

of your mind into the scale against them? Pause before you do either, and let one deep and earnest thought of your solemn responsibility, of the evil or good to the Church, the honor or dishonor to the Master, whose glory you profess to have as your great and only object; let one such thought cross your minds, appeal to your consciences, go up before God in an ardent prayer for direction to do His will, and silent yet cannot remain, oppose you dare not, without violence to your consciences, and indignity to your Master and His agonizing intercession, when an honest, earnest attempt is made to become one with brethren, professing the same faith, adhering to the same old time-honored and God-blessed Presbyterianism, and seeking the same object—the glory of a common Lord and Master.

The Presbytery thereafter made arrangements for dispensing the communion within their bounds until next meeting; examined and attested with approbation the Records of the Kirk-Sessions of the united charge of Pictou, &c.; and appointed the Rev. Messrs. Stewart and D. B. Blair a committee to examine the Records of the Kirk-Session of Earlton and West Branch previous to date of July 11th 1855, and to report to next meeting; and adjourned to meet at New Glasgow on the second Wednesday of August.

To the Editor of the Witness. DEAR SIR,— I see by a notice in your paper, that the Synods of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and the Free Church, are to meet at Halifax on the same week; the former commences its Sittings on Wednesday, the latter on Thursday. There seems to me to be something more than a mere accident in this; it looks like the hand of Providence; and I hope the ministers and elders of the two churches will not let slip such a golden opportunity for Christian intercourse. It will be nothing less than a shame, a reproach upon their common Presbyterianism and Christianity, if they leave Halifax this time without any mutual recognition of each other as Brethren. There are many highly important objects and aims, that the two Synods have in common—such as for instance, the suppression of intemperance and Sabbath desecration. Why could not at least Committees of the two bodies meet and deliberate together? But the least thing that ought to be done, is for each Synod to send a respectful deputation to the other, so as to cultivate a friendly feeling, and lay a foundation for more cordial intercourse in future. I hope some member of each of the Synods will be courageous enough to make such a proposal—and I have little doubt but it would give great satisfaction to all parties.

I am yours, &c.

Free Presbytery of Pictou.

Free Presbytery of Pictou met according to adjournment at New Glasgow on the 15th ult., absent Mr. John Sutherland Moderator; and Revs. J. Stewart, D. B. Blair, and G. Sutherland.

In absence of the Clerk, the Rev. M. Sutherland was appointed Clerk pro tem. Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Rev. M. Sutherland submitted the following report of meeting held by appointment of Free Presbytery with the Kirk Session and congregation of Earlton and West Branch on the 15th ult., absent Mr. John Sutherland of Glasgow City Mission, viz:— "That as Mr. John Stewart, Student in Divinity, referred to in minutes of last meeting of Session had now arrived, and commenced his labors amongst them before they heard of Mr. John Sutherland having been applied to by the Colonial Committee, the Session felt it their duty in the mean time to provide for the maintenance of Mr. John Stewart, and could not, therefore, see their way clear to invite another laborer amongst them at present. The congregation thereafter having been interrogated as to their wish in the matter, unanimously agreed to the above resolution of Session. The Session therefore record their gratitude for this evidence of unanimity on the part of Session and congregation, and request their Moderator to intimate the finding to the Presbytery, and also to convey the thanks of both the Session and congregation to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for the interest they have taken in their spiritual welfare."

The Presbytery having heard the above report, unanimously sustain it, and record their gratitude for the unanimity of both Session and congregation in this matter, and for the prospect of the unanimous settlement of a pastor amongst them at no distant date, as evidenced by this report.

The Presbytery feeling satisfied as to the acceptability of Mr. John Stewart, Student in Divinity, as a laborer in the above-said congregation of Earlton and West Branch, unanimously agreed to petition the Synod for leave to take him upon public probationary trials for license without further attendance at College.

And the Presbytery further,—while deeply regretting their inability in present circumstances to invite such a valuable laborer as Mr. John Sutherland, of Glasgow City Mission, within their bounds on their own responsibility, yet, from personal knowledge of members of this Court of his suitableness for the Gaelic-speaking congregations of this Church, and from the very high testimonials to the same effect sent regarding him by the Convenor of the Colonial Committee, feel it their duty to refer the case to the Synod for advice as to what reply should be sent to the Colonial Committee regarding him.

