

Rev. D. B. Blair has asked leave to retire from the active duties of the pastorate and resign his charge at Barney's River and Blue Mountain at the end of the present year. He will then have completed a period of forty years service in that place. The congregation are making Mr. Blair on his retirement a gift of \$300. He is to retain an honorary connection with the congregation as pastor Emeritus.

It is a matter of thankfulness both on the part of Mr. Blair and his congregation that he has been spared to labour among them for forty years and that they are doing so handsomely for him on his retirement.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church (Kirk) New Glasgow, took a vote on the question of Union on May 4th, which showed 94 for Union and 56 against. As a two-thirds vote was required to change the constitution and consequently the name and title of the congregation the result was that it still remained in its former connection. Part of the congregation then decided to form a separate congregation. They applied to the Presbytery of Pictou on May 22, to be organized as a congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The petition was granted and a commission appointed for the purpose.

For practical purposes the Presbytery of St. John has grouped its congregations and mission stations into four districts to be known as the eastern, western, northern and St. John districts respectively.

"The eastern district shall consist of all congregations and mission fields, the whole or the major part of which lie within the countries of Westmorland and Albert, together with Buctouche in Kent county.

The western district shall consist of congregations and mission fields similarly situated with regard to Charlotte county, together with Harvey and McAdam in York county, and Vanceboro in the State of Maine.

The northern district shall consist of congregations and mission fields similarly situated with regard to York, Carleton and Victoria counties.

The St. John district shall consist of congregations and mission fields similarly situated with regard to the city of St. John, and the counties of St. John, King's and Queen's."

The catechists in the Presbytery of Pictou are labouring in the following fields.

Wm. McLeod, Isaac's and Country Harbours;

A. W. Thompson, Little Harbour, Fisher's Grant, and Trenton;

J. A. Matheson, Cape George;

Chas. McKay, Cariboo;

Sam'l. P. Barackinan, Port Mulgrave.

John McGlashan, at Barney's River, Blue Mountain &c.

Catechists in the Presbytery of St. John are to labour for the Summer in the following fields.

C. Hamilton, Dorchester.

F. N. Murray, Campbell Settlement.

M. C. Allison, Quaco.

G. M. Johnson, Tilly and Andover.

J. K. Fraser, Assistant at St. James.

In the Presbytery of Halifax the following are the Catechists and their respective fields for the Summer.

Mr. K. J. Stewart to Quoddy and Mosser River;

Mr. J. M. Fisher to Mount Uniacke;

Mr. J. W. Crawford to Shubenacadie;

Mr. J. C. Hamilton to St. Croix and Ellershouse;

Mr. C. A. Leck to Kempt and Walton;

Mr. Lewis Parker to Digby and Bay View.

Mr. G. B. McLeod to Carleton and Cheboque.

A new mission station is being opened up by the Halifax Presbytery in Annapolis County. For a number of years the Rev. Robert Stewart, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, laboured among a few families at Wilmot and adjacent districts. Some time ago Mr. Stewart demitted his charge and for a lengthened period no supply has been given. An effort is now being made to revive the cause by the appointment of a catechist for the summer. There are three preaching stations Margaretville, Wilmot and Middleton. Should the Niataux and Atlantic Railway be completed Middleton will likely grow.

The Presbytery of Truro met May 15th in Truro. Rev. A. Cameron resigned his charge on account of health. Springside called Rev. D. S. Fraser of Mahone Bay. St. Pauls, Truro, asked for moderation in a call. Komptown asked for a free grant of \$500 from the Hunter Church building