

forthcoming from the Ladies, who in Halifax, St. John, Wolfville, and over a great part of the country have formed themselves into Women's Aid Societies. These were started by the zeal and perseverance of Miss Norris, and bid fair to prove a most effective auxiliary to their Board of Missions.

### Kings Co. Ministerial Association.

The subject at last meeting was Intemperance. Rev. Mr. Heustis spoke on indoctrinating the youth at our Sabbath Schools with sound views on the subject of Temperance. Mr. Hogg on the baneful influence of Christian example in favour of the social use of intoxicating liquor.

Rev. Wm. Summerville pointed out the common error of limiting intemperance to express the abuse of ardent spirits, and shewed that there was an intoxication produced by novel reading as well as by drinking, and that the votaries of the dance, even when unaffected by the use of wine, were often justly chargeable with dissipation. Perhaps the most interesting part of his address consisted in showing the connection between these different forms of folly. The meeting was interesting and profitable in a high degree.

### Presents to Ministers.

The people of Jacquet River and Armstrong's Brook, forming a section of the Rev. Thomas Nicholson's congregation, recently presented him with an excellent buffalo coat and sleigh robe, and also a superior fur cap and mits, as an expression of their esteem for him as their Pastor.

One of the Bible Classes of the Rev. A. McLean Sinclair presented him at their first meeting this year with a buffalo robe. This is the second valuable gift presented to Mr. Sinclair by the same class since his settlement over the East River congregation.

The young people of Rev. D. McNeill's charge made him a New Year's present of a purse with £13 1s. 8d. There are other healthy signs of progress in the congregation.

A deputation from Milford Section of his congregation, waited on their pastor, the Rev. James Maclean, and presented him with two buffalo robes, as a token of their esteem and of their desire for his comfort.

Rev. Edward Annand acknowledges with thanks a New Year's Gift from the congregation of Chalmers Church, amounting to \$210.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy acknowledges with cordial thanks, the gift of a Plaid,

from the teacher and scholars of the East Petpiswick.

Within the last few weeks, the Rev. Alexander Ross, of Pictou, has received from the people of his Congregation, gifts amounting in value to over one hundred dollars, in addition to the prompt payment of an annual stipend of eight hundred dollars. The sum of twenty-five dollars was presented to him by the ladies, Sewing Circle; and it is due to the members of the Circle to state that, for years past they have in various ways promoted the welfare of their minister and the interest of the Congregation. During the year just ended, besides contributing liberally to several religious and benevolent objects, outside of the Congregation, they, together with other ladies, by means of a tea meeting and sale of useful articles, realized the sum of three hundred dollars, for the purpose of procuring the heating apparatus which now add so much to the comfort of the Church. A purse of sixty-three dollars, collected in town, West River Road, and Hardwood Hill, was handed to the Pastor on the first Monday of the New Year. Gifts from the Carriboo River section of the Congregation, valued at over twenty dollars, were presented.—These are by no means the first expressions of good will which Mr. and Mrs. Ross have received from their people, during the last ten years. Such things may be looked upon as evidences of increased interest in spiritual matters, and of the mutual affection of pastor and people.

### The New Music Book.

We have been requested to state that the concluding proof sheet of the New Music Book are to be returned to Edinburgh by the mail now closing. The stereotype plates have been prepared in the City just as fast as the corrected proofs were received; so that the whole will be finished immediately after the arrival of the proofs which are now being returned. Messrs. McKinnlay some time ago ordered an edition of 2,000 copies to be printed and sent out in sheets, these will probably arrive in February, and it is considered almost certain that in March they will be in the hands of subscribers.

### OBITUARY.

Died, at Braeside, Dartmouth, on the 2nd January, 1871, Mr. PETER McNAB, Elder, aged 70 years. Regarding his death, the Session of St. James' Church, Dartmouth, entered the following record in their minutes:—  
"The Session, before proceeding to other