

mention was made of his devoted services for nearly ten years.

The Choir expressed their sense of Mr. McLean's services for the last 15 years as a leading singer, by presenting an address accompanied with a Silver Ice Pitcher with a suitable inscription.

The replies were chiefly impromptu, and shewed that both these Christian workers relinquished their connection with Poplar Grove from a sense of duty and with great reluctance.

Short speeches, followed with prayer for all leaving the old home, and for the usefulness and success of the new church.

At a meeting of Session, a few days afterwards, Mr. Donald Fraser, the senior Ruling Elder in Poplar Grove, was presented by his brethren with a copy of the Life and Works of Dr. James Hamilton as a memento of their affectionate regard, and of their appreciation of his character, and of his work, as an Elder, in session, in his district, in the prayer meeting, in the chamber of affliction, and in the Sabbath school.

The Teachers and Bible Class of the Fort Massey Sabbath School presented their Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Waddell, with a handsome Davenport Desk of polished Walnut, as a testimonial of their grateful appreciation of his services from the commencement of the school to the present time.

Handsome Donation.

We acknowledge receipt of Five hundred dollars, a thank-offering from a "young man in business." In compliance with his request, we have paid over \$200 to the Treasurer of the Ministers' Widows' fund, and hold other \$200 for the Treasurer of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund, and will remit without delay the other \$100 as a contribution to the Coolie Church at San Fernando.

Our Funds.

We are happy to notice a gradual improvement in these, and trust the Foreign Mission and the Supplementing funds will receive a goodly share of our people's christian liberality during the next few weeks.

Opening of the new Church at Walton.

On Sabbath the 3rd of Dec., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Walton, on which occasion the Presbyterian Church of the village was opened for divine service. The Rev. James McLean of Shubenacadie assisted the Pastor, the Rev. E. Grant, in the opening and communion services. There was service Saturday afternoon, Sabbath morning and Sabbath

evening. On these occasions the audiences were large, and deeply interested.

The new Church is neat and commodious, and reflects great credit on the congregation, who, considering their numbers, must have largely contributed towards its erection. They gave their free-will offerings for a number of years to the building of their place of worship, and have now the satisfaction of seeing it completed and free of debt; and better still, free to all who wish to worship God there. They consecrated their offerings to God, and did not consider that they must purchase pews to be called their personal property, which they may dispose of as they think proper. Having given their contributions to God, they wish their church to be considered God's house, and therefore equally free to all.

We have known a Presbyterian Church in which a baptist brother owned a pew which he annually rented for about 25 per cent. on its first cost, and thus made money out of the Presbyterian minister to whose support he did not contribute one cent. We have known a Presbyterian Church, to which the sheriff had come and sold a pew belonging to an absconded debtor. But none of such incongruities can occur in the Presbyterian Church at Walton. There was no sale of pews. The Christians in that congregation wish it to be understood, that into their church the rich, and the poor, and the stranger, have an equal right to come and worship God.

The Presbyterians of Walton are few in number, but they are willing, earnest workers, and liberal contributors to the Gospel. They highly esteem their pastor, Rev. E. Grant, who is doing a good work among them; and they are ready to co-operate with him in every good work.

Walton is a beautiful village on the shore of the Bay of Fundy. When it becomes better known, it will become an important watering place, where health-seekers may profitably spend a few weeks or months during the summer season.

Our church has done well to uphold her banner in Walton: and, we are pleased to know, that its influence for good is not only appreciated and esteemed by our Presbyterian friends of the place, but likewise by the other evangelical denominations, who not only esteem our worthy brother, Mr. Grant, but have also given to know of sympathy and encouragement to his growing little flock.

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