

The following sums have been received for Missionary Services since last meeting, viz :

Cape John,	£4 11 1
River John Bridge,	3 0 0
West Branch East River,	6 0 0
East Branch East River,	15 0 0
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The Presbytery relieved Mr. McMillan from missionary duty for three weeks, on account of bad health. Adjourned to meet in Pictou on the first Wednesday in June, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

All Session Records will have to be produced for certification at next meeting of Presbytery, on the first Wednesday in June.

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

ITEMS FOR THE "MONTHLY RECORD."

At the last annual meeting of the congregation worshipping in St. Andrew's Church, St. Johns, Newfoundland, steps were taken to build a manse during the ensuing summer. The resolution was unanimously adopted; has since been vigorously acted upon; and it may be expected that toward the fall, the contemplated building will be completed.

It were well if the example set in this, and in many other respects, by the liberal congregation referred to, was more generally imitated. A people more willing, in proportion to their numbers, to contribute to the support of any reasonable undertaking, can nowhere be found. Nor can it be doubted that the safest practical test as to whether or not a church is flourishing, consists in the people's liberality.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of St. Johns, Newfoundland, held on the 27th of March, after the termination of the usual religious exercises, the Secretary presented their chairman with a magnificent copy of the Holy Scriptures, inscribed as follows:—

"Presented to the Rev. Donald McRae, by the Young Men of the Christian Association, as a testimonial of their affectionate respect and esteem."

The testimonial was accompanied by an address, expressive of their gratitude to him, for the interest he had manifested in their labors since his residence in St. Johns; and by the warmest wishes for his temporal and spiritual welfare.

The meetings of the Association in question, are of a very pleasing character. The young men assemble weekly, to the number of from twenty to thirty. Once a month, the exercises are devotional, that is to say, after singing and prayer, a member gives a brief practical exposition of some passages of Scripture; and the remainder of the time is occupied by alternately engaging in praises and

supplications. One evening a month is set apart for the consideration of passages proposed as containing difficulties, which have met the young men during the course of their private reading. During the other evenings, a systematic course of study is maintained by the regular perusal of some fixed portion of the sacred volume. The association is quite unsectarian in its character, including among its office-bearers, ministers of several denominations, and among its members, young men from all the Protestant Churches in St. Johns. The gratifying testimonial referred to is a proof that no little interest is felt in the services proper to its institution, and the manner in which those services are conducted.

Our next number will be issued in the monthly form.

We will have much pleasure in adopting the suggestion of a Rev. correspondent from N. B.—to send the *Record* regularly to the quarters indicated. We believe that all the members of the Colonial Committee get a copy, and a good many of the ministers, in Scotland. It is to us a source of both comfort and encouragement, that at home our periodical is spoken of in the highest terms, one of the most distinguished and perhaps the most influential clergyman in our Church having pronounced it the best religious magazine he had seen in Scotland or out of it. Much interest is now taken in the welfare of the Colonial Church in the mother country, and we have little doubt that arrangements might be made whereby our circulation might be considerably increased in that quarter.

THE ELDERS' CHURCH.—The system of bringing sound Christian instruction to bear upon the inhabitants of the wynds and vennels is peculiarly deserving of notice. It has long been a just reproach upon Protestantism that her temples were not as open to the poor as to the rich, and that the ability to listen to the preaching of the Gospel depended upon the possession of a Sunday suit of clothes. With all that ardour mingled with practical common sense distinguishing the Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod, that eminent divine some few years ago began and has carried out with great success a system of preaching to the poor, who are invited to attend in their working dresses. Recently, buildings have been raised for the express purpose, and among others the Elders' Association has built an unpretending but neat and commodious church in one of the lowest and most densely crowded localities in the city, Havannah Street, a narrow lane running off the High Street. On Sunday afternoon, although the presence of those not of the class for whom the church is built is not desired, we had the, we hope not impertinent, curiosity to attend Divine worship therein, and we can testify to the earn-