

with a copy of Bateman's Hymn Book, containing 130 Hymns and Melodies, with appropriate music. Such acts of generosity are like sunbeams to Sabbath School teachers, and, while they serve to cheer them amid the many difficulties and discouragements that beset their work, also awaken to deeper interest the youth under their charge. The scholars meet every Wednesday evening to practice the tunes, under the superintendance of Mr. Jack and other members of the choir. Thanks to the thoughtful donor!

Presentation to Rev. Mr. McMillan.

On the 30th January, Miss Maggie McIntosh and her father waited upon their pastor, the Rev. William McMillan, at the Manse, and in the name and on behalf of the young ladies of his Earltown congregation, as a mark of their esteem for him and appreciation of his services, presented him with Matthew Henry's Commentary, in five folio volumes, in beautiful type, and very handsomely bound.—*Standard*.

General Lee's Advice to his Son.

THE following letter will be read with interest G. W. Curtis Lee, to whom it is addressed, is now at Richmond on the personal staff of President Davis, and in command of the immediate defences of the capital:—Arlington House, April 5, 1864—MY DEAR SON: I am just in the act of leaving home for New Mexico. My fine old regiment has been ordered to that distant region, and I must hasten on to see that they are properly cared for. I have but little to add in reply to your letters of March 26, 27, and 28. Your letters breathe a true spirit of frankness: they have given myself and your mother great pleasure. You must study to be frank with the world. Frankness is the child of honesty and courage. Say just what you mean to do on every occasion, and take it for granted you mean to do right. If a friend asks a favor, you should grant it if it is reasonable; if not, tell him plainly why you cannot. You will wrong him and wrong yourself by equivocation of any kind. Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or keep one: the man who requires you to do so is dearly purchased at a sacrifice. Deal kindly, but firmly, with all your class-mates: you will find it the policy which wears best. Above all, do not appear to others what you are not. If you have any fault to find with any one, tell him, not others, of what you complain. There is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man's face and another behind his back. We should live, act, and say nothing to the injury of any one. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path to peace and honor. In regard to duty, let me, in conclusion of this hasty letter, inform you that nearly a hundred years ago there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness—still known as the dark day—a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished, as if by an eclipse. The Legislature of Connecticut was in session, and as its members saw the unexpected and unaccountable darkness coming on they shared in the general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the Last Day—the Day of Judgment—had come. Some one, in the consternation of

the hour, moved an adjournment. Then there arose an old Puritan Legislator—Devonport of Stamford—and said that if the Last Day had come, he desired to be found at his place doing his duty, and therefore moved that candles be brought in, so that the House could proceed with its duty. There was quietness in that man's mind—the quietness of heavenly wisdom and in flexible willingness to obey present duty. Duty, then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things, like the old Puritan. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less. Never let me and your mother wear one grey hair for any lack of duty on your part.—Your affectionate father, R. E. LEE.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

1855 HOME MISSION.
Feb.—Col. St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, £5 8 0

LAY ASSOCIATION, St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow

Statement of Monies Received from the Collectors for the year ending 31st January, 1864 and paid over to James Fraser, Esq., Central Treasurer.

Miss Margaret C. McDonald and Miss Henrietta Lippincott, for North Division, New Glasgow,	£4 6 3
Miss Sarah Fraser and Miss Annie McKay, for South Division, New Glasgow,	5 16 0
Miss Catherine Fraser, for West Side, New Glasgow,	1 1 6
Miss McKenzie and Miss Fraser, for Albion Mines Section,	7 1 6
Miss Elizabeth Wier, for Pine Tree Section,	1 8 6
Total,	£19 13 9

List of Monies Received and paid as above, for the year ending 31st January, 1865.

Miss Sarah Fraser and Miss Annie McKay, for North End, New Glasgow,	£5 1 10 1/2
Miss Margaret C. McDonald and Miss Henrietta Lippincott, for South End, New Glasgow,	5 2 4 1/2
Total,	£10 4 3

A. FRASER, (Downer), Sec.

Acknowledgment of Monies received for Professor's Salary in Dalhousie College.

THE following is a statement of the monies acknowledged in the last Record, by W. Gougeon, Esq., as received from me for the payment of the Professor in Dalhousie College. And I would beg, in the name of the Education Committee, to thank these gentlemen for their ready response to our call for this object.

ALEX. MCKAY, Vice-Convener.

Rev. G. M. Grant, Halifax,	£5 0
Rev. G. W. Stewart, Musquodoboit,	1 5
A. McKay, Esq., Truro,	3 15
J. Hart, Esq., Baddeck, C. B.,	2 10
L. McDougall, Esq., Whybecomagh, C. B.,	2 10
A. Campbell, Esq., Broad Cove, C. B.,	5 0
Hon. C. Campbell, Baddeck, C. B.,	1 5
Roger's Hill Congregation,	4 0
A. McK.	2 0
Total,	£27 5 0