

courtesy, and readiness to oblige and assist, have greatly endeared him. Wherever he may go, the best wishes of all who know him in Halifax will follow him."

St. MATTHEW'S.—A collection was made, a short time ago, in this congregation, as a New Year's Gift to the Rev. Mr. Geddie,—to be devoted to whatever object he might think best in connection with his mission in the South Seas,—which amounted to \$180. The Ladies' Bible Class connected with the same congregation also contributed \$32 for the same purpose. We learn that Mr. Geddie intends to make use of this amount in supporting an Orphan Asylum on Aneiteum.

TRURO.

ABOUT a year and eight months ago, the people connected with the Church of Scotland in this place received a regular pastor. The congregation was, and still is, very small and scattered, but the following facts will show what has been done by the people within that period:—(1.) The stipend guaranteed by bond was only £75, but £80 have been uniformly paid. The congregation, therefore, have more than fulfilled their legal obligations. They have done their *duty*. Moreover, it is expected that the sum of £90 may be raised for the current year. (2.) Several pews have been sold and let; we are not aware of the exact number. (3.) The debt on the building, twenty months ago, amounted to £318 2s. 1½d. It is now only £173 11s. 6d.—having been reduced within that period by £144 10s. 7½d. The proceeds of a lecture by the Rev. Mr. Philip, and of a Tea-meeting held last summer, reduced the debt by £52 10s.; and the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Trustees, dated 25th Nov., with which we have been furnished, will show how the main part of the reduction has been effected. It may be premised that the debt on the Church is due exclusively to Mr. George Gunn and Mr. Alex. McKay, and that the sum owing to Mr. McKay is pure outlay:—"Mr. George Gunn gave in his account against the Church, showing a balance due him (including interest for one year and a half) of £173 11s. 6d. Also, Mr. Alex. McKay gave in his account, showing a balance of £92 0s. 7½d. due him, exclusive of interest. Mr. McKay kindly agreed to deduct from his account the sum of £42 0s. 7½d. Mr. Gunn also kindly agreed to deduct from his account the sum of £50; leaving, in all, as debt due on the Church at this date, the sum of £173 11s. 6d."

For this handsome and liberal conduct on the part of these gentlemen, an expression of gratitude was recorded in behalf of the Trustees of the Church generally.

Looking at the state of the Church in Truro, it was considered that the time had come when an Eldership should be appoint-

ed. An application to that effect having been made to the Presbytery of Halifax, this solemn and interesting ceremony, after all necessary preliminaries, was expedited on Tuesday, the 7th of February, when the following parties were duly ordained, viz.: Messrs. William McLeod (North River, South Branch), Thomas McCallum (North River, West Branch), John A. McLean (Salmon River), John Murray (Harmony). The Rev. G. M. Grant preached and presided on the occasion, and addressed the Elders in an instructive and appropriate manner. A meeting of Session having been held, Mr. William McLeod was appointed Representative Elder for this year.

It may be mentioned that, within the past year, the Church has sustained a severe loss in the death of Mr. Duncan Black, of Lower Village, who held the office of a Trustee. Mr. Black was a man of pure and lofty christian character, of unaffected zeal and piety, and of remarkably agreeable and winning manners, and his memory will long be cherished with deep respect by all who knew him.

Mr. Alex. McKay, whose energy and self-sacrifice in behalf of the Church cannot be over-estimated, was nominated a Trustee in place of Mr. Black, and kindly consented to act.

RIVER JOHN.

PRESENTATION TO REV. MR. MCCUNN.—We are glad to learn that, on Saturday, the 21st Jan., a deputation from St. George's Church, River John, waited on their pastor, the Rev. Robert McCunn, and, in name of the congregation, presented him with an exceedingly handsome sleigh, in token of their appreciation of his zealous labours among them.

WE notice, also, with very great pleasure, the active preparations that are being made by the same congregation for the erection, in the course of next summer, of a comfortable Manse for their pastor. An interesting course of lectures is being delivered, with the view of assisting in procuring the necessary funds to enable them to accomplish their object. Rev. Messrs. Philip of Truro, and G. M. Grant of Halifax, have already occupied the lecturer's stand, and four others are announced for the month of March, viz.: Rev. S. McGregor, whose subject will be, "Hedley Vicars and Christian Manliness;" Rev. J. V. Jost, on "The Greatness of Great Britain;" Rev. Thomas Sedgewick, on "The Study of Words;" and Rev. Mr. McCunn, the pastor, on "Silver Nails."

St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Picton.

A few Sabbaths since, some kind friend, modestly signing himself "An Old Scholar," presented each pupil attending this school