

few minutes. The "Western Star" were accompanied by many of the brotherhood from Albion Mines, and several of the brotherhood from New Glasgow and Pictou, and all together presented a fine and imposing appearance. Addresses were afterwards delivered by the Rev. Mr. Philip of Albion Mines, and the Rev. Allan Pollok of New Glasgow. The whole proceedings, though conducted under a steady rain, engaged the close attention of the people assembled. The Rev. Mr. Pollok concluded the service by pronouncing the benediction.—*Standard*.

**Halifax Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.**—REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 15th, 1870.—The object of this Fund, as stated in last year's Report, is "to assist weak congregations in connection with the Church of Scotland in the Presbytery of Halifax." It is needless to say that the working of this Fund has a salutary influence upon every congregation co-operating therein. Our wealthy and influential congregations are benefitted in thus giving assistance to weaker congregations in new and thinly peopled sections of the country. Our weaker congregations again are put upon a footing of equality with the stronger by giving in contributions to the Fund, and the object of the Presbytery has always been to help those who first help themselves.

During the year now ending, Supplements have been granted partly from the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund and partly from the Colonial Committee, to the congregations of Little River, Musquodoboit and New Antrim; Truro, Folly Mountain, and Acadia Mines; Richmond and North West Arm; and by the energetic prosecution of this Fund the Church has become more self-supporting, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax, during this year, than in any previous period of its history. The number of Supplemented Charges has not been diminished, but the sum drawn from the Colonial Committee has been less than in any previous year. This has been accomplished, not by curtailing the necessary expenses of any congregation, but meeting the outlay in the proper manner from the more liberal contributions of those who are willing to part with a portion of their wealth for the good of their less opulent brethren. Last year there were drawn from the Colonial Committee \$660; this year now ending only \$300. These results have been attained by an increasing interest being manifested in Home Mission work by the people, and this again by their increased contributions. It is a gratifying fact that, in every one of our congregations, this year's contribution is in advance of last year's—Truro, &c., largely so. Richmond and North West Arm contributing nothing last year, have this year sent in to the Treasurer the sum of \$25.

These considerations are now respectfully submitted; and while the promoters of the Fund are thankful to Almighty God for the generosity with which the good work has been met and supported by members and adherents of the several congregations, they hope next year to be supported still more liberally, so that the sum drawn from the Colonial Committee may be dispensed with, or at least still further reduced.

**P. E. Island.**—Rev. A. McWilliam, the esteemed minister of Georgetown and Cardigan, having obtained leave of absence to visit Scotland, took his departure in the last steamer from Halifax. We are glad to learn that these congregations showed substantial marks of respect to him ere taking leave of them. The scene at Cardigan was very interesting. Mr. McWilliam administered the Sacrament there on Sabbath, June 26th. The names of 16 communicants were added to the roll; and at the end of the service, Mr. Alley, in name of the congregation, presented their beloved pastor with an address and a purse of £10. At Montague, also, a sum of money was presented to Mr. McWilliam. This is indeed cheering. Mr. McWilliam has now been laboring in these stations for seven years, and the progress has been marked and steady. We trust and pray that he, and Mrs. McWilliam and daughter, who accompany