

ther, that the people feel grateful that the "Lord of the Harvest" hath been pleased, in a time of great dearth, to bring forth this "labourer."

The Rev. David Neish was ordained and inducted on the 2nd of last month, since which time he has been labouring with acceptance and success among his people. May all blessings attend pastor and people in this important field. The Presbytery of Halifax has now not a vacancy.

SPRING HILL COAL MINES.—The Presbytery of Halifax, upon a representation made by the people, have opened a mission station at this important and rapidly increasing place. Only a few months have elapsed since operations were begun in working the pits, and already there is a large community of people on the ground. The great preponderance of the people are Presbyterians, and by far the largest number belong to the Church of Scotland. It is hoped, therefore, that the Presbytery of Halifax will prosecute the mission, and we feel assured that in a short time there will be a self-sustaining congregation.

TRURO.—There was an interesting gathering of the Sunday School children of St. Paul's Church on the 26th ult. It appears that the school is making rapid progress, both in numbers and efficiency. During the year the numerical increase was 51 scholars. A sum of \$100 is to be raised for the purchase of books for the library—a member of another denomination promising to contribute \$10.

PICTOU.—A fancy sale was held in the Basement of St. Andrew's Church, on the 22nd ult., which, together with a Christmas tree which was on exhibition, realized the handsome sum of \$400, after deducting all expenses, for the object of raising in the Church property.

THE St. Andrew's (Halifax) Bazaar turned out a decided success in more ways than one. Financially, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, it exceeded the most ardent wishes of those interested in it. The sum realized is nearly \$800.00, and, as there is a considerable amount of the material still to be disposed of, and as the lady managers have resolved to interest themselves in

selling it privately, and devoting the proceeds to the sum already in hand, we may anticipate a considerable increase at no distant date. The success was not only financial, but social as well. It was the means of bringing together, and making acquainted, many of the young men of the congregation who were heretofore strangers, and, in many other ways, it was felt to be beneficial.

The money is to be devoted to the erection of a manse; and, as the congregation has been in existence since 1818 without one, we sincerely think that the time has fully arrived when the manse should be in existence and the minister in it.

In New St. Stephen's, St. John, a Bazaar was held in the Basement of the Church for the purpose of raising funds to enable the Librarian of the Sunday School to increase the number of books for circulation among the scholars. The school is now one of the largest in the Church of the Maritime Provinces, and as the increase of scholars was found to be far in excess of the increase in the ordinary contributions for Library purposes, it was resolved to make a special effort for the increase of the number of books on the catalogue—hence the Bazaar. It was held on the 18th and 19th of last month, and notwithstanding the fact that two other Bazaars, for similar purposes, were being held in other congregations of St. John and Carleton, the handsome sum of \$400 was realized. Books are a necessity of the present age, and if young people do not get good, they will get indifferent ones to read; and hence the wisdom of the people of St. Stephen's in meeting, by a special effort, so well what they felt to be a special want.

THE Rev. Mr. Stewart of McLellan's Mountain has been laid aside from duty by illness for some time. We are happy to be able to state that he is now much better. It is expected that he will be able, in the course of a very short time, to resume his duties.

THE Saltspings people do not give all their presents to their minister. Here is a thoughtful act. Mr. John Simpson, Eight Mile Brook, has presented the Church and congregation with a very