

YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY FUND FOR 1874-75.

Pugwash.....	\$ 9 00
Victoria.....	2 74
Oxford.....	1 37
Rockley.....	1 25
Thompson.....	78
The Hall.....	1 00

\$16 09

Mission Work in Cape Breton.

To Editor Monthly Record:

DEAR SIR,—The past summer has been the most pleasant period of mission work I ever enjoyed, and so it is with a deep feeling of thankfulness that I present to you the following report of my doings:

I arrived at Port Hastings on the first Thursday of May, and was hospitably received by the friends of the Kirk there; next day I proceeded to West Bay, where the same welcome was extended to me. Between these two places I divided my time, giving alternate Sabbaths to each.

At West Bay we had our church for Sabbath morning services, and school-houses in different sections for Sabbath and weekday evenings. Here I usually held two services (English and Gaelic) in the church, and one (Gaelic) in one of the school-houses; but from this course I deviated on two Sabbath days, on which I held (by invitation) the forenoon service (English) in the Baptist church, and on each of these, also, I held one meeting (Gaelic) at Grand Ance, and one (Gaelic) at Kempt Road. I held meetings (also by invitation) at Marble Mountain and at the Points, the former being 12, the latter 16 miles from the head of the Bay. In the West Bay congregation, my Sabbath labours were generally one English and two Gaelic services, and a drive of between ten and twenty miles. The average attendance at church was about 150 (including stormy Sundays, it would be about 200), and at school-house meetings about 110; thus it will be seen that the school-house meetings were comparatively better attended and more satisfactory than church meetings, and consequently I held as many of the former as I possibly could.

At Port Hastings we obtained a lease of, and fitted up the Cape Breton House,

—a half-finished hotel,—for a meeting-house. In this house I held three services (two English and one Gaelic) on one Sunday in the month, and two (English) on another, giving the afternoon of this to Lake Horton, four miles inland. These meetings were well attended, and they owed not a small part of their interest to the excellent manner in which the praise portion of the services was conducted by the Skinner Bros.

Besides the regular Sabbath services, I held many week evening meetings, which during the six months would average one a-week—the distance between the two congregations (16 miles from border to border) being too great to admit of such meetings being held regularly.

The people were everywhere kind, hospitable, and liberal to me; drove me in their waggons from one congregation to another, and as frequently from part to part as I desired; gave me a home and a hearty welcome at their houses, and paid their subscriptions with a hearty goodwill. As an embodiment of all these good traits, I would make mention of Mr. D. M. Sutherland, and I know every minister who has stayed any time at Port Hastings will echo my sentiments on this subject, for his hospitality and true-hearted kindness are (?) known to them all.

G. L. GORDON.

New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—We are informed that the congregations of both St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Churches of St. John, N. B., have resolved upon raising the stipends of their respective pastors to *two thousand dollars*. The latter congregation is displaying not a little spirit. Quite recently, in response to the announcement of a collection to defray a small debt, and execute a few necessary repairs on the church, the amount taken up in the ordinary way exceeded \$440.

Ontario.

THE adjourned meeting of Synod was held at Toronto on the 3rd ult. The Union question occupied the attention of members for several sessions, which were prolonged into midnight.