

The semi annual meeting of the Pictou Presbyterial of the W. F. M. S., was held in Pictou March 19th. 33 delegates were present from the different Auxiliaries. The amount on hand sent from fifteen Auxiliaries and one mission band is \$350.-45. A pleasant afternoon was spent discussing several questions concerning their work, and an interesting public meeting held in the evening, at which addresses were given by the ministers of the town, and papers read by some members of the society, interspersed with selections of music.

The Presbytery of P. E. I. has applied for the following supplements, viz :—\$250 for Richmond Bay West ; \$280 for Tryon and Bonshaw ; \$200 for Georgetown, and \$150 for Cove Head. This is considerable less than the amount asked from the fund last year, while on the other hand they are in a fair way for raising the full amount allocated to them by the Synod.

Subscription papers have been circulated on the Eastern Shore with a view to a division of the Sheet Harbor congregation. It was found however that if two congregations were organized at present a very heavy demand would be made on our Augmentation fund. A catechist is still to be employed in summer until the congregation is ripe for division.

St. Matthew's congregation, North Sydney, reports good progress during the five years of Dr. Murray's pastorate. The communicants then were 40, now 170. They have built a manse, paid off debt on church, and this year there are no blanks in their returns to Assembly. They raised for all purposes \$2400

One of the best results of the Augmentation work for the past few years has been the advance made by self supporting congregations. The Presbytery of P. E. Island has been working vigorously in this direction, and now all the congregations not on the Augmentation Fund have attained the minimum.

Lower Musquodoboit, which last year received \$100 from the Augmentation Fund has resolved to be self supporting. The congregation is reported as giving twice as much for schemes of the church last year as any previous year. Raised for all purposes \$1024.

Miramichi Presbytery has paid a little more than was asked of it into the Augmentation Fund, and asks for supplements for next year as follows :—Blackville, \$200 ; New Carlisle \$200 ; Redbank \$250 ; Black River \$200 ; Tabusintac \$230 ; Welford in the event of a settlement, \$200.

Vacant congregations are looking forward to securing some of the Pine Hill graduates. Mahone Bay is ready to call Mr. J. W. Crawford. Both La Have and Kempt are looking toward Mr. G. A. Leck, and Upper Musquodoboit is seeking to secure Mr. D. Wright.

Three of the Island congregations, Mt. Stewart and West St. Peters, St. Peters and Brackly Pt. Roads, and Orwell, have attained the minimum stipend for their ministers \$750 and manse, and Georgetown is moving in the same direction.

Miss Blackadder's collections at her meetings during her furlough have amounted to over \$800. This has all been paid in to Mr. Morrison or to Mrs. Waddell treasurer of the W. F. M. S.

Clifton congregation raised during the past year for congregational purposes \$1068.00 and for the schemes of the church \$326.00, other religious and benevolent purposes, \$142, total \$1536.

Scotsburn, Hermon and Saltsprings raised during the year \$2252 of which \$389 was for religious and benevolent purposes. Total membership 410, added during the year 82.

Two of our ministers from the Maritime Provinces have gone to the North West, Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, St. James, N. B., and Rev. A. P. Logan of Waterville, Kings, Co. N. S.

Rev. D. B. Blair is supplying the congregation of St. Andrew's, Sydney, for a few weeks. Mr. Farquharson, the pastor has been ill for some time, but is we are glad to say recovering.

Rev. George Fisher, of Montrose, Elmsdale, and Tignish, P. E. I., accepted the call to Dalhousie N. B., and is to be inducted April 9th.

Miramichi Presbytery has asked for six catechists to labor within its bounds during the summer.