

institution, left vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Leitch. Mr. Snodgrass was not a candidate, we believe, for the important office, and the appointment was altogether unsolicited on his part.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. MENZIES.**—The *Presbyterian* states that the teachers and scholars of St. Matthew's Church Sabbath School at Point St. Charles, Montreal, recently presented their Superintendent, Mr. W. C. Menzies, on the occasion of his leaving for London, C. W., with an address and a magnificent copy of the Imperial Family Bible. Mr. Menzies responded in suitable terms. A farewell hymn, composed for the occasion, was sung, and the Rev. Mr. Darrach gave an address. A few years ago, Mr. Menzies superintended St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Halifax, with much acceptance, and was one of the first to agitate the adoption of a regular course of scriptural instruction for the Sabbath School, which has resulted in the annual publication of a Scheme of Lessons for the children of our Church. We are sure his name will be remembered with pleasure by his many friends in Halifax.

#### Prince Edward Island.

ON Saturday, 20th ult., a few friends of the Rev. Mr. McLean, of St. John's Church, Belfast, waited upon that gentleman, and presented him with a valuable set of silver-mounted Harness and Whip, manufactured by Mr. Adam Murray, Charlottetown. The gift was accompanied by a suitable address, to which Mr. McLean feelingly responded.

WE have also the pleasure of stating that Mrs. Duncan—wife of the esteemed pastor of St. James', Charlottetown—recently became the recipient of a very handsome Sewing Machine, the gift of the ladies belonging to that congregation. The machine is said to be of superior workmanship.

#### Historical Fragment—St. Matthew's Church, Halifax.

A late number of the *Colonial Standard* contains the following interesting paragraph: "The oldest Presbyterian Church in this Province was the late St. Matthew's Church, Halifax. It was built about the year 1760, on ground which had been granted by the Government ten years before. It was erected, however, at the instance of Congregationalists from New England, and was supplied for many years by Congregationalist ministers, and occasionally by others who happened to visit Halifax, but had no fixed pastor till December 1783, when the Rev. Thomas Russell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Paisley, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was settled in it. He remained only three years and three months. Mr. Russell was succeeded by Dr. Andrew Brown, who resigned his charge about 1797, and became

Professor of Rhetoric in the University of Edinburgh. Rev. Dr. Archibald followed, and continued laboring until his declining health induced the congregation to seek an assistant, when he obtained the services of Rev. Robert Knox, a native of Nova Scotia, but educated in Edinburgh. Mr. Knox left on receiving a call to Scotland, and was succeeded by the Rev. Ebenezer Renney, who again, after a year or two, was succeeded by the Rev. John Scott in the year 1826. Since that period, the Church has been burnt down, a new edifice has been erected, Mr. Scott has also departed this life, and the congregation is now supplied with preaching by the Rev. George M. Grant, who has been settled over them. The congregation is large and growing, and, under the labors of its present pastor, is rapidly increasing. B."

**SETTLEMENT OF REV. JOHN SINCLAIR.**—The following is extracted from a late English paper:—

"WHITEHALL, August 3rd.—The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. John Sinclair to the Church and Parish of Small Isles, in the Presbytery of Skye and county of Inverness, vacant by the death of the Rev. Peter Grant, late minister thereof."

**SABBATH SCHOOL PICNIC.**—The Sabbath School children connected with the Halifax Association spent a very pleasant day at Belmont, North West Arm, on the 24th ult. The steamer "Neptune" conveyed the happy party from the city to the scene of festivities. Over 400 scholars were present, besides a goodly number of visitors; and all who participated enjoyed delightful recreation.

#### ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, begun at Chatham, on the 6th day of July, and terminated on the 9th day of the same Month, in the year 1861.

#### FIRST DIET.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrew's Church there.—Wednesday the sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four years:—

THE which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, met by appointment.

After sermon by the Rev. James Allister Murray, the retiring Moderator, from this text, Luke XVI. 31, "If they hear not Moses," &c., the Synod was constituted with prayer by the said Mr. Murray.

The Presbytery Rolls having been given in by the respective Clerks, the Synod Roll was made up and read.

Thereafter the Roll being called, *sederunt*