant Sacra churches them went farther, in the language they employed, and chapels, to the erection of which we largely torn from the congregations that worshipped in th in, when these congregations preferred communion of the Free Church of Sociand. thus town of Perth, two such chapels are now and have for years been locked up. The Establish-ment did not need them; but it had the power to take them from the congregations who did need them, and to whom they belonged; and it was not wanting in will. One of these chapels (Kinneall Street) was purchased for the congregation about a year before the Disruption, and by means of funds which the ministers, namely, Mr. Walker, and myself were chiefly instrumental in processing; and it is only the other day that several indiong; and it is only the other ony that several indi-viduals in humble life, who are members of that congregation, and trustees for the property, were dragged before the Supreme Civil Court by one of the Established Kirk-Sessions of Perth, because, while ready to make over the chapel to the trustees appointed by the Establishment, they demurred to the payment of expenses which they have no funds to meet, and which they believe their prosecutors to have most gratuitously incurred. In several instances, where there was a chapel debt, the attempt has been made, incredible as it seems, to take the chapel, without taking the debt. I will specify a case. Woodside chapel, Aberdeen, had a debt of £1300. The minister and congregation left the Establishment; but they had no desire to leave their chapel. The Est lighment said to them, You must leave it. They said. Then be it so; we shall leave the debt a well. The Islablishment said, No; you shall leave the chapel, but you shall not leave the debt; there must be a division between us; you take the icht, and we take the chapel! And the Estabway in which that has been brought norm, and disament did take the chapel, and kept it for six months, and only left it at the end of that period to let the congregation back, because the Civil Court decided that the debt and the chapel must go together! But the sorest by far of all our grievances relates to sites for churches, manace, and schools. The extent of this grievance is but hatle known. It consist not merely in these instances, numerous and affecting as they are, where sites have not been obtained, or only obsuffering to ministers and their flocks; it extends also to a greatly larger class of cases, wherea our own and almost every Presbytery in the church have their share, -cases in which we have been obliged to take sites in inconvenient localities, and on very unreasonable terms. This is an evil under which the church must suffer for generations to come. A great part of the blame of our whole grievance as to sites I am constrained to impute to the office-bearers of the Establishment. True it the office-bearers of the Establishment. is that the burden of refusing the means of enjoy-ing the toleration to which the British constitution entitle us, is borne by landed proprietors; but the Established clergy have often been the urgent and received. The fact is well ascertained, that their influence has been a common cause why proprietor after proprietor has denied us the spot of ground we required, till we have been compelled to a what was ill-suited for the accommodation of people, or till we have been driven to the ways the unsheltered moor, and the sea beach within the tide mark, for the celebration of our worship? I am sorry to say it, but I cannot acquit them of the blood of our members and ministers who have been hurried to their graves by the hardships that they have thus endured. I will not, indeed, de the injustice of supposing that any of them deliberately contemplated these and carastrophes as the probable issue of proceedings which they have too often countenanced and urged, nor cas doubt that there are some of their budy who do

not approve of the extremes of intolerance which At the rame have been resorted to against us time, the silence which has respace in all facil indicatories, from the lowest to the highest, respecing this matter, is not a bittle remarkable. No party in the State has conferred the treatment we have rederved as to site a. Political time of all opinions have severally denomated it. Tue heads of the late Government, no orningly hasher by they were to our Courch, and prepared to back the Establishment to the uttermost, condemned that treatment on every occasion, and, in the big of Parliament and the country, deploted the intolriance of our adversaries. Let the Established Church has eard nothing Year other year has passed away. The cry of the oppressed has again and again gone over the had, and the interests of the Establishment have ever been the sucrefuser's plen; but neither in Assembly. Synod. nor Presbytery of the Establishment, have we heard of a rolitary voice upitied to express regret for the conduct of its triends, or to protest against the injustice and wick-dness of supporting the interests of their Church by assaults upon the sights of conscience, and by practically desirating the liberty of religion. They have beheld from afer the sufferings of the Pree Charch of Vaud. they have had eyes and ears of sympat's for our beethrea, the victims of a like into more there. and their agents have hastened to carry to Switseriand the tokens of their regard. Leathem not, however, imagine that this will atone, in the estimation of impartial special are of their doings, for their indifference to the case of those who softer at their own door, -the storm-besten congregations of Canobie, Wanlockhend, Dathil, Applicass. Ardnamurchan, and the rest, with the ministers who are forced to dwell in unimial atable hovels, or to make their home in Grazy vessels on the sea! But there have been wrongs on both sides. Indeed ! What wrongs have we done to the Latablishment. What place of worship, what school, have we taken from that Church 7. They have deprived us of many. What teachers of their communitor have we ejected? They have ejected hundreds of ours. How many sites for in more, churches, and schools, have been refused to them through our intolerance? Their intolerance has caused, and is causing, the refusal of many sites to us. Which of their congregations have had to worsh p among the snow, and to suffer the fury of the elements, because our interests stood in the way of their being allow d to put a roof over their heads? Many of our congregations have had all that hardship inflicted on them, and have it still, on their account, and not a whisper of remonstrance is timity; and the hope might be entertained of come from them against it Ah, but we have said, hard things of the established Church. Yes, nor commonous, and gethering them again within to be sure; that is it. Harsh and cruel deeds the pule of the Establishment. Now, however, are on their side, and buter words are on ours I natural it may be for the Established clergy and Smarting under injuries which ourselves, our fami- i their supporters to aim at this result, it would be lies, our congregations, have received at their culpable inconsistency and downright unfaithfulhand; through this means, on their account, we ness in us to co-operate for any such end, or to have sometimes uttered the cry of the oppressed, and sometimes, it may be, have forgotten so far it in my degree. Already, from the feelings with as to sp ak unadvisedly with our lips! This is which we see regarded by a large proportion of the head and from of our off-ading. But have the arreforage, and from the power which the we not spoken of pulling down the Establishment? If we have, we have not spoken, nor have we ever thought, of persecuting its adherent safter it was their principles are many; and we should be away. We have never spoken of taking from them guilty of both folly and sin if we added to the the shurches and schools which had been reared number. But the Evangelical Aliannee! Have through their own zeal, and by their own contri- not some of us approved of that movement, sibuttons. We have never spoken of expelling them from university chairs, or from the offices of! perochial education. We have never spoken of denying them the spots of ground which are necesory for their worship, and to which the Irw of toleration entitles all. We have nev r spoken of reducing them to a worse condition than we ask for ourselves-which is that of being allowed, unmoleste', to support and enjoy our own ordi-nances, and to carry on the operations of our Church at our own expense. The last obstacle I shall mention, as in the way of that intimate religious fellowship which is called for, is the harm which it might do to our testimony for the Headship of Christ. Among the various devices which are practised for alienating the people from the standard that the Free Church of Scotland has een privileged to raise, one is the assertion that there is no real difference between that Church

