

**PICTOU ISLAND.**—For the first time in its history the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Pictou Island on Sunday, 21st August. The majority of the people are nominally connected with St. Andrew's Congregation of this town, which is presided over by Rev. John M. Callan, A. M. Owing to the distance of the island from the mainland, the people are precluded from regular attendance in the parish church. Accordingly, during the present summer, the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church are assisting the people to retain Mr. John N. McLean as a Catechist in their midst. Mr. McLean conducts regular services on the Sunday, prayer meeting on Wednesdays, and a Sunday School of about fifty pupils with six teachers. He had, prior to the undertaking of this charge, a high reputation for scholarship and christian deportment. He is adding to this a no less high reputation as an effective speaker and christian worker. The communion services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. McMillan, A. M., assisted by two members of the Kirk Session, Donald A. Fraser, Esq., and Principal MacKay. There were two services on Saturday: one in Gaelic at 11 A. M., and one in English at 7 P. M. Both were well attended. On Sunday, morning and evening, services were conducted in English. An address after the "serving of the table" was given in Gaelic. The excellent school-house, which is placed in the centre of the Island, was constructed with the view of being used as a church, and well it serves the double object. It was filled to its utmost capacity by one of the most orderly, attentive and good-looking audiences we had ever seen. And never more pathetically and sweetly have we heard the truth preached than by the silver-tongued orator of the Synod of Pictou. The occasion will be one long to be remembered in the history of this little gem of the sea.

**NEW GLASGOW.**—The Rev. George Murray, A. M., has revisited his many friends, and preached with great acceptance to his old congregation of St. Andrew's, and various other charges eager to hear him before he leave us. We shall greatly miss him. But his new and rapidly-rising charge of Nicola, B. C., will be the happy gainer. There, in the land of the sunset, with the Rev. Mr. Christie of Wellington, and the Rev. Mr. Miller of Nanaimo, he will have a Kirk Presbytery which will open a new and memorable page in history. Many prayers and best benisons go with him and his dear wife and family.

**WESTVILLE.**—St. Philip's congregation at Westville entertained their esteemed Pastor, the Rev. Charles Dunn, at a most agreeable

"social" in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 22nd Aug., on the occasion of his leaving to visit his native land, after a service of over sixteen years in the united charge of St. John's and St. Philip's churches.

Mr. John McDougald, M. P., occupied the chair and read the following address, accompanied with a purse containing one hundred and fourteen dollars:—

**TO THE REV. CHARLES DUNN:**

*Rev. and Dear Sir.*—On the eve of your departure from Nova Scotia on a visit to your native land, your parishioners of St. Philip's Church at Westville take occasion to recall your many years of faithful and devoted service in their midst.

As the first settled minister of this charge, the congregation has been largely extended under your ministrations, while your unceasing attention to the sick and afflicted, and your ever-acceptable services in the house of mourning, have greatly endeared you to all in the wide range of your labors.

"While watching over the spiritual welfare of this congregation with unwearied care, your zeal for the interests of the Church of Scotland in Canada has never flagged," in season or out of season."

Please accept the accompanying gift—gathered by the ladies of your flock—as a slight token of our esteem.

Our kindest sympathy and best wishes are extended to your estimable wife and little family as well as to yourself.

Our prayer is that you and they may long be spared for the Master's service, and that you may with them return to us ere many days, renewed in vigor to carry on the Lord's work as earnestly and faithfully as you have hitherto done.

Charles Fraser for the Session; Roderick McLeod for the Trustees; R. McDougald for the Congregation.

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Mr. Dunn made an appropriate and touching speech in reply, reviewing the progress of the congregation and the Church, and expressing in feeling terms his appreciation of the friendship and sympathy extended him by his parishioners. Eulogistic addresses in honor of Mr. Dunn were delivered by Mr. J. McDougald, Mr. Baillie, Mr. R. McDougald, Mr. R. Gray, Mr. Paul McDonald, and Mr. Maxwell. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Douglas, sang several pieces, which were received with great applause. The large hall was filled to overflowing, and all present were served with tea, cake, ice-cream, etc. The "social" was one of the most pleasant ever held in Westville, and the chief honor of the success belongs to the ladies of the congregation, who, at short notice, collected the "purse" and perfected all the substantial arrangements. At the close of the "social," all present shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, hoping to see them back again in safety after a short visit to the north of Scotland.