Halifax, N. S., June 16, 1855.

the promise of enlightenment and guid- bationers. ance from above. The Presbyterian churches of Nova Scotia, in coping with General Assembly of the Presbythis subject, will only be doing what has been done, or is now being done, by every unendowed, self-sustaining, church in Christendom that attempts to support an educated, efficient, and respectable ministry. The Presbyterian Church of the United States has met the question and solved it to a somewhat satisfactory degree by the machinery of the " Board of Home Missions." Other American Churches have dealt with it according to their own genius in a manner less satisfactory. The Free Scotland is about to take it up with that earnest conscientiousness which characterizes all her proceedings. We find Dr. Hetherington saying-" Probationers are taught, examined, and licensed to great scholar and a true Christian. preached the gospel, and then we lose sight of them. We need them for occasional supply of our own pulpits; for va- highly satisfactory. cant charges; for preaching stations; and we know not where to find them .-Then, as to themselves, their life of studious toil and ardent expectancy is over. They naturally hope to be * * employed in preaching and acquiring some acquaintance with the sacred work to which they have devoted their lives .-But they find themselves dropping out of sight, left unnoticed, left unemployed, left, it may be, in poverty and distress which they cannot utter. Some may have relatives able to support them; many not so; and you may trace in the dim eye and faded cheek not only the result of the student's labours, but the brokenhearted tranquility of hope deferred, departed, dying, -yet never breathing a murmur, nor a word of complaint .-Others there are of more active, perhaps I might say of more forward temper, who manage to push themselves into notice, what they seek. But the greatest and truest merit is almost always as modest as meritorious, unobtrusive in proportion to real worth; and it is not more meet for them than it is for the church that they should be left to perish unknown. In the meantime, while the probationers are unemployed, the Church is unsupplied, and complaints are heard that probationers cannot be obtained when required. Both parties are dissatisfied. and blame each other. There is a large demand and a large supply; but the supply and the demand do not meet. This indicates defective arrangement." " And I am persuaded that if all our vacant charges, preaching stations, &c., were regularly supplied by probationers, and if the sums which such places can contribute were converted into a fund available for the payment of the probationers employed in supplying them, it would be found that we needed all our probationers."-These eloquent and most just remarks, somewhat restricted and modified, are not utterly inapplicable to the case of at least the Free Church of Nova Scotia: and each advancing year their applicability will be the more striking if no remedy is forthwith devised. We may not as yet be haunted by dim eyes, pale cheeks, and broken hearts, uttering no complaint-all resulting from disappointment and hope deferred; but these may come; and even now we could point to disadvantages, difficulties, and embarrassments re-

rather) of things. The "Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia" is, we believe, far in advance of the "Free Church of Nova Scotia" in its New York. Home Missionary arrangements and operations. Still there may be a yet nearer General Assembly of the New each year! We ask our pro-Popery friends approach to perfection. We could point to rich and extensive districts, always considered to be under the special jurisdiction of that body, which have been so much neglected that the inhabitants are called upon loudly to pray of the united States.

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licentiates and students would go far to we as a Church have any special proneremedy this evil. It is high time now ness to aberration, from the ancient Probationers and Licentiates. that the Presbyterians of Nova Scotia Faith." "We may have been freer than One at least of the Presbyterian bodies should keep their own ground against all the Old School in our modes of thought of this Province must, in its highest Court, aggressive incursions; and that they and speech, but we have not been less this year, meet and attempt to solve the should be able even to win back again constant to the harmony of the Protesquesion, "By what method can an unen- part at least of the ground they have lost tant Confessions, and especially to the dowed Church provide for the condition of in times past, through misfortune, ill Westminster confession, our own, and we thentic return. Perhaps it is not to be exher probationers and licentiates, so as to management, or incapacity. It is time think, much the best of them all." keep them rightly employed under due for us now to "lengthen our cords and After sermon, the Rev. Dr. Wisner of cognizance of church courts, and in ne- strengthen our stakes"-to be, not ag- Niagara Presbytery, was elected Modercessary intercourse with the people and gressive but expansive. But in order to ator for this Assembly. congregations?" The urgency of the this we must be prepared to use to the This Assembly also purposes to hold question seems to us to demand immedi- best possible advantage the services of its next meeting at New York. ate and earnest attention: and the diffi- the young men sent forth by our Theoculties which confessedly beset it should logical Seminaries—to make the most of rather attract than repel men who have the labours of our Licentiates and Pro-

> terian Church of the United States. (O. S.)

