

The decrease of Ireland's population since 1880 is 200,000. The increase of her police expense is £250,000.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Ottawa, has accepted the call to St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, and will be inducted Dec. 27th, at 7.30 p. m.

Wallace Presbytery is to hold Presbyterian visitation as follows: At Linden, Jan. 10th; at Pugwash, Jan. 11th; and at St. Matthew's Church, Wallace, Jan. 12th.

Mr. A. C. Watson passed a satisfactory examination before the Presbytery of Halifax on Nov. 23rd, and was ordained and set apart to labor in the congregation of Annapolis.

Rev. J. W. Mackenzie of Efate, New Hebrides, wishes to acknowledge, with warmest thanks, receipt of mission goods from Truro, Otter Brook, Stellarton, Blue Mountain and Scotsburn.

Rev. Wilbard McDonald has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Hampton congregation, N. B., and Rev. Thomas Stewart into that of Sussex, the former on Nov. 8th, the latter, Nov. 15th.

We regret to learn that the Presbyterian Church at Musquodoboit Harbor was totally destroyed by fire on Sabbath morning, Nov. 6th. The insurance was about \$1200, which will go far towards the erection of a new one.

A fine new church was opened at Boularderie, C. B., Oct. 30. It will seat nearly 500, and cost about \$3300, which in a few weeks will be all paid except a loan of \$500 from the Hunter Church building fund.

At the last meeting of the Halifax Presbytery Rev. R. D. Ross, of Wolfville, declined the call to Springside. Mr. Ross felt constrained to remain in his present sphere of labor owing to encouraging features witnessed in his present charge. Both sections of the congregation are working harmoniously, and there is a reasonable prospect of growth. At Lower Horton a Presbyterian Church is to be erected; \$400 is now in fund for this purpose.—*Com.*

In fourteen years, 700 Protestant chapels have been built in Madagascar, making the present number 1,200. There are 8000 Protestant communicants, and all the churches are self-supporting.

The liquor interest has been making an earnest effort to have the Scott Act repealed in Charlottetown, but have failed by a narrow majority. Some of our ministers have wrought vigorously in the great cause and are now thankful for success.

The adjoining congregations of Parrsboro, and Economy and Five Islands have both been recently settled. Mr. E. M. Dill was ordained and inducted to the charge of the former Nov. 8th, and Mr. J. A. Cahill, into the latter, No. 20th.

A poor black woman, named Nancy, lived by her daily labour, and a Christian lady, who was often sad and gloomy, went to see her. "Ah, Nancy," she said, "it is all very well to be happy and bright now, but suppose—" "Stop," cried Nancy; "I never suppose. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I know I shall not want; and it's all dem 'supposes' as is making you miserable. You'd better give dem all up, and jist trust the Lord."

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond opened a new station at Arichat last spring. This station was occupied as an experiment in connection with River Inhabitants. Mr. McFarlane labored here as a student catechist last summer with encouraging prospects of success. There are a few nominal Presbyterians in the locality, but the Roman Catholics largely predominate. Though the field is not self-sustaining yet some progress has been made, and the erection of a Presbyterian Church is now talked of.—*Com.*

On Foreign Missions the Church of England now spends £1,216 000 annually; of the two great Missionary Societies that of the Propagation of the Gospel collects £120 000—more than three times the amount subscribed in 1837. The British and Foreign Bible Society has more than doubled its income during the last fifty years. In 1837 it was £108 740 19s.; in 1886 it was £240 728 15s. 5d. In 1837 the cheapest Bible cost 2s. a copy; in 1886 6d. A New Testament cost 10d. in 1837; in 1886, 1d.