

**BARNEY'S RIVER.**—It is pleasing to note indications, on the part of our ministers that, instead of becoming dissatisfied with the country, they have thoughts of making it their home, and do not intend to be migrating from place to place. In this connection we note with pleasure that the Rev. Mr. Mackichan is having erected for himself a comfortable house at Barney's River, which it is expected will be ready before the cold weather comes.

What news from the old country? is a question we are frequently asked of late. For one thing, our friends will be pleased to learn, that the Church that is making most progress at the present time is the old Church of Scotland. For instance in the one Presbytery of Greenock, the number of Parishes has increased by nine during the last twenty years, and several of these have been endowed within the last few years. All over the land churches are being erected and parishes endowed. It does seem a pity to break our connection with the Old Church, just when she is in her best days.

**SALTSPRINGS.**—During the past month or two this congregation has been pretty well supplied, considering that it is a vacant congregation. They have had the services of catechists, ordained ministers, and Doctors of Divinity, for all which they are no doubt thankful. Professor Pollok has been kindly conducting service, not only here, but in many of our other churches. It ought to be mentioned that the people of Salt-springs have done themselves credit by

the kind manner, in which they gave to the Rev. Mr. McKay the use of their excellent manse. Mr. McKay speaks in the highest terms of their considerate conduct, and is much cheered by their kindness.

**PICTOU.**—A sad event happened on the evening of the 15th inst. Mr. John Murray, for many years night-watchman at Pictou Landing, accidentally fell over the wharf, while in the discharge of his duties. No one saw the accident, and attention was first drawn by the strange behaviour of Mr. Murray's dog. The body was recovered during the night. Mr. Jack had the sad duty of breaking the tidings to the widow, and during the night Rev. Mr. Herdman also went to the home of the bereaved family. The funeral on Monday afternoon was very largely attended. Mr. Murray was 72 years of age.

**RIVER JOHN.**—Arrangements have been made for the delivery of a short series of Lectures on Scripture characters by different ministers. They will be delivered mostly on the Friday evenings, at 7 o'clock in the Kirk. Rev. Mr. Herdman will lecture on the character of Daniel. Rev. Mr. McKay (of Stoer) on Enoch. Rev. Mr. Dunn on Elisha. The dates of these, and of the others will be duly announced. They will, no doubt, prove both interesting and very instructive to all the congregation, and to any from other congregations who may attend, as they are cordially invited to do. We recommend all who can to attend the whole series.