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States met tended as it is for the benefit of the poor, Our own opinion has always been that to Christ himself, you ought to take, and the reign of Messiah;—He is making at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 17th of May. The proceedings were inaugurated by a sermon from Dr. Boardman, the the Christian public. Moderator of the last Assembly. Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., of St. Louis, was elect-

During the sitting of the Assembly one of its members, Dr. Lindsley, was struck with appoplexy and died. His name ocat the present meeting; and his sudden call produced a feeling of deep solemnity in the minds of his brethren. He was a

The Assembly numbered 244 members This number, considering some extraordinary travelling difficulties, was deemed

On the second day of meeting, Reports of Theological Seminaries were received. There are four such Seminaries under the jurisdiction of the Assembly: Danville, Union, Western, and Princeton; all of which are in a flourishing condition. The Board of Directors of the Princeton Seminary, recommend that the salaries of the Professors be raised to 2,000 dollars per annum each-" on account of the increased price of living."

From the Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, it appears that the missionary work. The last place ment perseveres in this course, with the support and encouragement of the Western Powers, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, the decay of abuses and of intolerance is personal objections, and make questionable points matters of forest, which are given to it on this condition, and the personal objections, and the personal objections are personal objections. laries of these missionaries amounts to the South of Africa. Mr. Steele comes feetly consistent with the progress of new and more durable institutions; the dissolution of that which once rendered the Turkish of the turk of ported vacant at the last General Assembly. The Board finds that the harvest is extensive and laborers few. The want of the many finds that the Missionary God-speed.

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The Report of the Board of Education was highly satisfactory; and the Assembly in receiving the Report re-affirmed its former decision, that any other element should sooner be banished from Schools disappointed—infallible though they are. the military service, and the public confidence than the element of Religion.

000 dollars have been collected and it is hoped the rest will shortly be forthcom- In England—Protestant— 4 to each million thickly peopled plains of India, appear to be in a most interesting condition. But we cannot here enter into details.

The Assembly is about to make extraordinary efforts for Church Extension sulting from the present order (disorder - paying particular attention to the Far West. It is proposed that a fifth Board

gleeted that the inhabitants easily fall a prey to the crude doctrines of any eleemasynary itinerant of average smartness. There were manner, the retiring Moderator preached—announctive wickedness in the violation of the "Seventh Commandment:"

The Dresbyterian Witness quired) of teaching and of preaching.— tive tone of his address. We give one A proper distribution of the labour of short extract,-"I have no suspicion that

The Hallfax City Mission. that the City Mission is now placed on a out of 4,373—the whole number of children spective lamps, is it with the desire that their and hell. God is arousing Himself to the prosperous footing; and that all its pros-born in the year, only 3.160 are sent to the Foundling Hospitals!!! pects are promising. Founded as the Mission is on the broad, safe, permanent, Political results of the War in which duty to yourselves, to sinful irreligious mation of that long predicted that glorious

that his labours were not unfruitful—that, On this subject the London Times says: and see things done tending to division and old, might, with equal truthfulness and propriindeed, they were blessed to the eternal If we raise our attention from the incidents alienation. With pleasure would I stand cor- ety, be applied to us, "Is it time for you, O well-being of not a few. But Mr. Gor- of the present war, from the discord of Cabi- rected in this, if in error. Already are there | ye my people, to dwell in your ceiled houses, of arms, to those political results which are likely to produce a permanent impression on service of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, had to relinquish the situation of City Minimum and the magnitude of our exertions and of the professing of City Minimum and the service of the Presbyterian Church of the world, there is already abundant evidence that those results will not be disproportioned to the magnitude of our exertions and of the will be bold indeed, and require strong scriptural argument, who Nova Scotia, had to relinquish the situation of City Missionary. It is due to Mr. Gordon to state that after he ceased officially to occupy the situation, he still to the magnitude of our exertions and of the interests engaged in this contest. For the last quarter of a century the Ottoman empire has been undergoing great and progressive changes. To some minds this gradual revolution for which He prayed, and to secure that union for

"The Lost Planet."

Bishops, and Cardinals are sometimes aggression made upon his territory, but by establishing his claim to the loyal attachment, the Report of the Board of Foreign The Report of th Hobart Seymour :-

of inhabitants. 19 " Bavaria Sicily " Papal States " 113 (!!!)

174 " Look above, gentle reader, behold and see. The Assembly is to meet next year in In "heretic England" there are 72 murders per annum; in "Catholic Italy," with a popuation nearly the same, and about 120,000

10,635 Brussels, 1850: Legitimate, 3,448 Munich, 1851; Legitimate, Illegitimate, 1,702 (!) Vienna, 1849; 8.881 legitimate, 10,360

21,689

Paris, same year

Legitimate,

of cardinals, 29 bishops, 1,280 priests, 2,092 monks, 1,698 nuns, and 737 ecclesiastical purils, the inhabitants, must be living in harmy. To question your sincerity in your work and and freeness, on many parts of God's spiritual pils, the inhabitants must be living in happy ignorance of illegitimate births. "One little escape. It appears from Dr. Bowning's report that the whole number of foundling chil-Iren received into the hospitals of Rome, in 10 ears, was 31,689—making a yearly average

Turkey.

he needy and the out-cast, it is eminent- the Turkish Empire as formerly consti- right with God you cannot stand until you crooked places straight, and the rough places worthy of the support and sympathy of tuted, could not survive the present war. either take it or use all scriptural means to- smooth;" and the command now is, "Go ye Let Russia be victorious and of course wards it, and that is to unite. Mr. (now Rev.) G. N. Gordon was mainly instrumental in originating the majority and mainly instrumental in originating the majority and mainly instrumental in originating the majority and the best men of your respective bodies desire it; the present position of your respective particular the part of each individual member, in behalf Mission in this City, just three summers victorious and, as we have just said, Turties they deplore, they blame not themselves of Christ's cause. There seems to be a dispoago; and he himself discharged the du- key as formerly constituted will be no but their passors for disunion and its conse-sition among Christians to "dwell at ease in ties of Missionary for upwards of two more. From these commotions she must quences. I know that this will be denied.— Ziou," each man "under his own vine and years, with the utmost diligence, and self- come forth renewed, vivified, liberated, But belief in that denial is difficult to men who under his own fig tree." I fear the complaint sacrifice. We have reason to believe and in a great measure christianized .- hear prayers for the unity of God's people, which God brought against His people of

don having determined to devote himself of arms, to those political results which are indications of movement among the people, which will test the reality and sincerity of expression. Which will test the reality and sincerity of expression of arms, to those political results which are pursued the work as a labour of love pursued the work as a labour of love decay, for, undoubtedly, that absolute and exdecay, for, undoubtedly, that absolute and ex-clusive Turkish power, based on the rudest After some unsuccessful attempts to principles of military dispotism, Oriental barsecure the services of a suitable mission-barry to fill Mr. Gordon's place the Com-lost its strength and changed its character. ary to fill Mr. Gordon's place, the Cem- The Janissaries no longer guard or threaten mittee of the City Mission determined to the approaches to the Seraglio; the office of apply to the managers of the London City the headsman and the mute is obsolete; and the Tanzimat has proclaimed the civil equali-Mission. Their application proved suctor of the Porte. It is true to fine and Mr. Steele is expected to that the improvement in the social condition that the improvement is the social condition that th The Reports of the various "Boards" come from England per Steamer on Monday or Tuesday next—to undertake the duties of Missionary in this City. Mr. be done before full effect can be given to the sympathy. With many of the latter I have setting the seal of God's eternal anathema on Steele has had considerable experience more humane and liberal spirit of these reforms. But, as long as the Turkish Government personal objections, and sending they would at once follow—to union. If they would at once follow—to union. If they would only forego their personal objections, right hand. And all that, under the cloak of more humane and liberal spirit of these reof Christendom. The policy of Russia towards of Christendom. The policy of Russia towards would give to the organization and efficiency cared for my soul." Turkey was to prolong these destructive buses, which were undermining the whole eversion of England to the fabric of the empire, while she opposed those old" of Rome is an object, the at- measures of reform which were calculated tainment of which, it was hoped, would be greatly hastened by the decree of the Westean Powers is to support and defend to we will be greatly hastened by the decree of the Westean Powers is to support and defend Immaculate Conception. But even Popes, the Sultan, not only by resisting the armed

The Report of the Board of Foreign
Missions shows that the Missions among the Indians have been productive of much

the prayers of her "Faithful Children,"—and the "lost planet" is as far from the Indians have been productive of much

with With brethrer ences? good. There are still tribes of Indians the desired orbit as ever it was. To say perior forces and the colossal preparations of commissioned you to do His work? In such holy word. For it has been predicted, that good. There are still tribes of Indians the desired of its Northern enemy. It turned to the Christian Powers for assistance, and that assistance a war could bring 7,000 of the best horse- "benign Mother," and if we were one of has been liberally bestowed, not for the purmen into the field. Their "cavalry" is stronger and swifter than that of even the Arabians. Among these tribes the Board the reader may judge what advantages maintain its own independence, and to restore attempted. have tried, with some success, to establish schools and to introduce the knowledge schools and to introduce the knowledge schools and to introduce the knowledge schools are the great empire of the great empire of which Constantinople is the capital to a secure position in the world. Already the presence of Christian armies in the presence of Christian armies in the immediate with the following the immediate which His gospel could not secure, if believed. Who, then, will move? Surely there is one pastor, or one whole-heart-red christian armies in the immediate with the following the immediate which His gospel could not secure, if believed. Who, then, will move? Surely there is one pastor, or one whole-heart-red christian armies in the immediate with the following the immediate which His gospel could not secure, if believed. Who, then, will move? Surely there is one pastor, or one whole-heart-red christian armies in the capital to a secure of Christian armies in the presence of Christian armies in the immediate which His gospel could not secure, if believed. Who, then, will move? schools and to introduce the knowledge of the gospel. Seven young men are ready to go to Africa, in the service of the Board. The Board attempted to The Source The Board attempted to gical Seminary of the Waldenses; 13,from a letter to Lord Palmerston by Mr. activity, have produced greater changes in the aspect and in the habits of Turkey than half a century of legislative reform or internal revolution. The struggle betweed civilization and barbarism, between the stagnant condition of the East and the energetic innovations of the West, is carried on, not by hostile measures or by military force, but by an influence more powerful than our armies; and no man who sees what Constantinople is now, and what it was only two years ago, can imagine that the effect of this war will be the restoring of a state of things which has already passed away for ever. The past, indeed, is neither to be restored nor to be regretted; but it is a question of incalculable interest to the world whether the future will consolidate a more civilized state of society in the East, more equal rights to all classes of the community, and an empire more capable of government and of self-defence. These are the results we hope to accomplish, and if that be ests and nuns, the murders are 1,968 in the termination of our interference we shall

prey to the crude doctrines of any electron that the minabitants casny tall a mosynary itinerant of average smartness, — while other districts have had more while other districts have had more as his theme, The means of our denominational success. We are much tive wickedness in the violation of the "Seventh Commandment:"

A Report of the Hospital in Grafton Street, in London, 1851, the number of births for the year was—

Turkey to the marvellous light of the

For the Witness. To Presbyterians.

BRETHREN,-The strongest confirmation of your right to Christian Brethren,the place you hold, and of God's blessing on It is impossible to trace the leadings of God's you in it, is yet wanting. You are brethren providence in the events which are daily Nay more, the very weapons put into your present age is indeed an eventful one to the hands for protection against your spiritual foes, Church of Christ. That little cloud which and for the subjugation of Satan's kingdom, more than eighteen centuries ago arose over you turn on each other. How is this, breth- the manger in Bethlehem has been gradually In a city blessed with a Pope, and his staff the Sons of God present themselves, Satan is ening the horizon, and already pouring their labors of love (?) would be deemed insulting. vineyard. But it is, as it were, but the harneident, however," says Mr Seymour, "does But are you in earnest? Is it the earnestness of binger-but the first droppings of that unithine own name those whom thou hast given descend, in all its irresistible, life-giving influme, that they may be one?" While pursuing ence, sweeping before it, as a bubble on the We are glad to be able to announce of 3,160. So that in this "city of the Church," your separate courses of trimming your relight upon surrounding darkness, causing the tle; -He is preparing His pe shadows to flee away? If so, there is a step flict; -He is paving the way men around you, to the Church of Christ, and event-the entire subjugation of a walk

