

RICHMOND, N. B.—Rev. K. McKay writes a note from which we make the following extract:

"The ladies of the congregation have a few weeks ago presented me with a very comfortable and beautiful sleigh, worth \$50, and Mrs. McKay with a purse of \$16. This is the last, but not the only token of kindness received during the year. When we returned from Nova Scotia in July, a large reception party met us at the house, and left household supplies to last for several weeks. Farm and dairy produce has also been freely given from time to time. A supply of hay for my horse was brought from the fields in harvest, and firewood for the winter hauled to the door, gratuitously provided by a member of the congregation."

At the annual congregational meeting of the Bridgewater congregation, on "New Year's" day, after the full settlement of the stipend, \$687, the pastor was unexpectedly made the recipient of an envelope, enclosing \$80, as a token of his people's affectionate regard.

In different sums, during the twelve months preceding, partly in cash and partly in useful goods, the amount of about \$75 had been received, all which is hereby thankfully received.

**A NEW CHURCH OPENED.**—The Presbyterian Church, Moser River, East Halifax, was opened on Sabbath, the 4th Jan'y. In the absence of Rev. Jas. McLean, Shubenacadie, who was expected to have been present, appropriate exercises were conducted by the pastor of Sheet Harbor Congregation. The School-house in this community being entirely too small to accommodate those who assembled for worship on the Sabbath, active steps were taken about two years ago to erect a Church. It seemed indeed a Herculean task, yet, through the painstaking labour of a few individuals coupled with outside aid it has been accomplished, and now stands as a monument of their zeal. It was erected at a cost of about \$1,600, is a neat and commodious building, and an ornament to the community, whilst it also meets the wants of this rapidly growing settlement.

At present Presbyterianism is weak, our communion roll comprising but few, and no ruling elders have yet been elected. A new era, however, has now dawned upon this locality. The first Church ever built there has been opened, and with the favoring smile of Heaven may we not look for a reasonable increase. When the Lord writeth up the people may it be said that this and that man was born there.

THE Spring Hill Coal Mines are fast rising into importance, and a number of men are now engaged there. Between 20

and 30 families in connection with the Church of Scotland are said to be located there besides those belonging to our own body. Both of the Halifax Presbyteries have been granting them supply for the last month or six weeks.

OWING to recent mineral discoveries, St. George, N. B., is becoming a thriving locality, and is now being supplied with Gospel ordinances by the Presbytery of St. John.

At the settlement of Rev. J. D. Murray at Moncton, a large supplement was received. Last year the supplement was withdrawn, and a salary of \$800 is now promised a minister. Doubtless ere long a new Church will be needed.

A CHURCH is to be erected next summer at South Branch, Upper Stewiacke, Rev. E. Grant's congregation.

At Hopewell, N. B., there are now 35 Presbyterian families whose interests are being cared for. United with other stations in Albert County a congregation will eventually be formed and receive the services of a settled pastor.

In accordance with a custom of some seven years standing the congregations of the varied sections of the Presbyterian Church in St. John assemble for prayer on the last night of the year. Appropriate exercises are engaged in and a spirit of union cultivated.

DURING the past summer Rev. J. F. Campbell, pastor of Richmond Church, Halifax, enjoyed a short season of evangelistic labour on the Newfoundland and Labrador coasts. He found much spiritual destitution. Since his return a Bible Class in a congregation in P. E. Island, have informed him that they will bear a share of the expense of sending a Missionary to Labrador for the summer months. Could not some of our Bible Classes lend a helping hand, and forward donations to Mr. Campbell.

BAY ST. GEORGE, Newfoundland, promises to be an important locality. It is the proposed Northern terminus of the Railway from St. John's, to connect with the Intercolonial. A Catechist sent to this locality next summer as the centre of his operations might do a good work, and also cultivate the fields adjoining Bay of Islands, Bonaville Bay, &c.

MONCTON.—The Episcopalians of Moncton (or a portion of them) are now enjoying the services of Rev. Mr. Feltwell, a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church, organized under the leadership of Bishop Cummins.