

the part of members to contribute towards paying their early stipend? And if not so what should follow, but that members when asked, give *according to their ability*. But this is not all. It were well that the members of a family, of or about the age of 21, were trained to contribute in addition to their parents: this and this alone will beget a thriving congregation. In fact, were the system adopted of all giving, as a matter of conscience, on the Sabbath day, for all Church purposes, it might have a beneficial effect as in other churches; but, at least, let each lay by for stipend and regard that as a first debt, and then there will be less cause of complaint and less need of presbyteries visiting and publicly faulting. Times are hard, but not so hard as in the Chamber of Macedonia, when Paul said of them "That they were willing of themselves and that their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." What is required is a good system and putting aside when one has, and the thing is done.

#### NOTES OF THE MONTH.

The failure of the Glasgow Bank has sent want and grief to many a home. The Merchants Bank, P. E. I., has also suspended payment, and entailed inconvenience and fear on not a few, but there is a faint hope that the liabilities will be met. It is high time that something were done to restore confidence in the Banking system. Manhattan Savings Bank, New York, was robbed of a large sum.

John B. Gough is carrying on a successful campaign against the liquor traffic in England.

Yellow fever is abating as the cold weather is setting in.

ST. PAULS, E. R.—Not weary in well doing—At an early hour on Tuesday, the 29th Oct., a goodly number of the congregation put in an appearance at the Manse, Bridgeville, with teams and ploughs, and before the going down of the sun, had the Glebe in readiness for early spring sowing; and this is but *one* of many instances, by which St. Paul's congregation are strengthening the hands and encouraging the heart of their pastor.

The reins of Government have changed hands in the Dominion and several of the local parliaments. We shall now be glad to see the "good time coming" that has been long promised. Pictou may well feel proud, having given the Local House a Premier, and the Dominion a Minister of Justice

The Orangemen who were arrested in Montreal on the day of their intended procession were acquitted, Judge Ramsay finding it not illegal for them to assemble in their rooms. We hope this is the last we shall hear of riots in this connection.

A Socialist has made an attempt on the life of the young King of Spain. A similar attempt was not long ago made on the life of the Emperor of Germany. Socialism is spreading rapidly, and judging of it by its fruit it is a corrupt vile tree.

All the lovers of truth, honesty and integrity, will be glad to learn that the directors and managers of the Glasgow Bank, whose late failure involved so many in loss and want, are now in prison awaiting their trial on charges of fraud, misrepresentation and embezzlement.