

The Monthly Record.

JANUARY, 1877.

We have to thank those agents and friends who have promptly forwarded payments for the present year. We can scarcely say that we are thankful to those who have not yet paid for the *past* year. We are ashamed to say that in Pictou town there are quite a number who have not handed their subscriptions to Mr. Hislop. They will please do so at once, and at the same time pay for 1877, or we will be likely to come down much harder on them the next time we happen to hear of their delinquencies.

The present number will be sent to the same parties, and in the same numbers, as last year, except where any change has been intimated. Agents will please send a Post Card immediately, or rather a Registered letter with the amount enclosed. At all events we wish to hear from them without delay so that the list may be complete for the February issue.

We hope to issue the February No. within a fortnight, reserving till then notices of the various Presbyterian visitations held during this month, and other local news of the church.

We have great pleasure in giving our readers the admirable sermon by Rev. D. McKay preached at Cape John, and published by request of the Presbytery

OBITUARY.

For the Record:

It is our painful duty to record the death of Alexander McDonald, Esq., of the firm of McDonald Brothers, manufacturers, Hopewell. His death was the result of a sad accident which happened to him on the 9th of November,

exactly two months previous to his death, which necessitated the amputation of the injured leg. In spite of the skill and constant attention of his physicians, and the unwearied nursing of a devoted wife and daughter and other relatives and friends, he at length succumbed to the ruthless destroyer, after having borne his terrible sufferings with wonderful patience and Christian resignation. He will be long missed in Hopewell, where he was a most useful and prominent member of the community, and in West Branch congregation of which he was an elder. Mr. McDonald's extraordinary enterprise and industry are well known to all who were acquainted with him, and the intelligence and devotion with which he entered into religious duties as evidenced by his delight in taking part in prayer meetings and in Sabbath School work, will not soon be forgotten by the inhabitants of Hopewell. Of no one could it be more truly said that while active in business, he was fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Mr. McDonald was a native of Hopewell, and died in the 55th year of his age.

His funeral took place on Thursday, the 21th inst., and so universally was he esteemed and beloved, and so generally was his death bewailed that it was rightly conjectured that the attendance at the funeral would be so great that it was proposed that the funeral service should take place in Hopewell Church, which is near the residence of the deceased. This was done, and at the appointed hour the large church was filled by a congregation of sincere mourners, amongst whom were the widow and daughter of the deceased. The funeral services which were of a most solemn character, were conducted by the Rev. P. Galbraith, minister of West Branch Church. In the introductory part of his address he alluded to the deceased somewhat as follows: