

EARLTOWN.—The young people of the West Branch, a section of Rev. William Grant's congregation, have lately presented him with a pair of fur gauntlets, valued at \$8.00, and Mrs. Grant with a purse of \$9.00 and other useful articles. The young men of the Earltown section have hauled a year's firewood to the door, gratuitously provided by two members of the Congregation. Farm and dairy produce has been given by persons throughout the congregation during the year.

CARLETON AND CHEBOGUE.—This congregation is limited in numbers and in means, and yet during the past year they have made good their engagements to their Pastor, placed books in their Sabbath School to the extent of \$65, and commenced a system of regular contribution to the schemes of the Church. Their Pastor also acknowledges the following gifts:—A large Family Bible; a copy of Worcester's Dictionary, price \$7.50; a string of Sleigh Bells, with articles of domestic use and in money, \$55. For mission and other religious purposes \$200 were raised besides ministerial support. We are happy to add that a spirit of inquiry and earnestness has been extensively awakened, and additions made to the number of the professed followers of the Redeemer, to be traced, in great measure, to personal appeals on the part of minister and elders, to the young people of the congregation.

BAILLIE.—We are happy to notice that Rev. J. W. Nelson's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Baillie and Tower Hill has been withdrawn, the Presbytery of St. John having agreed to apply for some addition to the Supplement. If the Committee on Supplements respond favourably, as we trust they will, the main cause for the step will be removed. This congregation has been weakened and disheartened by protracted vacancy, its families are much scattered, and a good proportion of the heads of families absent during a great part of the year. Altogether there are strong reasons for giving them a helping hand till they gain greater coherence and strength. Besides paying \$400 as salary they have expended about \$200 in church repairs, and remitted about \$60 to the schemes of the church. Those who know the country around Baillie and its people best feel thankful to hear that they are still to enjoy Mr. Nelson's labours.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—We are glad to note that the interest in this Society continues unabated. The new Building will be open in about two months. J. S. Maclean, Esq., has been elected President for the current year.—Mr. Morrow being absent on account of delicate health.

CONTRIBUTIONS of Bridgewater congregation to Schemes of the Church for 1873:	
Foreign Mission.....	\$ 30 00
Geddie Fund.....	45 00
Home Mission.....	27 00
Supplement.....	25 00
Education.....	27 00
Synod Fund.....	15 00
Acadia Mission.....	10 00
Grand Falls Church.....	7 00
Mission Vessel and Coolie Schools....	12 00
Presbytery Fund.....	4 00
Total.....	\$202 00

DARTMOUTH.—The Dartmouth congregation have added \$300 to the stipend of their Pastor, Rev. A. Falconer, thus raising the amount to \$1,200 a year. He also received \$100 as an addition to last year's salary. The Congregation has also subscribed \$225 to the fund for disabled ministers.

MIDDLE STEWIAKKE AND BROOKFIELD.—The congregation of Middle Stewiakke and Brookfield have added \$100 to the salary of the Rev. E. Smith, their Pastor, making \$700 with a comfortable manse.

WEST RIVER, &c., P. E. I.—The Rev. S. C. Gunn acknowledges gratefully the receipt of \$64.87 from the Brookfield section of the congregation, for the purpose of paying the rent of the house occupied by him during the past year, and for pasturing his horse and cow during the summer. A gift of his winter and summer's firewood from George Dixon, Esq., the same being hauled, partially sawed, and made ready for use by friends in the Clyde River, and Brookfield Sections; also farm and dairy produce, articles of clothing, &c., from persons throughout the congregation. The value of wood, and other gifts amounted to about \$40.00.

The West River Section is building a Manse, which is expected to be ready for occupancy next July. Its cost, and that of barn will be about \$1,000.

HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—The Report of this Institution shows that on the 1st January, 1873, there were 47 boys in the school; 15 have entered during the year, and 10 left, leaving 52 now in the institution. The finances are in a fair condition, the committee have been able to pay their way, and have reduced the outstanding debt from \$1,119 to \$300. The institution is conducted most economically. The cost of keeping a boy in the United States, is \$200; in England, \$92; in Scotland, \$84; while in Halifax the cost is only \$60 per head. The sum of \$6,000 is required annually to keep up the institution, \$2,000 of which is earned by the boys.

Under the most faithful and efficient management of Mr. Grierson, this school is doing truly missionary work.