

Albion Mines.—The Treasurer of the Bazaar to be held in connection with St. John's Kirk, Albion Mines, begs to acknowledge the following donations received through Donald Gray, Esq.:—Messrs. Bauld, Gibson & Co., Halifax, \$20; C. Murdoch & Co., do., \$20; Bernard O'Neill & Co., do., \$4; Donald Ross, Esq., of Messrs. Bauld, Gibson & Co., \$4; Messrs. T. & E. Kenny, do., \$12; Messrs. E. Albro & Co., do., \$10; Hon. Jas. Fraser, New Glasgow, \$4. Total, \$74.

St. Andrew's, St. John.—We understand that a surprise party visited Dr. and Mrs. Donald on the 18th of April, and presented them with some very handsome and very valuable gifts. The party consisted of a large number of the congregation, both young and old; the presents were well-timed and well-deserved; and the party separated delighted with the giving and the gifts.

Presentation.—Mr. Allan Ross, one of the teachers of St. Andrew's Sunday School, Halifax, received from his class, on the 23rd of April, a copy of Dr. Wainright's work, entitled "The Pathways and Abiding-places of our Lord," as a testimony of their esteem of him as a teacher, and as a friend. A short address was handed to Mr. Ross by John MacDougall, George, James, Robert, and James Henderson, to which Mr. Ross replied in words expressive of his gratitude for their kindness and of his appreciation of the gift as a mark of that kindness.

The Congregation of Belfast, P. E. I.—At a congregational meeting lately held in St. John's Church, Belfast, the congregation, after serious consideration of their financial affairs, and the insufficient provision made for proper maintenance of the means of grace, unanimously resolved to advance the pew rents, so as to secure the amount of £65 over the sum hitherto realized, thus making the amount available for stipend, £290. This step, especially in such a year as this, when trade is at a stand, and the price for every kind of produce is very low, and scarcely any money paid for it; and when, in fact, most of the farmers have still all the corn unsold, and with no prospect of a market,—in such circumstances a movement like this deserves the highest praise, and is, perhaps, without a parallel in the history of any congregation within this Island or Nova Scotia, at all events, of any widely scattered congregation like that of Belfast.

Belfast, eleven years ago, was hardly self-sustaining. A very earnest petition to the Colonial Committee for assistance to help some church repairs, dates not further back; and not further back than six years the congregation could scarcely be said to have a decent building to worship in. They have now two fine Churches thoroughly finished and comfortable; while, in a third district, another church is being erected. Having accomplished this, and having acquired, by the effort, the knowledge that liberality in the cause of Christ will not lessen worldly prosperity, they have now taken a step highly creditable to their Christian character, very encouraging and pleasing indeed to their pastor, and very valuable to every other congregation who will be stimulated with a desire to follow their example.

Several attempts were made during the past years to establish a Lay Association in this congregation, but the attempt always failed. It is hoped that the effort has this year been successful. The Association is now formed, and will, it is thought, be able, before the end of the year, to report a good work. The Ladies' Penny-a-Week Society, which has been in existence for several years, still continues its efforts. These two associations are now working side by side, and it is hoped that the blessing of God will attend them.

On behalf of a few members of the congregation, a deputation, a few days ago, waited on their beloved pastor, conveying an expression of the attachment felt, and the hopes cherished, of his long-continued services, and presenting him with a purse containing £20, as a token of their affection. A few only of