

and Mrs. Tallach, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Matheson, Miss Stewart, Miss Oulton, Mrs. John Fraser, Miss Jane Chisholm, and Miss Ross, Collectors.

Pugwash congregation is not very numerous, neither can it be said to be very wealthy. A great many of the members are but lately settled there, but in the course of a few years it is to be hoped that they will not be behind older or more favored congregations. It is to be hoped that they will prosecute this undertaking with as much zeal as they have entered upon it. If the members of the church fail to support and extend such schemes as these, they neglect a great opportunity of doing good—they exhibit either ignorance of a most essential Christian duty, or indisposition to discharge it.

Let us all determine, through God's grace, that no such reproach shall be ours. And amid the many objects that solicit our attention, may we all be enabled to keep in mind or practice Paul's precept, "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth," thinking our labors well bestowed, our substance well spent, and our prayers graciously heard, if even in the smallest degree, we may be instrumental in hastening on that blessed period when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the channel of the sea.

I forgot to mention that every head of a family present at the meeting, subscribed for the *Monthly Record*. I will enclose a list of names.

The Rev. Mr. Sinclair has received the following appointments to preach, viz:—At West Branch East River, Dec. 11; Cape John, Dec. 18; West Branch River John, Dec. 25; Barney's River, Jan. 1; New Glasgow, Jan. 8; Pictou, Jan. 15; Earltown, Jan. 22; Roger's Hill, Jan. 29; Village, River John, Feb. 5; East Branch East River, Feb. 12; West Branch East River, Feb. 19; Cape John, Feb. 26; West Branch River John, March 4; Earltown, March 11.

At a meeting held at the W. B. River John on 27th ult., in compliance with the appointment of Presbytery, the subject of the *Monthly Record* and Lay Association was brought before the people by the Rev'd Mr. Sinclair, R. Doull and William Jack, Esq. The meeting owing to the day being stormy was small notwithstanding; twenty subscribers were obtained for the *Record*, an Agent appointed, and the office bearers and collectors of the Branch of the Lay Association chosen for the present year.

From the interest shown at this meeting it is evident that our people only require the schemes of our Church to be brought before

them in a prominent manner in order to meet with a hearty response.

Agents for the *Record*: Alex. McKay, Esq., Office bearer of the Branch of Lay Association, Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., chairman, Alex. McKay, Esq., Secretary, Roderick McKenzie, Esq., Treasurer.

Collectors: Marian Ross, Catherine Sutherland, Margaret Grant, R. John, Isabella McLean. Marian Baillie, Ellen Campbell, Wm's daughter, Nancy Ross, Mt. Dalhousie, Barbara Forbes.

The first half yearly meeting to be on the first Tuesday of March.

We regret that we have been unable to insert several valuable articles, in consequence of being too late for the present number. All matter intended for publication in the *Record* must henceforth be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 15th, as we wish to have the paper out regularly on the 1st Thursday of each month.

It must be evident to every one that punctuality is one of the principal sources of efficiency in a Magazine, and we would therefore request the co-operation of our correspondents and contributors in this matter. We have been obliged, very unwillingly, to leave over till next month, a Report of the meeting of the Pictou Presbytery; Notice of Sabbath School Association, Halifax; and notes of a trip to Canada, in consequence of their having come to hand too late. As we are now commencing a new volume and a new year, the present is an appropriate time for every one, whether lay or clerical, who takes an interest in the prosperity of our Church, to make both a general and special effort to increase the circulation of the *Record*. Although most unfortunate, in respect to the weather, the deputations in Pictou County, have so far been most successful, and we hope that their brethren throughout the other parts of the Province, and New Brunswick will lend a willing and helping hand to the good work.

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	Treasurer.

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