Thereafter the Rev. M. Sutherland, according to notice of motion at last meeting of Presbytery, introduced the following two overtures to the Synod—

1ST.—ON THE SUSTENTATION OF THE MINISTRY. "Whereas the Sustainment of the Ministry is both a matter of plain scriptural precept and essential to the right discharge of ministerial duty; and whereas the Sustainment of the Ministry at present in this Church is both unsatisfactory as to its basis, and sadly deficient as to its results; it is humbly overtured by the Free Presbytery of Pictou to the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia that they take the whole subject into their most serious consideration, and devise such measures as shall, by the Divine blessing, raise it to a more satisfactory state for the future."

2ND.—ON THE HOME MISSION. "Whereas, by the blessing of God, a yearly increase of laborers may be expected from the Collegiate Institution at Halifax; and whereas the amount of funds hitherto at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee has been scarcely adequate to meet existing demands; it is humbly overtured by the Free Presbytery of Pictou to the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, that they take the whole subject of the Home Mission into their most serious consideration, in order to place it upon such a footing as shall seem likely, by the Divine blessing, to meet the prospective demands of the Church."

The Presbytery, after mature deliberation on the subjects of these two overtures, agreed to their transmission.

The Rev. J. Stewart thereafter introduced the following overture on Foreign Missions, of which he gave notice at last meeting— "Whereas it is the duty of the christian Church to send the gospel to the heathen; and whereas the Free Synod of Nova Scotia has not yet engaged in this blessed work as a Synod—a work, the prosecution of which the Lord has highly blessed to the Church, and which has been found a means of revival to the people of God when faithfully and conscientiously engaged in; it is humbly overtured by the Free Presbytery of Pictou to the Free Synod of Nova Scotia to take the subject under their serious consideration, and to adopt some one portion or another of the heathen world as a field of labor, in order to give to christian people of this land an opportunity of obeying the Saviour's command to preach the gospel to every creature in the only way in which it is possible for a christian people in general to obey this call."

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The Moderator read a Circular letter from the Clerk of the Free Presbytery of Halifax absent Mr. Alex. McKay, Student in Divinity, on trials for license.

DESPATCH FROM GENERAL PLESSIER. CRIMEA, June 1st, 1855. We have sprung two mines in front of the Flagstaff Bastion. The second explosion did considerable damage to the enemy. In the ravine of Carreing Bay, in advance of our works, our engineers discovered a transverse line of 24 cubic cases filled with gunpowder, each 40 centimeters thick in the inside, placed at equal distances and buried beneath the soil—each case containing 1-5th of a kilogramme of powder, is covered with a full fulminating apparatus, which would explode by the simple pressure of the foot; these cases have been taken up by our engineers.

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THE VIENNA CONFERENCE. The Conferences at Vienna have at last been brought to a final termination. The Plenipotentiaries met for the last time on Monday. The negotiations have been continued for upwards of three months with no other result than to afford Austria a colorable pretext for keeping out of the war.

THE CROPS IN THE UNITED STATES. From New York we continue to receive cheering accounts of the condition and prospects of all kinds of crops. In New Jersey, if not unlooked for disaster occur, cultivators will be rewarded with abundant harvests, Virginia papers speak very encouragingly of the appearance of the grain crops in all parts of State, excepting a few sections where the chinch bug and joint worm have appeared.

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SEBASTOPOL, 3d June, 1855. News from Kertch is of the 2d inst. Everything is going on satisfactorily. Captain Moore had arrived from Circassia with the intelligence that Soujak Kali was evacuated on the 25th May. Russians had burnt the principal buildings, and abandoned sixty guns and six mortars, having first rendered them unserviceable.

THE CRIMEA. Private despatches from the camp of the 4th, transmitted by Telegraph from Varna, state that new reconnoissances had been made, and a further advance was expected.