and the Church now established by law. In pubhe and in private that is constantly said; in the belief and new persevering manner do the minpergent the Exchistment gent to the houses of normembers, and our very office-beaters, from one end of the country to the other, and tell their story that there is no difference between them and In many motiones, they declare that they full the very principles for which we were obliged to separate from the State. They, too, are zealcox for the Heatship of Courst. They, too, maintain his supremary in the Canren, and acknows todge no mister, in things occlesiosucal, but Him. And so they try in draw our people away. I believe that, with the less observant and less informed part of our adherence, it might promote their lesign, give some colour to their assertion, and help a to go down, if we were often to jan them in evangeheal and missionary bellowship. Theheve, also, it would not them in confirming the doubtful allegistice of some in their own flocks. who are only restmined by this very notion that there is no teni dall rence, and then the Lemblishment has not swerved from the auctent faith of Semiand respecting the rights of Zion's King. How, it might well be urgued, how could we heardy and loving y engage with them in the honest undertakings, if we left that these men were fresh from the sin of betraying one of the royal incregances of Christ, and surrendering to asir what belongs tono God? Thus our conduct would be quoted to the discredit of our testimony, and it would most surely become a stumbbug-block in the path of the weak. It on not have railed to strike the se who observe such things. that there has been of late a much greater solicitude on the part of the Listablishment, in this quarter at least, for co-operation with non-establisted denominations, than was shown for many years before the Disruption. The circumstance is curious, especially when we connect with it the repeal, in 1543, of the law permitting a free interchange of min sterial service with orthodox commanions. I say nothing of the motives from which it proceeds; but the advantage which the L'stablishment, in is present condition, must gain from an intercourse which tends to throw into the shale the change of principle which has occurred. and to bury out of eight the tenginus distinction between it and other Christian bodies, is perfectly evident. It could not, at course, be so difficult to raduce our people to frequent the churches of the Establishment, after they were familiarized with the speciacle of its undisters and ourselves engaged together in the most sacred enterprises of Chrisgradually weaning in this way some of them from join in a fellowship that was calculated to promote Establishment, as such, must carry along with it, the temptations of our members to swerve from though office beaters of the Scottish Established Church are embraced in a ? We have approved of that movement, so far as it has gone. And we have not been repelled from great meetings in the sister kingdom of England, although a few of our own Ustablished clergy have attended them. consistency in this has been questioned, and I shall not stop now to defend it. At the same time, the every-day religious feliowship in our own flocks. to which alone my present observations are directed, is something very different from an occasional attendance at the catholic assemblages in Liverpool and London. And I declare, for myself, I had much rather err by overleaping the obsincles which have been spoken of, when they really stand in the way, than keep aloof from the bro-therhood of the followers of Christ, when there is reason to think that they do not demand it.

But are these obstacles never to be removed

Time, and time alone, can, and it certainly will remove the first. The Established Church es any day remove the most serious part of the second I care, and a change of policy among the ministers of the Establishment, let us hope, will remove also the third. In the meanwhile, we refuse no to co-operate with our fellow-citizens, ne mich of every name, so firms we have opportunity, and the interests of the town, or of the nation, or the cause of general humanity, may be found = 10 require of us; and I trust, through gr ce, wi shall had neither now not beteafter in the duties 🛊 kindness and charity which man owes to his neighbour, and which society has a right to expect that all of us, be our individual or denominations grievances what they may, will diligently fulfil.

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. GREENSON, the Presbytery unanimously requested Mr. Gray to have his remarks on this subject published in the shape of a pamphlet.

Against Lasreurion. -It is true, for the most part, there is an inverposition of corrupt affections educing the miods of men from the truth. ... these are they tossed up and down, and en driven with the winds of temptations that befal them. But is it humanity to stand on the shore, and oing men in a storm at sea, wherein they are ready every rioment to be cast away and perind to storm at them ourselves, or to shoot them is denth, or to east fire into their vessel, because they are in danger of being drowned? Yet in adierwise do we deal with them whom we persecare, because they miss the knowledge of the truth, and it may be raise a worse storm in our selves, as to our own morals, than they suffer under in their entelle tuals, (Jude 22, 23.) - Dr.

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