

the following list, but have had to add up more than half of the columns:—

West Branch, East River.....	\$27 06
McLennan's Mountain.....	14 56
Roger's Hill and Cape John.....	30 50}
River John and Tatamagouche.....	26 30}
W. B. River John.....	3 82}
River Inhabitants, West Bay &c., C.B.	17 26

Total..... 120 38½

There is a further sum of \$56.94½ contributed by Wallace and Pagwash; but as that was sent in to the Synod's Home Mission, it ought not to appear in both accounts. If collected for the Pres. Lay Association, it should have been sent in to the Treasurer. Congregations are expected to contribute to both funds however, and they generally do to the Synod's by church-door collections, and to the Presbytery's by schedules.

In the above list, we do not see Pictou or New Glasgow, two congregations that have, we believe, often raised over \$100 each in the year, and that perhaps never failed except last year in this department of church work. Doubtless there were special reasons, but they ought to make up for it handsomely this year. And besides those two, there are several others, some large and wealthy, some small and scattered, but surely willing, whose names ought to be on such a list. Pictou Presbytery leads us all in numbers. It is able to lead us in contributions also. Let it and St. John, N. B., do their duty in this matter, and we shall be a self-supporting church.

We notice that the subscriptions generally are very small; and that, with the exception of two or three of 62½ cents, none are higher than 50 cents. Probably the reason is that in the old constitution of the Lay Association, 50 cents was the highest sum taken each time; but then the collectors went round every three months. Now, when they go only once a year, there ought to be larger contributions. At the same time, it is not so much large sums that this scheme looks for, as a great many small ones. There ought surely to be a thousand half-dollar contributors in Pictou Presbytery. If there are so many this year, we would advise the committee to print the names in smaller type, closer together, and to have more columns thus on each page.

We shall look with great interest for the Report up to next June 15th.

C. H. M.

Obituary.

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Mr. KENNETH NICOLSON, who, after three weeks' illness, died at the age of 52 years, on the evening of Friday, the 1st Dec., at his residence, Fox Harbour. His family, relatives and friends have thus suddenly been called on to mourn the death of one for whom they anticipated many years of life and usefulness. He has left a widow, two daughters and an aged mother to mourn the loss of a loving husband, a kind father and a dutiful son. But the death of Kenneth Nicolson leaves not only a vacant chair at his own fireside, but is also a deeply felt loss to the settlement in which he lived, and to the Wallace congregation with which he was connected all his life-time. The settlement of Fox Harbour mourns the loss of an obliging and peaceable man. His character was briefly but truly described by a remark made to us at his funeral:—"Kenneth Nicolson was a man of peace." The Wallace congregation mourn the early removal of one who, as a member and a trustee, took a deep and active interest in its welfare, sacred and secular; and who was always ready to respond liberally and unobtrusively to every demand it made on his time and means. At all congregational meetings, convened for civil or religious purposes, we were sure to find him in his seat, making other engagements and calls subordinate to his beloved Zion. The Sabbath day services, the Sabbath school and the prayer meeting had his presence and encouragement. It was when returning home, on one of the evenings of the monthly prayer meetings, at Fox Harbour, that, overtaken by the severest storm of last fall, he caught a cold which ended so fatally.

The respect in which he was held was fully manifested by the long procession which, in silence and tears, followed his mortal remains to their last resting place. The services at the grave were conducted in accordance with the Ritual of the Orange Society, of which the deceased was a member.