

may be sent to the pastor of the congregation, and will be publicly acknowledged.

ST. ANDREW'S CONGREGATION, HALIFAX.—The annual meeting of this congregation was held in the basement of the church, on the evening of the 25th ult., John Gibson, Esq., Chairman of Trustees, presiding. At the appointed hour, the meeting was called to order, and opened by devotional exercises conducted by the minister, the Rev. John Campbell.

The Trustees gave in a very satisfactory report of the finances of the congregation for the year. It was reported that the revenue from pew-rents had increased, but there was a falling off in the revenue from church-door collections, while, on the whole, the revenue was gradually on the increase. The outlay was found to be conducted upon the strictest principles of economy, and the whole management highly efficient and satisfactory.

The Trustees then retired from office, and, after receiving a hearty vote of thanks, the following gentlemen, were appointed for the current year:—John Gibson, James Thompson, John Tylor, (re-elected), and A. G. McDonald and David Thompson were added to the Committee.

This concluded the routine business, after which a matter of deep importance in the welfare of the congregation was laid before the meeting. It appeared that, in conversation with a friend, a few days previous, Alex. McLeod, Esq., an old and esteemed member and communicant in the congregation, had signified his desire, now as there was no manse in connection with the church, to see the congregation taking steps towards the purchase or erection of a suitable house for that purpose. In order to forward the same, he signified his willingness to pay the very handsome sum of \$1,600. The matter was taken up enthusiastically; and with a few other subscriptions, the sum of \$3,644 was realized. A Committee of influential gentlemen was appointed to call upon the other members of the congregation and solicit their interest in this important matter. From the generous spirit always manifested by St. Andrew's

people, we feel satisfied that the work will, in due time, be accomplished. We hope, ere this time next year, to be able to congratulate St. Andrew's on the possession of a manse, a thing necessary to the efficiency of every congregation in the church.

RICHMOND AND NORTH-WEST ARM.—The minister of this congregation—in accordance with a stipulation made by him on his induction—has gone off on his two months' holiday. But where then has the Rev. J. F. Campbell gone? Not to the far East or the far West. Not to enjoy himself at Saratoga, nor to see the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, nor the Mammoth creatures of the man Barnum. But, of his own free will and at his own expense, to the coast of Labrador, to preach to the fishermen, who have no clergymen, and no Sunday while engaged in their arduous avocations. The fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ accompany the labours of Mr. Campbell! We trust to hear from him before our next issue.

MUSQUODOBOIT, we are sorry to say, is still vacant, and only occasionally supplied. Let us offer a word of advice to the people, based on the old adage of "faint heart never won," &c. Let them give a call to one or other of our settled ministers.

The most important item of intelligence from Pictou Presbytery is that Mr. Pollok is not coming back. This is news so bad that we scarcely have courage to announce it. The Nova Scotia Church, without Mr. Pollok, will appear to many not unlike "bacon and beans without the bacon." He has been our recognized head for nearly twenty years. Though still a young man, he used to call himself not a father, but a grandfather, or even great-grandfather of the church, so many were the generations of ministers that he had seen come and go from the Province since he landed in it. We cannot resign ourselves to his absence. "Will ye ever come back again?"

The Rev. J. M. Sutherland has had three calls in three months, and has accepted Pugwash, lately disjoined from Wallace congregation. This is the second attempt at separate congrega-