

Only a few short weeks ago he was called upon to suffer the loss of his beloved partner, so that this, to him the most sorrowful Christmas-tide he has ever been called upon to experience, has been somewhat brightened and cheered by the Christian sympathy, cordial benevolence, and real brotherly love of many friends who have learned to esteem him very highly, not only for his work's sake, but for his many excellent qualities of head and heart. Mr. Stuart is a man of fine culture, a most excellent preacher and laborious, faithful pastor.

THE REV. M. G. Henry and wife, Clyde River, were presented, on New Year's day at the manse, with a fine Estey organ, from some of the members of his congregation.

REV. MR. McMILLAN, Truro, was presented with a fine cow, costing \$42, with sufficient fodder to maintain her for the winter.

THE Congregation of Bridgewater added £100 to their pastor's salary, last New Year's day. The Conquerall section also added about \$60.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.—On Christmas night, at the close of the prayer meeting in the Presbyterian Church of Lower Stewiacke, Mrs. Francis Fulton surprised Mrs. Maclean, the pastor's wife by presenting her in the name of the gentlemen of the Congregation, with a beautiful purse containing the sum of \$27.00.

REV. MR. McCUNN, of River John, received at the beginning of the year, from his people, a gift of \$60.

THE Congregation of Saltsprings, Pictou County, in connection with the Kirk of Scotland, has added \$120 to the stipend of their Pastor, Rev. W. McMillan, making it \$340 per annum.

FRATERNAL.—Rev. Wm. Stuart, of Fredericton, received at New Year's, from his people, an affectionate address, with a purse containing \$100. Friends connected with other Churches followed up this gift with another hundred. Such expressions of sympathy were highly appreciated by Mr. Stuart in his circumstances of trial, and show the prevalence of a deep current of genuine Christian feeling in the congregation and general community.

HANDSOME DONATION.—A deputation from friends of the Rev. James Gray, of Sussex, waited on Mr. Gray on Christmas Eve, and in a kind and complimentary address, presented him, in the name of a few of his many friends in Sussex, with a very handsome sleigh, set of harness and buffalo robes neatly trimmed, valued at \$145. Mr. Gray thanked the deputation and the rest of his friends in feeling terms, for this

fresh token of their kindness, after eighteen years of labor in the district, and said it was especially gratifying to him to find so many belonging to other denominations uniting with his own people in this token of regard, and hoped it would be a fresh stimulus to the faithful discharge of his duties. The party spent a pleasant evening together in the Manse.

THE Bible Class of the Upper Section of the Presbyterian Congregation of Lower Stewiacke, presented their pastor, the Rev. James Maclean, with a complimentary address and the sum of \$30.00.

Intelligence.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The following gratifying statement is from the *Free Church Record*:—"Mr. Dugald M'Kichan, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Glasgow, was appointed one of our missionaries at last meeting of the Foreign Missions Committee. Mr. M'Kichan was a highly distinguished student both at the University and the Theological Hall. He will shortly be ordained, and proceed to labour at Bombay. Mr. William Black, a student both of theology and medicine in Glasgow, was also recognized as in preparation for foreign missionary work. At the same meeting, Mr. John Ewen, now at South Shields, was appointed an evangelist in connection with the Santhal Mission. He will proceed to Bengal in a few weeks. We have reason to hope that we shall soon have the happiness of mentioning other appointments to the foreign field. In this connection we may remark that all the Presbyterian Churches of our country seem to have been cheered by the readiness of men to go 'far hence unto the Gentiles.' We especially congratulate our brethren in Ireland, who lately sorrowed exceedingly over the lack of foreign missionaries, but are now rejoicing over three—all possessed of very high qualifications—who have just been set apart for the Indian work. One of them, the Rev. John Hewitt, had a pastoral charge, which, at the call of the Committee, he at once relinquished. A lady is also to be sent out by the Association for the advancement of Female Education. This is their first agent, we believe; but no doubt she will soon be followed by others. Other British Churches are also gladdened by the willingness of men to go forth. We repeat what we have said before,—we are evidently entering on a new era in foreign missions. Thanks be to God!"

THE Canada Presbyterian Church are aiming to raise \$31,000 this year for Home Missions.