

and, having a retentive memory, was full of interesting talk long afterwards of the persons and things he had seen and heard there. On the Sabbath before his death, he conducted family worship immediately after tea, as usual. That night the hand of sickness smote him, and on the next Sabbath morning he was removed to the sanctuary above, whether his devout and godly partner had gone ten years before him. He was a man of good sense, sincere and upright in character, and has left to his numerous descendants, scattered in Canada and the Upper Provinces, the inheritance of a name without reproach. The congregation of Kintyre sustained a serious loss through the death of *Mr. Alexander Lamont*. Mr. Lamont was a native of the Isle of Skye, Scotland. In the year 1841, he emigrated to Canada, and shortly afterwards settled in West Aldboro. Here, amidst the difficulties and hardships incident to pioneer life in this country, he reared for himself and family a comfortable home. He was connected with the history of Presbyterianism from its commencement in this part, and had the satisfaction of seeing it grow to its present flourishing condition. In October of 1861, he was received as a member in full communion, and in April of 1868 was ordained to the office of deacon in the congregation of Kintyre. In this office he faithfully served until he was called to his reward on the 19th of January. By all who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance, he was highly esteemed as a humble, benevolent and upright Christian man.

MANITOBA ITEMS.—Manitoba, and especially Winnipeg, are on the "qui vive" for the General Assembly. The North-West highly appreciates the honor, and expects a good turn out of the delegates. The sight of the metropolis of the North-West, will be a surprise to those who have never seen it. A good view of the prairies, "the gardens of the desert for which the speech of England has no name," will be worth the trouble of a visit. The travelling facilities are such as will not soon be offered again. St. Andrew's and Knox Churches, Winnipeg, have been holding special religious services. The first Sabbath of March, St. Andrew's added to its membership forty on confession of faith. Knox Church communion has not yet been held. Much interest has been awakened in the North-West by the proposal of the Assembly's Committee to reduce the salaries of missionaries on the prairies. Returns from a large number shew the opinion that living in Manitoba proper is from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ greater than in Ontario, and in the Territories, especially in remote parts, $\frac{1}{2}$ more to double. It is cruelty to our self denying missionaries even to discuss the proposed change. It means, if done, the supplying the North-West with a class of inferior men. B.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.—I send a few notes from this far away corner of the Dominion.

Dr. Jardine has got fairly settled down to work in St. Paul's Church. The building is far too small for the congregation, which must move at once for a larger place of meeting. A series of entertainments is being given in the church every fortnight, alternately lectures and mixed masical and literary programmes, all of which are much appreciated and well patronized by the citizens. Proceeds financially go towards repairs to manse. A somewhat similar entertainment was given at Colleston, on 12th January, and although the weather was very cold, a pleasant evening was spent by quite a number. Proceeds go towards the schemes of the church. It is proposed to have another at Willoughby, shortly, with the same end in view. The High School is making progress in numbers and efficiency, although the lack of accommodation and appliances keeps it back. There are 19 pupils now on the roll. The problem of increased and improved accommodation for both church and school must be faced squarely by the congregation of St. Paul's Church this summer. Some kind friends at Willoughby, presented a fine wolf-skin robe and whip, to their pastor, Rev. Alex. Campbell, a few weeks ago. It was done so quietly and unostentatiously that he hardly realized his duty of heartily thanking the donors for their handsome present. I had almost said that the wolves were of their own raising instead of their own trapping. This enhances the value of the gift.

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Meetings of Presbyteries.

TRURO, Feb. 15.—The Presbytery met at Coldstream, for visitation of the congregation. The only draw-back in the condition of the congregation is the existence of arrears of stipend. The people were urged to take immediate steps to wipe this away. Rev. James Maclean reported from Economy a call to Rev. Isaac Baird, which was sustained. Dr. Burns was nominated for Moderator of the General Assembly.

SYDNEY, Feb. 8.—The following congregations had been visited by committee according to directions of Presbytery: St. Matthew's, North Sydney; St. Andrew's, Sydney Mine's; Little Bras d'Or; Leitch Creek; Cow Bay; Glace Bay; St. Andrew's, Sydney; Falmouth, Sydney. All the work of the congregations was carefully looked into. All were found in a very satisfactory state, financial and spiritual. In the seven congregations visited, there was an aggregate increase of 916 members,—an average of 130 to each congregation. Aggregate contributions for all purposes \$11,247,—an average \$11.83 per family. For the schemes, 93 cents per family. Suitable resolutions were adopted with regard to each of the congregations visited.