

vray, and it was unanimously agreed to record in the minutes their sense of the great services rendered by the deceased to the Church of Scotland in the Lower Provinces, and their sympathy with his bereaved wife and family. The labors of Dr. McGillivray were not confined to Nova Scotia, but extended to various parts of Prince Edward Island, where, and especially at sacramental seasons, his presence was always hailed with delight. At a time when the harvest was even more plenteous, and the laborers fewer than now, he appeared annually to our people on this Island, to break the bread of life to them. The Presbytery mourns the loss of a father in Israel, of one not more distinguished for zeal on behalf of our venerable and beloved Zion, than for catholicity of Spirit, and sincere love to all who are brethren in Christ. A workman that needed not to be ashamed, full of honors, well-beloved, the Master has called to the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Individually, we would be stirred up to greater diligence in the work of the Lord, by considering his example of unwearied labor and resolute self-sacrifice. Those whom he has left behind, we commend to the Shepherd of the flock, praying that He would tenderly uphold their wounds, and fulfil in their cases His gracious promise to be "the husband of the widow and the father of the fatherless."

The Presbytery furthermore instruct their clerk to transmit an extract of this minute to Mrs. McGillivray."

Extracted from the minutes of Presbytery by

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### News of the Churches.

The heading of this article is an inviting and extensive one, but we use it now in a restricted sense. 'News from our congregations' would perhaps be a more appropriate phrase. And yet we have but scant news even of this kind, for the ministers and managers of our churches do not seem anxious to announce their doings, and goings, and intendings with loud trumpeting in the press. I suppose that it is not generally known that in the early part of July there are to be bazaars held in Charlottetown, New Glasgow, and Truro for ecclesiastical purposes. The Charlottetown one, in particular, is intended to be one on a great scale. As their two last bazaars realized between them about £500, our readers may have some idea of the energy of the ladies of St. James' Church, and of their importance in matters of finance. On this occasion, they intend to arrange if possible a steamboat excursion from Pictou, that their friends on the mainland may have a favorable opportunity of visiting the Island and its capital.

Matters seem to be progressing favorably

on the Island. Our people on Brackley Point Road, incited by what has been done on the St. Peter's road, have commenced to build a church, for which £200 have already been subscribed. In Pictou, it is usual to pay the cost of a country church by selling the pews. In Prince Edward Island, the better plan is adopted of building the church from the free-will offering of the people, and then the pews are rented to pay the minister's stipend. This system has more than one advantage to recommend it. Still the census reveals that we have not worked either system vigorously enough, for we are behind every other denomination in the proportion of our churches to our population.

The Charlottetown congregations have raised this year for the Foreign Mission the very handsome sum of £37, island currency. If we engage in active operations, we believe that this amount will be collected every year. We would recommend every congregation to pay in this year whatever it has subscribed toward the proposed scheme, as nothing will better convince the Synod that the people are in earnest on the matter. It is a noble work, and with God's blessing we will take our part in it, although our sadly diminished numbers will render it more difficult than we had anticipated. Our friends on the Island are also prosecuting vigorously the Young Men's Scheme, both in raising money and in preparing suitable students. Should God continue to smile on this scheme, we may soon expect a steady supply of well-equipped laborers for our wide field.

We see from Mr. Martin's report that there is work being done in the Halifax Presbytery. As to getting more missionaries in that direction, however, it is the humble opinion of your correspondent, Mr. Editor, that they should themselves first pay for those that they have. We would hail the arrival of new missionaries with as much joy as Mr. Martin, but not if they are to be paid with "foreign money." In the Island they are asking for additional missionaries, but they first rendered themselves self-supporting. If there is gold around Lawrencetown and Lake Thomas, some of it might be appropriated to pay for missionary services, instead of begging the required sum from the accumulated pence of Scottish herdsmen and craftsmen, laborers and lairds.

The Pictou Presbytery is now almost self-supporting.

The Lay Association has now a definite work and a well-constituted board of management, and will, in a very short time, relieve the Colonial Committee of every burden within the bounds of its operations.

As to the New Brunswick Churches, we in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island do not know as much about them as we would wish. Could not some ready writer in our sister church in that province give us a sketch of our various congregations there? It would