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<i>Aged Ministers' Fund.</i>			
Bank Stock		937 50	
City Debentures		436 07	
Mortgages		4534 00	
Deposit Receipts		26366 00	
			26324 17
<i>Geddie Memorial Fund.</i>			
Mortgage		2800 00	
Canada 5 p.c.		1334 27	
			4134 27
			\$135721 43
Amount reported last year		135671 43	
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Increase		\$ 50 00	

HELEN M. MACGREGOR,  
Acting Agent.

We hereby certify that we have carefully audited the accounts of the acting agent of the General Assembly in the Maritime Provinces, and have found vouchers for all entries of payments and the receipts to agree with the acknowledgements as given in the "Record." We have also examined the Investment Securities and found them all in order.

We beg to testify to the neat and orderly manner in which the books have been kept.

J. S. MACLEAN,  
J. C. MACKINTOSH,  
JAS. FORREST,  
GEO. CUNNINGHAM. } *For the Finance Committee Eastern Section,*

We have received from Rev. H. A. Robertson some photographic views taken by himself of buildings and groups of natives on Erramanga. The pictures are very well done, and give an excellent idea of the appearance of the Christian natives. One thing noticeable in many of them, is the fine forehead shewing, if there is anything in phrenology, mental powers of no mean order. There is combined with this however in many cases a stamp of features that is far from inviting, the stamp of ages of heathenism.

To the list of names given in a previous issue, of surviving graduates of the old Pictou Academy, should be added that of David Matheson, Esq. Pictou.

We regret that Miss Amy Hilton, who has been teaching for the last year at Tunapuna, Trinidad, has been obliged, owing to failing health, to resign her position and come home. It is hoped that with rest in the more bracing climate of Nova Scotia, she may regain her strength.

### Literary Notices.

"RALPH WESTON'S SECRET, or, *Unto the Fourth Generation*," by the author of "The Victory Won," a well told tale shewing the fearful power of the appetite for strong drink, dragging down the young, the gifted, the gentle, shewing its hereditary character, the taint of the appetite descending from parent to child, illustrating with awful truthfulness that terrible passage in the second commandment, "visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." Pp. 247, 12 mo, price \$1.00. Presbyterian Board of Publication, MacGregor and Knight, Halifax.

"WOOD, HAY, STUBBEE," by Kate W. Hamilton, Pp. 336, 12 mo. This is a characteristic work of Miss Kate W. Hamilton. In it, vivid action is made the vehicle of strong Christian thought. The question of the book is, "How are you building? Wood? Hay? Stubble? or, Gold and Precious Stones?" Especially is the lesson taught of the wretchedness of a life of shams, of the attempt to keep up appearances, whether in the household or in the religious life. The pure gold of a sincere, earnest, honest Christian character stands out in relief against the background of seeming, of pretence, and of halfheartedness in service. Price, \$1.25, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, MacGregor and Knight, Halifax.

The home virtues are sometimes discounted, business capacity is thought of more consequence than they; yet it is true that whatever the demands of business or pleasure, a man's best life should be lived at home.—*Rev. E. Osborne.*

To overcome temptation, we must avoid it if possible, and fight it if it must be met. Fathers and mothers and friends can help, but every boy must use his own powers of mind and body if he would be a strong man.—*Christian Union.*

Nearly every evening in a Bombay bazaar may be seen two blind Christians reading from a Hindustanee New Testament, printed in raised letters, to large audiences of Hindus and Mohammedans, who marvel at the strange sight.