> the prayer—" We thank Thee for our success, Think of the opposition we have to encounter. and we pray that we may continue to differ -Satan and his emissaries are busy, and from others where Thou seest no ground to think not that he will allow his kingdom to be instify our estrangement;—keep us apart, even though Thy cause should suffer!" And are you not, brethren, doing that over which you dare not pray, and for which you will not vendere not pray, and for which you will not vendere not pray, and for which you will not vendere not pray.

> ture, when about to appear before God, to ex- the land, and even among ourselves is making held by pastors, the people see no equivalent for crying injury done by division, and with such points, most assuredly, they have little very atmosphere with its poisonous breath; conversed, and if the pastors would only lead, millions of its deluded victims, and sending

> of settled congregations,—the extensive and thorough Home Missionary work it would enable you to perform,—the divided spots blessed ble you to perform,—the divided spots blessed bles with unity,—the unvisited cared for,—the many self-sustaining congregations that would that should engage the attention and common that should be attention and common that should be attention to the should be attention and common that should be attention to the should be attention and common that should be attention to the should bear the should be attention to the should be attention to the shou be formed, where now a bare existence is the exertion of every member in Israel. It is maintained. Ponder, brethren, the Foreign the means that will be most conducive to the work that fifty or sixty united Churches could perform. Reflect upon the influence of union on your Colleges. How much more extensive, thorough, and suited to produce pastors adapted to the times a world require of aduer.

> With all the injury arising from disunion, brethren, how can you answer to your consci-

they insuperable prayed for unattainable most powerful reasoning, or volumes of the most subtile argument. for union. Pray over it. Let not coldness, indifference, or hostility deter. Grapple with it as men who have a duty to do, which, with it as men who have a duty to do, which, with God's blessing, they are determined to accomplish, and short will be its existence, certain their combined efforts would not succeed in his chief power to injure you, religion, and your common Saviour and King. Congregamentality be, and weak the effort—sould your common Saviour and King. Congregational efficiency, your missionary work, your educational success, your influence as a body upon the morality, and, consequently, the destiny of the land; all, all demand, and the times, the future of Christ's kingdom. tiny of the land; all, all demand, and the times, in relation to the future of Christ's kingdom, cry aloud for union. Blessed the man who scripturally promotes it. What of him who stands aloof or opposes?

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culty. The love that secures and cements his spiritual house? union will render these of easy and speedy was one soul on God's earth that did not know

Yours respectfully

To the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

journeying home, yet falling out by the way .- transpiring, and not be convinced that the ren? Is it so that now, as heretofore, when increasing, and now, cloud after cloud is dark-

up to possess the land." Oh! I fear the

Ponder, brethren, the stability which union woe, and the cry ascends to heaven, "No man every missionary that goes to heathen lands, How will you answer to Him who divine inspiration and saving efficacy of God's an hour it will not do to meet Him with the by the preaching of the Cross, the kingdoms hackneyed principles of party warfare.

What are the difficulties in the way? Are our Lord; and does more to establish the suin the face of the Redeem-perior power of the gospel of Jesus, over all human-invented schemes, to civilize and ensurely, be attained if lighten the dark places of the earth, than the

and breadth of christendom, spreading deso-

lation and ruin in its paths; contaminating the

the doom of that disunion in which Satan finds | winning one single gem to adorn the Saviour's

Could you, while there the way of salvation, spend the property he Once again, brethren, I will address you, has given you on useless luxuries, or, it be, extravagant trifles, and leave that soul to perish? Should you? Then see to it, breth-

live—they die; Oh! consider what is com-