

largely assisted, both ecclesiastical and general.

Dorcas societies, ladies Aid Associations are the order in this congregation, and indefatigable workers the members have proved themselves to be. The results are worthy of extended notice, and would, if given, greatly benefit and stimulate clergymen and their flocks, in this corner of the Lord's Vineyard.. Mention must be made of the Young Men's Association. While attending to mutual improvements, they have not neglected to provide Lectures, conversaciones, and concerts for their fellow church members. Sir Hugh Allan, of Ravenscraig, has taken a large interest in their associations. and his words of encouragement have reached even Pictou.

The address is full of admirable practical suggestions, and christian services.

Sabbath School interests, Church psalmody, attendance at public worship, devotion to the Master's cause, are earnest breathings for the future, and all touched upon as with a needle, by the pastor. He concludes a model address by a grateful recognition of God's mercies, and while he does not forget the trials, he thankfully, like one of old, calls upon his soul to bless the Lord." Like a faithful soldier of the cross, he has been so stirring that when the end of the beginning cometh: then may be inscribed on his tomb, "Here lies he who tried to do his duty."

The Rev. S. McGregor and family have gone to Scotland.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.—A meeting of the St. John Presbytery was held yesterday in St. John Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kenneth McKay, the moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The resignation of the Rev. P. Melville which was sent in at the last meeting of the Presbytery, was taken up and accepted. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions. They reported in favor of the following which was passed unanimously:—

In accepting this resignation the Presbytery unanimously record their high appreciation of the valuable and devoted services rendered by Mr. Melville to the cause of the Church of Christ during the five years and a half of his labours within their bounds; their sense of the success achieved by him under very great difficulty—and their regret at the loss they experience at his departure alike as regards the interests of the field whereon he has toiled, and their own counsels as a church-court. They rejoice at the same time that Mr. Melville is being translated to a sphere of labor of not less importance than that which he has heretofore occupied; and they heartily wish him in connexion with this transfer the blessing of the Great Head of the church.—*Daily Telegraph*.

We understand that the Rev'd gentleman above alluded to, has received a call to W. B. E. River.

The Colonial Committee has given this synod the grant annually bestowed in aid of our supplemented charges. As the funds of the colonial scheme are less than usual the grant is only one half the amount received last year. It is understood that the grant in aid will not be continued hereafter, as the committee has withdrawn its support from the older colonies and provinces.