

The Presbyterian Witness Halifax, N. S., June 16, 1855.

Probationers and Licentiate.

One at least of the Presbyterian bodies of this Province must, in its highest Court, this year, meet and attempt to solve the question, "By what method can an unendowed Church provide for the condition of her probationers and licentiate, so as to keep them rightly employed under due cognizance of church courts, and in necessary intercourse with the people and congregations?"

quired) of teaching and of preaching.— A proper distribution of the labour of licentiate and students would go far to remedy this evil. It is high time now that the Presbyterians of Nova Scotia should keep their own ground against all aggressive incursions; and that they should be able even to win back again part at least of the ground they have lost in times past, through misfortune, ill management, or incapacity. It is time for us now to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes"—to be, not aggressive but expansive. But in order to this we must be prepared to use to the best possible advantage the services of the young men sent forth by our Theological Seminaries—to make the most of the labours of our Licentiate and Probationers.

After sermon, the Rev. Dr. Wisner of Niagara Presbytery, was elected Moderator for this Assembly. This Assembly also proposes to hold its next meeting at New York.

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To the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. It is impossible to trace the leadings of God's providence in the events which are daily transpiring, and not be convinced that the present age is indeed an eventful one to the Church of Christ. That little cloud which more than eighteen centuries ago arose over the manger in Bethlehem has been gradually increasing, and now, cloud after cloud is darkening the horizon, and already pouring their rich showers of gospel grace, in all its fulness and freeness, on many parts of God's spiritual vineyard.

Professing Christians, arouse ye to the work. To you, individually, is that call addressed—"Go ye up to the help of the Lord." You may, perhaps, not be able to assist personally, but you can by pecuniary effort, and above all you may by prayer. Prayer is the key that opens heaven—God's inlet to the soul. Oh! pray, brethren, for you would have His spirit out upon us from on high. Without that saving influence—though every Christian were a Missionary, and every Missionary a Paul—their combined efforts would not succeed in winning one single gem to adorn the Saviour's crown.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (O. S.)

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States met at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 17th of May. The proceedings were inaugurated by a sermon from Dr. Boardman, the Moderator of the last Assembly. Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., of St. Louis, was elected Moderator for the present year.

The Halifax City Mission.

We are glad to be able to announce that the City Mission is now placed on a prosperous footing; and that all its prospects are promising. Founded as the Mission is on the broad, safe, permanent, and catholic basis of Bible truth, and intended as it is for the benefit of the poor, the needy and the out-cast, it is eminently worthy of the support and sympathy of the Christian public.

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His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, has been pleased to appoint Alexander Peter Ross, Esq., to be one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Pictou.