

North American Railway. In August, 1865, he returned to St. John, and engaged in an Insurance business, and soon became connected with many public and private institutions, and made many true hearted friends in this city, by whom he will be long missed and deeply regretted. Since the opening of the new St. Stephen's Church, he has manifested a deep interest in its welfare. He occupied the position of Chairman of Trustees at the time of his death, and for two years conducted with great harmony and success the Church choir. In both positions he is greatly missed. His business talents, and his great musical experience, rendered him a most valuable member of the Church and choir, and the important services rendered by him in both positions were referred to by Rev. Mr. Caie in a funeral sermon preached in St. Stephen's Church on Sunday morning, January 22d, from the words, "Arise ye and depart: for this is not your rest." Mr. Robertson's funeral took place on January 19th, and was one of the largest and most respectable that St. John has witnessed for many years. His Masonic brethren accompanied his body to the grave with the greatest mark of respect, and the road leading from his late residence to the English cemetery was lined with spectators. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Caie, Rev. Mr. Lathern, and the Provincial Grand Master. Mr. Robertson has left a widow, two sons and a large circle of relatives who mourn the loss of a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a true and warm hearted friend.

Cape Breton.

The call for missionaries to occupy portions of this destitute field is loud and urgent. At present we are without a representative in that vast and important sphere of labor; but earnestly hope ere long to be able to record the arrival of one or more missionaries to supply her vacancies there. A correspondent says, "Our people at Loch Lomond are in low spirits, as there is now no minister in Cape Breton belonging to the Church of Scotland, since Mr. Fraser left. I hope the ministers of Nova Scotia will not neglect this destitute place, but use

all their endeavors to send a missionary to labor among us as soon as they possibly can, for the people are remaining firm adherents of the Church of their Fathers."

Ladies' Society, St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.

Collected Jan. 1870.....	£2	2	6	
" April, ".....	1	12	6	
" July, ".....	3	2	6	
" Oct. ".....	2	3	9	
" Jan. 1871.....	2	12	6	
Donation from Mrs. Skinner, Woburn.....	0	10	0	
Balance from 1869.....	5	1	6	
				£17 5 3
Expended—For. Miss.....	£5	0	0	
Coal for poor... ..	0	7	6	
				5 7 6
Balance on hand.....	£11	17	9	

Notes of the Month.

By the latest telegrams it appears as if the great war of 1870-71 were ended. The last few months have shown a perplexing succession of marching and fighting in all directions upon the soil of a wasted country. It would have required an intimate knowledge of the ground and military affairs to have followed the later movements of the war with any considerable degree of intelligence. Battles, and some of them great, have been of almost daily occurrence. Men have fallen by tens of thousands, and the soil has been empurpled with blood. The French have shown what they might have done, if they had been well led. In their desperation they have fought heroically; but the steadiness, coolness and perfect system of the great German army, has crushed them in its vast folds with the cold remorseless squeeze of a boa-constrictor. The Germans have lost hundreds of thousands of the flower of their nation, and, now that Paris has capitulated, shew their joy by thanksgivings and public congratulations. The sufferings of the Parisians, though not so excessive as has been the case in some of the great sieges of history, must have been very great. There is a grim humour in the incidents of the famine, wherever the rats and mice, together