

and inducted. The Congregation may well be thankful for they have received a valuable gift from the Lord. Rev. Mr. Lees has been inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Westville. Mr. Lees comes to Westville and the Lower Provinces with a good record from Ontario.

Calls.

Rev. Mr. Gillies has accepted the call of the Congregation of Sherbrooke. Mr. Gillies is well and favourably known in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Rev. Thomas Cumming has been called to the pastorate of the congregation of Stellarton. Mr. Cumming is now assisting Rev. Mr. Harvey, of St. John's, Nfld., Mr. Harvey finding it necessary to have a rest for a season.

Mr. Houston and Calvin Church.

Rev. Mr. Houston has demanded his charge of Calvin Church, St. John, to the great regret of his congregation and of his brethren and acquaintances throughout the Church. Mr. Houston has already left the Lower Provinces for Ontario and the United States. We have hopes that he may still return recuperated and inclined to resume work in these Provinces where labourers are so much required.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Home Missions on receipt of a note to their Secretary informing him of his anticipated immediate departure: "The Board would record deep regret at this sudden parting with Rev. Mr. Houston, whom we have ever esteemed as a valuable member of this Board, and as a faithful servant of Christ and of His Church, who, while faithfully doing his Master's work in his own Congregation, manifested deep interest in the welfare of the whole Church, and was always ready to labour for its purity and progress.

Dr. Waters and St. David's.

Rev. Dr. Waters has been inducted to the pastoral charge of this important congregation in the City of St. John. We congratulate the congregation on such an early and promising settlement. Dr. Waters will be a valuable addition to the Presbytery of St. John and to the body in the Lower Provinces as well as to the congregation which has secured his services.

Acadian Mission.

We have received two interesting papers on this subject, and regret that both are too late for our present number. One is the report of Mr. T. Bronillette's mission at and around Grand Falls, during the past summer; and the other is an account by

the Rev. Wm. Stuart, Convener of the Acadian Mission Committee, of a visit to the Grand Falls, in connection with the site, plan, and giving of contracts for the erection of the Church now being constructed there. This interesting paper will appear in our January number, and, in the meantime, we may state that the work is going on, and that Mr. Paradis, in seeking the means of payment, has met with a warm reception from both branches of the Presbyterian Church, from Richibucto North to Campbelton, and has received \$600. We have recently heard of him in Pictou Co., coming westward, and, so far as he has met the people, his reception has been most cordial, and he has been encouraged to follow up his mission for some time longer. It is unquestionably desirable that the building should be pushed to completion, and paid for so soon as finished.

B. & F. Bible Society Meeting.

The Anniversary of the Halifax Auxiliary, held last week in Temperance Hall, Halifax, was an excellent meeting. The President's address, the report by Mr. Farquhar, and the speeches by Rev. Dr. Graham, Rev. Messrs. Smith, Ancient, Lathern and Cochran, and by the never-failing agent, Mr. Russel, gave great interest and unity to the meeting, and made it an occasion to be remembered with gratitude to the God of the Bible.

Chalmers' Church, Halifax.

The receipts of this congregation during the year amounted to \$3904.23, being on an average \$75.08 every Lord's Day. Ordinary collections for ordinary expenses averaged 45.75 per Sabbath, Missionary and benevolent contributions during the year amounted to \$537.37. A very good record.

Quoddy.

On the day of the opening of the new Church in this settlement the collection amounted to the sum of \$28.50. Considering the circumstances of the people and the small number of Presbyterians this was very creditable.

Spry Bay.

The few families adhering to us in this locality are not at all disheartened by having their Church blown down during the August gale. They are now busily engaged in rebuilding, and purpose having the outside finished this year. A lift from the brethren who sympathize in their effort would be brotherly and encouraging