

of Piston, and of friends from almost all our congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, and also of a large proportion of the ministers of the Presbytery, and were especially pleased with the presence of one of our ministers from a greater distance—the Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Charlottetown. To all these our thanks are due; and very much indebted, indeed, we consider ourselves, to the Editor of the “*Standard*,” for the very valuable help so freely given us, both of his advertising and editorial columns.

The gross receipts were a little over the sum stated in the “*Standard*,” and reached within a few shillings of £140.

ROB. MCCUNN.

River John, Oct. 19th, 1865.

Wallace---Tea-Meeting.

A TEA-MEETING, in connection with the Kirk, was held, on the 4th October, in Fox Harbour. Though the day was rather unfavourable—the weather being cold and rainy—yet the attendance was large. The arrangements and preparations, made for the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors, reflected the highest credit on the liberality and good taste of the people of Fox Harbour. And, that they were not unappreciated, was evident from the amount of money realized, viz.: £53,—which sum is to be expended in the repairing of the Church in Fox Harbour.

Congregation of St. Peter's Road, P. E. Island

To the Editor of the Monthly Record:—

DEAR SIR,—I perceive, in the August No. of the *Record*, page 156, a resolution which “expresses regret that, notwithstanding the Synodical recommendation of last year, no Lay Association has been formed in P. E. Island.” Now I beg to state, that in obedience to the said “Synodical recommendation,” a Lay Association was formed last winter, in connection with the congregation of St. Columba's Church, Saint Peter's Road, P. E. I., the fruits of which will appear in due time.

The same number and page of the *Record* contains a statement from the Committee on the “Home Mission Scheme,” to the effect that no collections were made in P. E. Island towards the funds of said Mission. This statement is not correct; because collections for various Synodical Schemes, the Home Mission among others, have taken place in our congregation within the last twelve months; and the monies thus obtained have been handed to the proper persons for transmission to the Treasurer of the “Schemes of the Church.” Why the Committee above mentioned did not acknowledge the reception of those sums, I cannot understand. Perhaps it can be explained at an early date through the pages of the *Record*.

I do not mention these affairs for the purpose of showing forth to the world how well

we have done our duty. On the contrary, I am willing to acknowledge that we might have done better than we have done. But it is not pleasant to be accused by the Synod of our Church for doing nothing, when we have done something. It is not just that we should be thus libelled ex cathedra through the pages of the *Record*. Our contributions are certainly small, but our congregation is also small as well as young. We only number about twenty-eight families, while we pay seventy-five pounds per annum for half the services of a missionary. So that we cannot be expected to contribute so largely to every good work, as older, more numerous and more wealthy congregations.

Trusting that those in authority will prefer no more such sweeping and unjust accusations against us,

I remain yours, very truly,

ISAAC THOMPSON.

*Sidney Mills, Lot 34,
P. E. Island, Sept. 22, 1865* }

[The above communication states that there is a Lay Association at St. Peter's Road. That is well, but Mr. Thompson will acknowledge that the Home Mission Committee could not have known the fact, unless advertised concerning it or its doings, before the last meeting of Synod. In the next place, it is stated that a collection was made, last year, for the General Home Mission, which the Treasurer did not acknowledge, and which the Committee did not include in their report. But, if Mr. Thompson will turn to the *Record* for July, 1864, he will find that collection acknowledged there, and credit given for it at the Synod of 1864; and, as no other collection from St. Peter's Road, for the Home Mission, was reported by the Treasurer to the Committee, the Committee could not report otherwise than they did to the Synod of 1865.—Ed. M. R.]

Earltown.

A SMALL, but select surprise party, consisting of members of both congregations in Earltown, called at the Manse on the evening of the 19th inst., and, after a few hours of pleasant social enjoyment, presented the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan with a gift of money, a splendid tea-service, and a great variety of other articles of household use,—value upwards of \$40. Mr. McMillan acknowledges, with gratitude, the repented tokens of good-will he has received from both parties, since coming to Earltown.—*Standard*

West Branch, East River.

MR. MCGREGOR wishes to acknowledge, with many thanks the thoughtfulness and kind attention of the ladies of West Branch congregation, in adding so materially to the comfort of his pew, as well as to the grace and elegance of the vestry of St. Columba's Church.

The Manse, West Branch, October, 1865.