

May 11th, by Rev. J. R. Munro. As the station is yet very weak any aid will be thankfully received. Communications may be addressed to Mr. Thomas McLeod, Mulgrave.

The Campbell estate, Charlottetown, through Rev. J. S. Carruthers, executor, will pay by June 1st, \$3,000 for Foreign Missions. The same estate also provides \$900 to found a bursary available for candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

Bedford Waverly, and Sackville is to be supplied during the summer by a catechist. Mr. W. McKenzie, who laboured so successfully in Labrador, is now occupying these stations. An ordained missionary will be placed over them next autumn.

Two congregations in the Maritime Provinces became self-sustaining last year, namely Parrsboro, and Loch Lomond. Two new ones, however, have been formed, Oxford and Lower Stewiacke, which now receive aid from the Augmentation Fund.

The small congregation of Carleton and Chebogue, Yarmouth County, comprises thirty families. Though weak yet they are loyal and spirited, and raised last year \$151 for Church Schemes. Rev. E. Thorpe is now to be placed over them as an ordained missionary.

Very interesting and successful evangelistic services have been held in Freetown, P. E. I., by Rev. Wm. Tafts, pastor, during the past winter. About sixty have for the first time professed their faith in Christ. The same district has just erected a neat church the movement being largely the outcome of the revival. Thus they prove their faith by their works.

Rev. D. McDougall has been for eleven years pastor of the congregation of West Bay, C. B., and a few weeks since the managers waited upon him, and gave him \$180 to purchase a suitable carriage. Such a token of appreciation after a lengthened pastorate, is most encouraging. The new carriage will mean much, but still more precious will be the love behind it that prompted it.

As the Scotch Church, Boston, is Maritime, so far as the pastor and nearly all the people are concerned, we are glad to record here that at the Communion on April 13th seventy one united with the church by profession, and nine by certificate. On a recent Sabbath eleven of the young people received a prize each, for correctly reciting at one sitting the "Shorter Catechism." The congregation raised last year for all purposes over \$9000.

THE UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT.

I was told he was a respectable old man, honest, industrious, God-fearing, and he worked upon the roads. Hot or cold, summer or winter, year in and year out, Thomas was always to be found thus engaged at his daily task in the neighborhood of my home.

One day, when we were out walking, we stopped to talk to Thomas, and the old man grew earnest in speaking of his favorite theme—the love of God. He said that when he was young he cared not for the concerns of eternity, and that he became very different afterwards.

"Aye," he said, as nearly as I can remember, "there was an infidel once as used to come and argue with me about religion, and one day I turned to him and said, 'You knew me as I used to before I gave my heart to God; now, tell me, was I a better man then; nay, was I half as good a man as I have been since?'"

The sceptic had not a word to say.

The argument was unanswerable. He knew what a sad, sinful young man the old roadmaker had been before he became a new creature in Christ Jesus, and he could not deny the change had been a beneficial one.

Let us see that we show forth by the power of a changed life the beauty and desirableness of true religion.

"Regeneration, the second birth, is an essential condition to adoption into the family of God. God gives to us the Spirit of adoption. He fits us for our wondrous sonship. Then follow these "benefits,"—assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end."

"Living waters," it has been said, "cannot be stayed unless they freeze, and the pond that has no outlet becomes stagnant. So the individual who exists for self alone, dwarfs and paralyzes his soul, and the Church that seeks simply its own upbuilding, dies even while it has a name to live. 'Not to be ministered unto, but to minister,' was the precept and example of our blessed Master."

"The Belgians are the champion drinkers. More spirits go down their gullets than of any other nationality on earth. Their stomachs are their exchequers, into which they put on an average to every inhabitant two hundred and forty quarts of beer and thirteen quarts of spirits—new born babies included. The government is aroused to some feeble effort to reduce the amount."