

By a lamentable accident at the Foord Pit, Stellan, 44 men lost their lives. Collections are being made in aid of their widows and orphans.

WE notice that an opportunity is now given to send boxes of clothing and other useful articles to the Missionaries labouring in the New Hebrides.

On Thanksgiving day the collection at Roger's Hill was made, in aid of the Asylum for the Blind, Halifax, and amounted to nine dollars and fifty-cents (\$9 50).

THE meeting of the Great Presbyterian Council at Philadelphia has been highly successful. A full report of the proceedings will be published in book form.

EARLTOWN.—The Rev. D. McKenzie, of Earltown, having lately, by an accident lost his horse, was presented by his congregation with a handsome sum of money wherewith to purchase another. This graceful expression of active sympathy speaks for itself.

VERY interesting letters by the Rev Mr. Pitblado have appeared in the Halifax papers, describing his travels in Manitoba and the North West. The new settlers have to endure very great hardships but are hopeful for the future.

The annual Thanksgiving for the Dominion was observed on the 3rd inst. Services were held as usual in most of the churches, and collections were made for benevolent purposes. The remarkable thing about these collections is not that a goodly number of people give their

shilling or their dollar as an expression of their gratitude for a twelve month of blessings, but rather that there should be so large a number content to give only one copper per annum in token of their thankfulness for the many blessings they have in the good providence of God enjoyed throughout the year.

AT no period in her history has greater activity been displayed in the Church of Scotland than at the present time. Churches are being built by the dozen in destitute places. The population of the country is rapidly increasing—and the church is fully alive to the necessity of keeping the field supplied with ordinances. We notice as an interesting fact that they are in the habit of holding bazaars over there as well as on this side of the water, in order to collect money. Human nature is said to be "fond of pie" and a tea meeting or bazaar will open the human pocket when the sense of duty, regard for religion, loyalty to the church, and all lofty principle will tug at it all in vain.

Queen's College Kingston has commenced the session with very interesting ceremonies. The people of the good city of Kingston, erected a splendid new building at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, and on the commencement of the college session formally handed them over to the authorities of the University. Dr. Grant the principal has collected one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to endow additional professorships; and has with his usual vigour infused new life into the institution. We may remark that although the College and endowments are just now in the possession of the united Church, the minority still adhering to the