

OUR OWN CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PICTOU, N. S.—The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church was held on Thursday. Mr. Adam Carson was appointed chairman, and Mr. D. Sutherland acted as secretary. The meeting opened with prayer by Mr. L. McInnis. The treasurer submitted his report for the past year; amount received was \$2,281; amount paid was \$2,156. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—*Committee of Management*—Allan A. Ferguson, John Pringle, Adam Carson, D. C. Henderson, Thos. Glover, D. McDonald, J. J. McKay. *Treasurer*—Joseph A. Gordon. *Secretary*—D. Sutherland. *Clerk of Stipend*—John McKay. *Auditors*—John Munro, M. Harper. The church is in excellent condition, and no money is required for repairs for 1887.

The *Pictou News* of Jan. 28th says that the Tory party "is now naught but a disreputable horde of robbers and plunderers;" and it tries to insinuate that the Rev. Geo. M. Grant thinks so!

What could be more false or deceitful? Is that the press that does not vituperate?

WESTVILLE.—Our enterprising and faithful post-master, Mr. Balfour, in obedience to the increasing rush of business, and recognizing the wants of our growing village, has been having the post office thoroughly refitted and remodelled. Over 200 new boxes have been added, so that there are now between 400 and 500 boxes in the office. There is also another improvement in the delivery. A person can now get his mail either from the outside or inside, as there is both an outside and inside delivery. We have now as neat and convenient an office as is to be found anywhere. As a sample of the amount of business transacted yearly at the office, our obliging post-master says that during the past year over 900 letters were registered, and about \$30,000 P. O. orders were issued, and about \$4,000 paid.

PRESBYTERY APPOINTMENTS: *Fisher's Grant:* Feb. 20, Rev. Mr. Murray; 27, Rev. Mr. McMillan; March 6, Rev. Mr. Stewart; 13, Rev. Mr. McKichan; 27, Rev. Mr. Melville. April 3, Rev. Mr. Stewart, 7 p. m.; 24, Rev. Mr. McKichan; May 1, Rev. Mr. McMillan; 15, Rev. Mr. Dunn, 7 p. m.; 22, Rev. Mr. McKichan.—*For Gairloch:* Rev. Mr. Stewart, Feb. 13, March 27, and May 8; Rev. Mr. McMillan, Feb. 27, April 10, and May 15; Rev. Mr. McKichan, March 13 and April 24.

REV. MR. BRODIE has been in Cape Breton,

much delayed and depressed by the death of his father, which greatly disconcerts appointments and arrangements. The Presbytery give him kindest sympathy, besides the many cares and duties thus laid upon them.

ST. COLUMBA KIRK, W. B.—Rev. Mr. Melville has been holding delightful evening meetings at Glengarry, Lansdowne, etc., which were greatly blessed. A genuine revival of religion is awakened; yet so quiet and orderly, as well as deep and penitential, as to gladden the hearts of all good people. Let us thank God and take courage to do His will to the end!

BRIDGEVILLE, E. R.—A goodly number of St. Paul's congregation turned out, with axes and teams, and laid in a year's supply of wood at their pastor's door. The Irish Mountain Section of St. Paul's congregation, also turned out to a man on Wednesday and hauled a year's supply of coal for their pastor. This is the tenth year this kindness has been repeated, and yet, by their actions, they say they are not weary in well doing. Mr. McMillan and family gratefully acknowledge these, and many other tokens of kindness from the congregation, and feel that their "lot has fallen to them in pleasant places."

RIVER JOHN.—Subscriptions to Supplementing Fund from St. George's Church:—John McKenzie, \$2; Daniel McKenzie, \$1; John Holmes, \$1; Daniel Forbes, \$1; R. Sutherland, \$1; M. H. Fitzpatrick, \$1.50; Georg Gordon, \$1.—Total, \$3.50.

SALTSPRINGS.—Six teams from the Lime Rock section, with the addition of one from the Saltspings section of St. Luke's congregation, recently turned out and hauled to the manse for the use of their Pastor a goodly supply of coal. This is only one way in which individual members of the congregation show their interest in and concern for the comfort of their Pastor. Mr. Fitzpatrick thanks those friends for such acts of kindness.

HALIFAX, N. S.—James Lord & Co., of Montreal, are shipping fifteen thousand barrels of flour via Halifax to Newfoundland. Mr. Lord speaks in the highest terms of Halifax as a winter port, praising its magnificent harbor and terminal facilities, the quick despatch afforded, and the low port charges. He knows of no port on the continent that surpasses it, and says, provided freight rates are the same, he would fifty times sooner ship from Halifax than Boston or Portland.

WINDSOR, N. S.—In the district of Gaspareaux, settled by two hundred families, seventy-one persons average seventy-seven years of age. In the adjoining polling station