

The Monthly Record.

OCTOBER, 1881.

Death of A Nova Scotia Minister.

The Rev. Walter Ross, of Beckwith, in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, died at Carleton Place, on the 7th of July, in the forty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Ross was a native of Mill Brook, Nova Scotia, and was dedicated to the ministry by his grandfather from the time of his birth. He entered Queen's College, Kingston, in 1856, graduated as M. A. in 1862, and on 15th October in that year, was ordained and inducted to the charge of which he continued to be a faithful and beloved pastor to the end of his days. Mr. Ross was unostentatious, and even diffident, in his manner, but he was nevertheless an able minister, respected by all who knew him. He married in 1864, Elizabeth, daughter of the late Thomas Burrowes, of the Royal Engineer Department.

His mother is still alive and living at Mill Brook, in this county, also his brother and sisters. Mr. Ross had many friends and acquaintances here who mourn his removal by death at a comparatively early age.

A very interesting and harmonious meeting of the Supplementing Fund Committee was held this month in Pictou. About three thousand dollars are in fund. Hitherto nothing has been paid out. The Eastern side of the county has done well. The most of the money has been contributed there, and more is expected. The Western side has not yet put on its

strength to any considerable extent. Delegations were appointed to visit these congregations last winter. R. Simpson, Esq., of the Drummond Colliery reported that the Delegation for River John had not gone there yet. Rev. George Murray reported for the Scotsburn delegation, who, it appears were well received. The scheme is looking up there, and a liberal contribution is expected from that intelligent and generous people. On behalf of the Salt Springs delegation, Rev. Mr. Brodie reported as cheerfully as could be expected under the circumstances, that the delegates assembled at the church on the day appointed, but no one else did. Under these conditions, the committee felt that these gentlemen were justified in immediately returning to their ordinary labors and in reserving their oratory for a more inspiring occasion; and no blame can attach to them for not "wasting their sweetness on the desert air." They had done all that it was the part of a delegation to do. They came, they saw, and would doubtless, like their great prototype, have conquered likewise had opportunity offered the slightest vantage ground. It is said that the unexpected only happens. The truth of this must have presented itself forcibly to their minds. Mournfully futile as their labors proved, they yet took heart of grace and resolved to try again. What success the future may have in store for them we venture not to predict. They go back again "parati uteroque"—prepared for either event.

As the Eastern side of the county held a bazaar and tea-meeting in aid of the fund, and thereby secured a large amount the committee were desirous that the Western congregations should follow the example thus set them, and should hold a similar tea-meeting in Pictou or neighborhood next July. The Committee adjourned to meet in Pictou on the last Wednesday of February, 1882, at 11.30 a. m.

CORRECTION.—Home mission, Falls Congregation, Section No. 3, Miss Johanna McLean, Collector. William Sutherland paid \$0.35 instead of \$0.25 as marked in the August RECORD.

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