

NEWFOUNDLAND.

A friend in St. John's sends us the following items of Church news, which we are thankful to receive. Now that the ice is broken, we shall look for frequent favours of the same kind.

At a meeting of Presbytery held in St. Andrew's church vestry, the Rev. A. G. N. Suckling was admitted, in terms of last General Assembly remit, into the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as an ordained minister. He was examined in history of Presbyterian Church,—Cunningham's ecclesiastical history; Kents 16 mo. Theology; Hodge's Biblical criticism and New Testament, Greek.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's church here, on first Sunday in November. Day stormy—but attendance good, above the average. Thirteen new members were admitted. One family was received.

This congregation contributed goods, etc., to the value of \$50, for Mr. McKenzie in the Labrador. We are thoroughly conversant with the state of matters there. Destitution is chronic. The way to relieve them is not by sending goods, it would be a pit that would swallow any amount, year after year. The way is to take some of the less thrifty away altogether. There has been a great cry lately. People from Nova Scotia have contributed well, and it says a great deal for their goodness and sympathetic nature, but it is a story too often told to touch the good people of St. John's all at once. Not very long ago they responded nobly to such an appeal, and the result was, that a great part of the money was not needed. It was over-drawn, and only lately, I, with other clergymen, received the balance.

The Presbytery have been considering the mission stations here, that have been for some years past without a regular pastor. They intend to make an effort to have these places supplied. The ladies of St. Andrew's Missionary Association have voted \$50 for the support of the day school in Bay of Islands, and are willing to assist in keeping them a regular pastor.

We have our Annual Sale next month. The ladies are making great exertions to increase the sum they collected last year. Then they made \$800. All are interested and work well. The object being noble, for Home and Foreign Missions.

We have now three Sabbath-schools in connection with our congregation. All doing well. An effort is being made to erect a suitable building in the west end. Our school is so rapidly increasing there, under our energetic superintendent, Mr. Robertson, we hope to have a building by next summer. Already we have in the bank for this purpose nearly \$400, and hope to double it by the end of this year.

FILE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,

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The following note from Rev. Alexander Campbell, though not ostensibly intended for publication, will be read with interest:

NOVEMBER 26th, 1888. You may have been surprised to hear that I am now engaged in regular mission work among the heathen Indians here. I know I shall have your hearty sympathy and good wishes in this arduous, yet holy work. Nothing gives the poor lone missionary more courage than the certain knowledge that hosts of God's people are earnestly praying for his success and labouring that he may succeed by their contributions of money and clothing. I cannot express how much I was cheered on coming here to take part with Mr. Toms, in opening a bale of clothing sent from Ottawa. May God bless, may he has already blessed, the ladies of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of Ottawa, for their thoughtful and generous gifts to the poor Indian children here! The days are hastening on when the nations are to belong to Christ, and I pray that God's Spirit may enable me to do something toward the grand consummation.

You are posted, I suppose, on the state of affairs here. The church has spent over \$1,000 augmented by \$450 from the Government, in erecting our boarding school for Indian boys and girls, and the F. M. S. of the Synod have asked me to take charge of it. It will take some time to get organized, but I trust we shall soon have the building occupied by as many as it can accommodate. The Indians are Cree, and I have to attack the language at once, as interpreters are scarcely to be had. With best wishes for the success of the Record in advocating the cause of missions.

A. C.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We are favoured with a copy of the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Eastern Section),—a very interesting pamphlet of 72 pages, containing a report of the annual meeting held at Truro in September, with the eloquent addresses of Mrs. Robbins of Truro, Mrs. McKie of Charlottetown and Mrs. R. F. Burns of Halifax—the President. The report of the secretary, Miss Cassie Fairbanks of Halifax, and that of the Board of Management shew that the Society is in a flourishing condition. It embraces 24 mission bands, 85 auxiliaries, 4 presbyterial societies, and 19 other agencies. The treasurer, Mrs. Sherburne Waddell, reports receipts from all sources during the year, \$4,834.14. This Society has recently voted \$250 towards the support of Indian schools in Demerara, of which there are at present three, all well attended.