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Powers with their armies and fleets on a peace establishment, and with no extraordinary preparations of any kind for carrying on war at a great distance from their own dominions.—Every succeeding month of the war has reduced the resources of the enemy and increased our own. The army now in the Crimea, the squadrons hovering on its coasts and penetrating to the recesses of the Sea of Azoff, the fleet already in the Baltic, anchored within a few miles of Cronstadt, are all far more powerful and inured to war than the forces which began to operate by land and by sea last year; and, if the contest is unhappily prolonged, we have no doubt that we shall acquire a far higher degree of efficiency than we have yet attained.

The Russians appear disposed to acknowledge the fact that the turn of affairs is not in their favor, and that they have little to hope from active resistance, for since the allied forces arrived at Kertch, they have been everywhere preceded by the self-imposed sacrifice of the enemy.

Lord Raglan cannot be accused of having neglected or underrated the importance of the expedition to the Sea of Azoff. On the contrary, he had obtained information which satisfied him that the Russian army in the Crimea, and even the Russian army on the peninsula, and hence the extreme anxiety with which, in conjunction with Sir Lyons, he urged on the Kertch expedition.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills the most celebrated Remedies for the Cure of Sore Arms.—Samuel Wentworth, of Cape Breton, was for five years afflicted with sore arms, there were four different ulcers on them, and the trying nature of his business, (a bootmaker) made him so much worse, that despite of his wishes, he was compelled to relinquish it; he tried various remedies, but all failed to benefit him, however about thirteen weeks ago, at the recommendation of friends, he had recourse to Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which very soon made him better, and in eight weeks his arms, were quite well, and with scarcely the scars perceptible.

MARRIED. On the 16th inst., by the Rev. Robert Fitzgerald, Minister Peter H. Lenoir, of Halifax, N. S. Esq. Barnack at Law to Fanny Sophia, daughter of Mr. Jesse Smith.

DIED. At Mahone Bay on the 8th May, Mrs. Zweicker, the beloved wife of Mr. Peter Zweicker, aged 88 years five months and fifteen days; she and her husband lived in happiness 62 years, she leaves an aged husband and many relations to mourn their loss.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. PORT OF HALIFAX—ARRIVED. SATURDAY, June 16.—Barques Standard, Ritchie, Liverpool, G. B. 53 days; Egyptian, Phelan, do, 28 days; brig Kingston, Griffin, C. entuegos, 23 days; brig's Messenger, Bouchett, Montreal, 14 days; Rapid, Wilson, do, 12 days; Adah, Vigneau, do, 20 days; Margaret Mortimer, Burke, Cienfuegos, 21 days; Conquest, Montreal, 14 days; tops, Crowell, Baltimore, 10 days; Greyhound, Barret, St. John, N. B.

TUESDAY, June 19.—Barques Hyman, Henderson, Liverpool, G. B., 43 days; Stentor, do; brig's Arab, (new), Country Harbour; Rainbow, Cochran, New York, 7 days; Ann McKeen, Thorburn, LaHave; Belle, Thomas, Quebec, 14 days; Witch of the Wave, Curry, Pictou, 5 days; schrs Seaboard, Talbot, Bay Chaleur, 9 days; May, McEuen, Port Pictou, P. E. I., 7 days; Durham, (pkt), Dolliver, Port Medway, 10 hours.

FRIDAY, June 22.—R. M. Steamship Africa, Little, Boston, 35 hours—250 pass.—19 for Halifax; brig's George, Montreal, 16 days; Falton, Hodgson, Trinidad, 20 days; Marr, Banks, Cienfuegos, 16 days; schrs Lucy Alice, McPhee, Bathurst, N. B. 6 days; Buskar, Pye, Sydney, C. B., 5 days; Port of Spain, Acker, do 5 days.

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destructive insects continue their ravages in some sections of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, and have already destroyed many fields of wheat. In Michigan particularly the fly is said to have done an immense amount of injury, though the proverbial croaking of farmers may exaggerate the accounts. In Iowa the prospects of wheat and corn are said to be remarkably fine, notwithstanding the fly has appeared in some parts of the State.

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NOTICE. A GENERAL MEETING of the Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, will be held in Pictou on Wednesday the 20th day of June, at 12 o'clock noon; and another meeting of said Board will be held in Pictou on Friday, June 22, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of arranging the annual business of the Board, and electing officers for the ensuing year. JAS. BAYNE, Secy. Pictou, June 7, 1855. 3w.

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