

Doings in Truro.

The congregation of Truro has recently given its faithful and most laborious Pastor, Rev. Dr. McCulloch, as an expression of regard, a purse containing \$200. Last year, the Doctor received, as congregational gifts, a handsome sleigh, a buffalo robe, and silver plated harness; the sleigh and robe from the young people of his charge.

In recording these deeds of kindness, which well express the cordial relations between Pastor and people, it may be added that the pastoral work having become too great for one man, the preliminary steps have been taken for the division of the charge, and the erection of another church in the western part of this rapidly growing town.

Presents.

Our space is so limited that notices of presents received by ministers must be compressed as much as possible: Rev. J. W. Nelson acknowledges Hay for his horse, a Buffalo Robe, a Fur Collar, Overshoes, &c. Rev. John Murray acknowledges a Sleigh and set of harness valued at \$75. Rev. K. McKenzie acknowledges \$98. Rev. A. Ross, Pictou, acknowledges gifts from the Ladies Sewing Circle and from Carriboo River. Rev. J. D. McGillivray acknowledges a donation of \$54. Rev. William Grant acknowledges a Purse, and a Plaid and Robe; also a fine pile of firewood. Rev. Edward Grant acknowledges an address of welcome, and a handsome Riding Sleigh. Rev. A. P. Miller acknowledges a "commotion Carriage." Rev. Henry Crawford received from the young men of his charge an address with \$33. Rev. S. G. Lawson received from Murray Harbour, North, a fine set of Carriage Harness, and a complete suit of broadcloth. Mr. Lawson, mentioned that the people on the South side had supplied the manse with firewood for over two years, and presented other gifts, including, from Captain John Miller, a small, fully equipped sail-boat. The Sussex section of the congregation of Rev. James Gray, recently presented their Pastor with \$190. Rev. George Patterson, of Salem Church, Green Hill, has recently been presented with a parting testimonial of gratitude and affection from the Middle River section of his congregation, which recently united with the people of Westville in forming what is now the united Congregation of Westville and Middle River. The testimonial consisted of a Gold Watch, with suitable inscription, of the value of \$110. Rev. T. G. Johnstone has been presented with a Riding Sleigh and Wolfskin, and with a wagon, worth in all \$182.

Fruit in Old Age—Ps. 92: 14.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—In going my rounds visiting the sick, the infirm and the aged in my congregation, I called upon a widow lady, 84 years of age, Mrs. John Giddens, sen., Port-au-Pique, who, as I had been informed, wished to see me. She stated that a small sum of money (\$30), which she had out on interest, and which she had intended to leave for missions, had been recently returned. She considered how to dispose of it for the present. She resolved on now giving at least part of it for the intended purpose, and accordingly paid over to me \$16, which I enclose, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Yours sincerely,

A. L. WYLLIE.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR, *Miss. Sec'y.*

Illustrations of Sabbath School Lessons for March.

DOCTRINE—Sinners should flee from wrath to come.

FIRST SABBATH.

Neglect is enough to ruin a man. A man who is in business need not commit forgery or robbery to ruin himself; he has only to neglect his business and his ruin is certain. A man who is lying on a bed of sickness need not cut his throat to destroy himself; he has only to neglect the means of restoration, and he will be ruined. A man floating in a skiff above Niagara need not move an oar, or make an effort to destroy himself; he has only to neglect using the oar at the proper time, and he will certainly be carried over the cataract. Most of the calamities of life are caused by simple neglect. Let no one infer, that, because he is not a drunkard or an adulterer, or a murderer, therefore he will be saved. Such an inference would be as irrational as it would be for a man to infer, that, because he is not a murderer, his farm will produce a harvest; or that, because he is not an adulterer, therefore his merchandise will take care of itself.

Barnes

A young man who had inherited an estate from an uncle was exhorted to seek Christ, and said, that he would do so as soon as he had paid off the debts that encumbered the estate. "Young man, beware! you may never see that day, while you are gaining the world, you may lose your soul." The young heir said, "I'll run the risk." He went into the woods and was engaged felling a tree; when a falling limb caused his instant death, within a few hours of his bold presumption.