

We are now in Sydney, and I had the pleasure of seeing some of my good friends. Our dear little daughter is very low. I think she is a little better to-day. With much love to you all, I remain

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News of the Church.

MR. COGSWELL, we are informed by private letter, is about going up for License in the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Mr. Gordon is finishing his theological course this winter. We hope to see him out in the course of next summer. We promise him and all our young men a hearty welcome. Now is the time for vacancies to begin to make their arrangements. They should not wait till the men are on the ground to begin to make arrangements. Some of our present vacancies have lost the opportunity of securing ministers by other congregations being better prepared than they when the men came into the field.

The usual "gathering" of the Halifax and Richmond children was held in St. Andrew's Church on New Year's Day. Nearly 800 children were present. W. Neal, Esq., presided. The several ministers addressed the children, giving good and wholesome advice, and thereafter prizes to the deserving were distributed among much gladness and glee. Mr. Neal was presented by his class with a piece of plate. Mr. Campbell, author of the History of Nova Scotia, was presented by his class with a writing desk; and Mrs. Campbell, wife of the minister of St. Andrew's, by her class, with a lady's work box. Thereafter the juveniles withdrew to the Basement, where fruits and sweetmeats were distributed to all and sundry.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ASSOCIATION, HALIFAX.—A social society has been formed by the young men of this congregation upon a somewhat novel plan. The object of the Association is the mutual improvement and co-operation in furthering the aims of a Church. The Association is to meet fortnightly, and each alternate meeting is to be a public

one, at which friends of the members may be present. It is intended to make the meetings more like the meetings of members of the same family. Refreshments are to be served, and each member is expected to contribute something towards the literary, forensic, or musical entertainment of the evening.

We wish the Association every success. The principles enunciated, if strictly and judiciously carried out, will no doubt be beneficial to all who shall have the privilege of membership.

RICHMOND AND N. W. ARM.—We have several items to chronicle about this congregation:—(1) The debt of \$165, due on the contract for the outside of the Church, has been paid, the ladies of the congregation raising \$130, and Rev. Mr. Grant collecting \$35. The Church is now without a cent of debt. (2) The minister, on his return from Newfoundland, was presented with a very warmly expressed address and \$60 towards purchasing a waggon, to enable him to attend efficiently to his *vagum ministerium*. (3) A handsome Christmas present has been given by the congregation to the Precentor. (4) The late Edward Jeans having left \$160 to the Richmond congregation, they have resolved to put the money, and \$60 more, to getting a church bell. The bell is ordered, and will always be regarded as a monument in honor of one who in life was a warm friend of the Grove Church. (5) St. Matthew's Monday evening Bible Class has presented the Richmond Church with a beautiful silver-plate font.

THE important charge of S. Schoolhouse, Little River and New Antrim, Musquodoboit, is no longer among the vacancies of the Church. The ordinances of Religion are now dispensed by an able, energetic and faithful minister of the Church. At a time when the hearts of the people were almost failing them for fear, and from a quarter whence no one was looking for help, a minister, full of zeal for his Master, was found, the field was pointed out to him, he was told that there were other fields, but he was willing to cast in his lot with them, and do what in him lay for the congregation and people of this old and important charge. We feel assured, fur-