

stigma upon their reputation, it demanded not words but deeds to wipe it away. Mr. Sinclair's address was affectionate and stirring. We have reason to believe that the effect of this friendly conference with the people of the West Branch was in a high degree beneficial, and that the lists of the Lay Association shall show more progress in the present year than in the past. On this day a very fair earnest was given, by the procuring of a list of subscribers for the *Record*, double the number of those upon the list of last year.

EAST BRANCH, E. R., CONGREGATION.

According to the appointment of the Presbytery of Pictou, a meeting was held in the church belonging to this congregation, on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at which the Rev. Messrs. Mair, Sinclair and Pollok, Jas. Fraser, Esq., and Mr. James Fraser, of New Glasgow, were present as a deputation in connection with the Lay Association. At the earnest request of the people Mr. Sinclair consented to preach, though Mr. Mair had been appointed, and was present for that purpose. Mr. Sinclair, having chosen for his text the *first* verse of the *eighth* chapter of Romans—"There is, therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit," preached an earnest and powerful discourse in Gaelic. After the benediction was pronounced, Mr. Mair told the people the purpose for which they had been asked to meet the deputation. James Fraser, Esq., of New Glasgow, then spoke for a considerable time, and by the past success and present obligations of the Lay Association, by the example of other bodies, by the duties of each generation to posterity, by the shame attaching to the present apathy, and the peculiar importance of an active lay-element in the church, pled in a calm and effective manner for additional support to the schemes of the Church. Mr. James Fraser, of New Glasgow, made a few very sensible and appropriate remarks, and insisted on the advantage of employing ladies in the work of collecting money for the Lay Association. The Rev. Mr. Sinclair urged the same objects in a fluent and feeling Gaelic harangue. The people expressed their willingness at their first meeting to press forward the Lay Association, and 30 subscribers were obtained on the spot for the *Monthly Record*.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO THE REV. JOHN LIVINGSTON.

We understand that an address, accompanied with a handsome purse of sovereigns, has been presented by the congregation of Gairloch and Salt Springs, as a token of re-

spect and gratitude for ministerial services rendered them, to the Rev. Mr. Livingston, a young probationer, educated at Queen's College, but a native of the above-mentioned district. The gift is alike creditable to the donors and the recipient. Mr. Livingston's labours during his short visit have not only been highly acceptable, but his zeal, his careful pulpit preparations and popular manners, together with his knowledge of the Gaelic tongue, give promise of much future usefulness. We only regret, that in our present destitute state he has not considered it his duty to cast his lot in his native land, though perhaps he may yet look back upon us with a longing heart; but whether he may finally settle among us, or remain in the sister colony, we hope his efforts will be blessed for good, and that "he will have many souls for his hire."

MEETING AT PUGWASH.

According to the arrangements made by the Presbytery of Pictou, at their last meeting, and a deputation from a public meeting of Laymen within their bounds, to visit the several congregations for the purpose of laying before them the necessity of more united action in supporting the various schemes of the church, particularly the Lay Association, the Rev. James Christie, Wallace, Alexander McFarlane, Esq., M. P. P., and Donald McKenzie, Esq., held a congregational meeting in Pugwash.

Mr. Christie preached an appropriate sermon from 1st Cor. x., 24. "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth."—and after divine service was concluded, briefly explained the object for which the meeting was called. Mr. McFarlane, and after him Rev. Mr. Tallach, advocated the claims of the Lay Association to the support of the Christian people of this congregation, strongly urging upon them the duty of uniting with other congregations in the effort now making to render our church in this Colony, self-sustaining. The strong claims of the *Monthly Record* were also brought before them. The indifference of our people generally, with regard to this useful periodical, was commented on in no measured terms. The speakers contrasted the very liberal support given to the organs of the other denominations of professing Christians in this province, with the very niggardly support afforded to their acknowledged organ by the adherents of the Church of Scotland. Their duty in both cases was very plainly laid before them.

It was then unanimously resolved that a branch of the Lay Association be established, and the following gentlemen were appointed office-bearers. James McNab, Esq., Chairman; Mr. Charles T. Oulton, Secretary; Mr. Adam Dewar, Treasurer; Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Robertson, Mr. John Ross, Committee,