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Owing to a change in printing arrangements there was some delay in getting started at the beginning of the year, but it is hoped that lost ground will soon be overtaken. To enable us to do this, the present number has been made a little smaller. It may be necessary to do the same with next issue, after which it will be enlarged to its former number of pages. On the other hand our readers will have this more than made up to them, in two ways:

1. It is now printed on better paper than formerly.

2. The page is enlarged one-eighth in size, so that during the year, even if there were more than two issues of a smaller size they would be the gainers.

With an earnest honest effort on the part of the Church the Foreign Mission Committee may close its work for the year on May 1st, free of debt. The work for the year has been most encouraging and the outlook is promising. Mr. Annand is very anxious to take a fourth man with him when he returns to the New Hebrides to occupy a large, new, island.

Rev. J. W. McLeod on leaving Princetown, Trinidad, was presented with a purse of \$100, and an address, expressive of attachment to him, and sympathy with him in his infirm state of health. Mr. McLeod and family have gone to Tunapuna for a change and expect to return to Nova Scotia in June.

The Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund is a small one in amount but not in importance. An average contribution of ten dollars from each congregation would amply meet its present expenditure; but the fact of its being small leads in many cases to its being overlooked. Let it not be forgotten.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: THE AGENCY IN HALIFAX.—It is hereby intimated to congregational treasurers and others who have money to remit for the schemes of the Church, that in accordance with the unanimous resolution of a meeting of Ministers and Elders held on returning from the funeral of the late Rev. P. G. McGregor, D.D., his daughter, Miss Helen McGregor, has been appointed to act as Agent and Treasurer of this church (Eastern Section) till other arrangements are made by the General Assembly.

ALEX. MCKNIGHT, *Modr. of Assem.*

The reports on the State of Religion throughout the Church indicate on almost every hand an increased interest and activity in Christian work. Joel's prophecy is being daily fulfilled. Many are asking the way Zionward. In the mining district of Westville, Pictou Co., the pastor, Rev. R. Cumming, reports an interest in Bible study never before witnessed there, large numbers being added to the communion of the church, even the boys in the pits taking their Bibles with them to their work, while nearly every evening he is encouraged by the coming of inquirers seeking the Way of Life. The work is quiet and earnest. A deep interest in the ordinary services of the Sanctuary. In the mining district of Vale Colliery there is also shown a quickened spirit of inquiry. Many hitherto careless are anxiously seeking the way of life and finding it.

HALF HOURS WITH THE LESSONS OF 1886, is a series of 52 discourses on the topics of the Sabbath School Lessons for the year, by 24 Presbyterian Clergymen, such as Drs. John Hall. T. L. Cuyler, Herrick Johnson, &c. In addition to its value as a help for the S. S. Lessons, it is most interesting reading for any family, containing as it does an excellent sermon for each Sabbath of the year. Sold by MacGregor & Knight for \$1.25.