

The Carriboo section of Knox Church congregation, Pictou, has asked for the services of a Catechist for the summer in addition to the regular services. The matter has been referred back by the Presbytery to the whole congregation for consideration and action.

A correspondent writes from Milford and Gays River that organs have been placed in both churches and paid for and that immediately thereafter a larger collection was taken for Foreign Missions than ever before at one time, shewing that the organs did not interfere with contributions for the Schemes of the Church. A good example for all churches not to indulge in luxuries at the expense of the Lord's work.

The students of the Missionary Association of our Theological College in Halifax, have raised among themselves \$200 to support a catechist, one of their own number, in Labrador for the ensuing summer. They will work under the direction of the Home Mission Committee. The Catechist will be empowered to relieve bodily want as he may have means and find need. Any who wish to help can send it to James T. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Pine Hill College, Halifax.

Sixteen years ago Souris, Grand River, and Bay Fortune, P. E. Island, were formed into a congregation. In March 1873 Rev. J. G. Cameron was settled over them and still remains the pastor. When formed into a congregation \$100 was received from the Supplementing Fund. They are now self sustaining and have built three new churches free of debt. The three sections now number 121 families. Through our Augmentation Fund this congregation was nurtured and now contributes liberally to the schemes of the church.—*Com.*

The Presbytery of Halifax held a visitation of the Windsor congregation, March 6th. The congregation has lost somewhat heavily during the past three years through death and removals, but has still about 115 families. This congregation is one of the oldest in the Church. It has had in its history its seasons of great prosperity, and also its reverses, but in all its changes it has always had a goodly body of faithful men and women to carry on the Lord's work. The Presbytery suggested that the envelope system be adopted in raising funds for ordinary revenue.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, C. B., has left the old church in which it worshipped so long and on March 4th removed to its new home which is just completed. The morning service, English, was conducted by Dr. Isaac Murray, the Gaelic immediately after by Mr. Drummond, the evening by Mr. John Murray and Mr. Purvis of the Methodist Church. The new St. Andrews is a fine building, 64x52 feet, besides vestry. The pews are circular, rising from the platform towards the door. The cost was \$9,000 and the seating capacity 550.

One would think that the Presbytery of Montreal and that of Boston are far enough apart to be free from any liability of interference with each other's work, but in these days distance is no barrier.

There was, until recently, but one Presbyterian Church in Lowell, Mass. About a year ago some parties in that church, dissatisfied with matters as they were, asked the Presbytery of Boston under whose care they were, to organize them into a separate congregation. This the Presbytery deemed it unwise to do, and tried to restore harmony and peace.

The dissatisfied parties have since applied to the Presbytery of Montreal which has responded to their request, and now they are organized as a congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

A formal protest has been forwarded by the Presbytery of Boston to that of Montreal. The latter must surely have some very strong reasons for the step they have taken for it is rather an extraordinary one, and they are wise and good men.

Presbyteries should be as careful of each other's jurisdiction and discipline when they belong to different churches as they are bound to be when they belong to the same church.

The income of the Free Church of Scotland last year for Foreign Missions was \$486,145—the largest sum ever realized by the Church for that purpose. There are in the mission twenty-seven principal and 150 branch stations; forty ordained, four medical, twenty-two teachers and twenty-three female missionaries, besides thirty-one missionaries' wives; twenty-four native preachers, 310 native teachers, eleven European evangelists and artisans, 164 native helpers, 5,206 communicants, and 16,614 pupils in the schools.