

on Tuesday last, after the satisfactory state of the finances was announced, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the stipend of the minister from the end of next quarter shall be £200, and that from February 1871 the congregation should be entirely self-sustaining. It may be added, that had it not been for the great depression in the coal trade, during the greater part of the congregation's existence, the above result would have been attained a considerable time ago.—*Colonial Standard*.

Albion Mines.—We see from the Scotch papers of August 12th, that it is the intention of Lord Fife to present the Rev. Mr. Philip to the parish of Skene, Aberdeenshire, in succession to his brother, who has been presented to St. Clement's, Aberdeen. We also learn that Mr. Philip will accept the new charge, and will leave this Province about the end of September. His departure will add another to our too long list of important vacancies, and will occasion, we are sure, much sorrow among the people of his present charge. The Albion Mines congregation has done nobly ever since it was formed, especially of late years, when through hard times it lost many of its most valuable members. It has just succeeded in paying off the debt that was on the Manse, and has commenced the erection of a church at Westville. The people are deeply attached both to Mr. and Mrs. Philip, and will long remember them. While regretting their departure, we wish them a pleasant passage to old Scotland, and a happy future in the parish of Skene.

THE REV. W. M. PHILIP, Albion Mines, begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of \$4 for the Building Fund of St. Philip's Kirk, Westville, from "A Friend."

Pic-Nics.—ST. ANDREW'S, HALIFAX.—The St. Andrew's (Halifax) Sunday School held a pic-nic on the 30th at Grand Lake, a short distance out on the Nova Scotia Railway. The weather was not very favourable, as the morning was overcast and some rain fell during the course of the day. But as every one, teacher and scholar, was in real earnest in determining that the pic-nic should be a success, the inclemency of the weather was but little felt. By the kindness of Mr. Nichol, on whose grounds the festivities were held, shelter was provided from the rain; and with ample provision, kind and attentive minister and teachers, together with a number of visitors, lay and clerical, the young people had one day's unmingled delight. The whole party returned home in the evening perfectly delighted with the enjoyment of the day, as may be supposed very tired, and fortunately without the slightest mishap.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TRURO.—On the 19th ult., the teachers and friends of the Sabbath School in connection with St. Paul's Church, Truro, gave their scholars an excursion to Hopewell in company with the Sabbath Schools connected with the congregations of Dr. McCulloch and Rev. Mr. Dimock. A special train conveyed the united schools to and from Hopewell, at which place they were joined by the scholars of Rev. Mr. McKinnon's Sabbath School; and thus augmented, the picnickers numbered about 600. The day was all that could be desired, the spot chosen admirably suited for the purpose, and the arrangements made by the several committees well adapted to secure the success which crowned their efforts. The baskets sent in, all well filled, and which were found, though many, quite necessary to meet the demands of appetites sharpened by the exercise of running, swinging, jumping, &c., in the various games and for the prizes provided, might give some idea of the amount of provisions consumed in even a short campaign by the French and Prussian armies, of whose movements we hear so much just now. After spending a most delightful day, the scholars from Truro and their friends, cheered heartily by those whom they left at Hopewell, started for home about 4.30 P.M. Vocal music, sacred and secular, enlivened the drive home in the cars; and just as the shade