

his father, a good old man, of the strictest integrity.

Early in January our stock of choice young men was seriously reduced by the removal of Mr. Robt. Hopkin to Listowel, where, as pastor, we believe he will say things to think of, and be a leader in useful work. The good will of two churches was expressed by a nice purse, at leaving. We all hope the Listowel people will take good care of our brother and his family.

Our annual meeting was a large one, and the reports as a whole, satisfactory. The First Church is burdened just now by property which it cannot use nor sell, but was able to begin the year with a small balance. And its membership is 216, notwithstanding we have sent 26 of our number to form part of the new Immanuel Church, in addition to good financial assistance. So we feel like a struggling parent who has made sacrifices to give its child a good start, and will feel well repaid if our little "Immanuel" succeeds.

The Sunday school has given 9 members to the church, has a membership of about 250, and a very good orchestra to lead the singing. It raised during the year \$322, and gave a tenth to missions, being also able to pay off \$500 of the school debt by the aid of some unknown god or goddess, who "came down" with a \$100 donation—a handsome gift much appreciated. Mr. Charles Duff is again our popular Superintendent.

The Sewing Society held a bazaar in December, which netted \$101, augmented by a cheque for \$300—a noble gift from Mr. Morton and his brothers and sisters, in memory of their father, who took a special interest in this society. Their total income of over \$450 was given to the church treasury. Toward the end of last year, the choir was again put upon a voluntary basis, under Mr. Phil. Alexander, who has since resigned; Mr. J. C. Bale accepting the position.

The Christian Endeavor Society gave a social evening to a number of young men, personally invited, who went to no particular church or school. It was well attended, and several have since joined our school and the Endeavor Society.

Like the old process of making a pin, the teaching, training and polishing of our youth would seem to need a series of special agencies in these days, each doing something the other has failed in. Last night, a Boys' Brigade was formed, to hold boys in our school during the *trying period*. An entertainment and supper was the starting-point. And truly a number of the raw recruits demonstrated to everyone's satisfaction the need of a Boys' Brigade, and the discipline thereof. The officers, Messrs. Wheeler, Chadwick and Ellis, have work ahead of them, and we wish them success.

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SELMA, N.S. — This is one of our smallest churches. The last issue of the *Year Book* tells us that it had a membership of 33, seven of whom are absentees. The church meets in its own neat and convenient building, which would comfortably seat 150 persons; and which, though used exclusively for worship, is modestly called, not a church but a hall. For some months, this little band of Christians, which has ever shown encouraging signs of Christian life, has manifested and increased spiritual vitality, especially among its young people. The *Christian Endeavor Society* has been a means of bringing out the hitherto restrained sentiments of the youthful hearts, and leading them to confess their love to their Saviour. Eight of these, and one head of a family, not long since were received into Christian fellowship. Student Jackson and Evangelist Main were very helpful in this field during their vacation, when their attentions were particularly attracted to this little company; that of the latter naturally so, for

"His fathers' sepulchres are here,  
And here his kindred dwell."

His mother still worships in this church, and his relations constitute a considerable part of the church and congregation. Our evangelistic "prophet is not without honor *even* in his own country, among his own kin and in his own house."

This church has recently heard of the death of one of its first members, a staunch friend and active Christian, the Rev. Wm. Creelman, who has since been for some years a faithful pastor in the United States. While at Selma he had two promising sons in the Sabbath school, which he superintended; one of these is also a Congregational minister, and holds a college professorship; and the other fills a worthy position. Thus some of our small, obscure and struggling churches, which are to those who look merely on the surface of things, discouraging in their supposed weakness, are nevertheless doing a work for Christ and for man, which, like the little original band, shall endure through faith in Him who has promised, "Because I live, ye shall live also." J. SHIPPERLEY.

TORONTO, DOVERCOURT.—The fourth anniversary services were held on Sunday, January 14th, when Rev. J. A. C. McCuaig preached at 11 a.m. from the words, "Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," Col. ii: 2, 3, which proved to be a most delightful discourse. Rev. Dr. Sims, of Bond Street church, was announced to preach at 3 p.m., but could not be present as he was sick with la grippe, but Rev. J. D. Dinnick kindly officiated in an able and pleasing manner. At 7 p.m. Conductor Snider spoke from the words, "Christ is all in all," in a very helpful way, much appreciated by his au-