

The Monthly Record.

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THE quarterly meeting of Presbytery was held at Scotsburn, on the 26th ult. There were present the Moderator, the Rev. James Fitzpatrick, Revds. R. Burnett, D. McKenzie, J. W. Fraser, Ministers, and John McKay, Elder. Minutes of former meetings were sustained. A discussion took place anent statistics. The Presbytery was of opinion that it would be of great advantage to the church if the contributions towards stipend and all the schemes of the church were made by schedule, and not in the haphazard way often followed at present. Many persons contribute liberally towards all the schemes of the Church; others give to a few; and some give little or nothing towards any scheme. If a collector took down in a book or on a collecting card, the amount contributed annually by each individual, to all the schemes, every person could then compare his liberality with that of others, and the comparing would result, we have no doubt, in an increased liberality.

In some city churches, a printed paper containing a column for pew rent, and one for each of the schemes, supported by the congregation, is given to each adherent of the church, who subscribes in its proper place the sum he proposes to give during the year, for the support of religion. Payment is made to the collector quarterly or half-yearly. A man can thus calculate how much his means will allow him to give. He can thus gauge his own liberality or stinginess as the case may be. The time spent in writing it down develops his largeness of heart. We remember once, on occasion calling forth much sympathy, seeing some

people putting their contribution into the plate at the church door; some gave one, two and even four or five dollars, while others equally well to do dropped in five or ten cents. Had the collection been made by card or book, the latter, we have no doubt, would have given much more liberally. We know of no fairer method. It gives every man a chance to give something.

As there was no other business of any kind before the Court, the Presbytery adjourned to meet again at the call of the Moderator.

The dates for administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper so far as arranged, are as follows:

Salt Springs, 20th June.

Cape John, 27th June.

West Branch River John, 4th July.

Rev. R. McCunn is on a visit to Ontario. He is expected to return home in time for the meeting of Synod, which takes place on the last Tuesday of June at 7 p. m., in Pictou.

SUPPLEMENT FUND BAZAAR.—The S. Fund committee met in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on May 31st, to make final and definite arrangements for holding the proposed bazaar, when the following was agreed on, viz:—That the bazaar be held at Stellarton on the 7th of July. That a committee be appointed at Stellarton to receive and take charge of all contributions towards the bazaar.

(Congregations contributing are requested to take notice that all contributions of meat, fish and fowl must be forwarded to said com. by one o'clock on Tuesday 6th July, and bread, butter, berries, etc. by eight o'clock on 7th July.

That four from each congregation be prepared to assist at the tea meeting. That all articles for sale be ticketed by