

LITTLE RIVER

section was next visited, where divine service was conducted by Rev. John Valentine.

There are here 60 families, raising \$422 of the stipend, and giving last year \$100 to church schemes. There are 6 copies of the *Record* taken and 30 copies of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN. The committee noted the small number of families having family worship, twenty-five altogether, and urged its more general observance. Also the small attendance at the Sabbath School, 49 on the roll, not one from each family, and urged larger attendance at both the Sabbath School and prayer meeting, expressed satisfaction with the progress made since last visit in financial matters, \$100 additional having been raised for stipend during the year, recommended to have visitation by the elders and an increased circulation of the *Record*.

MEAGHER'S GRANT

section of the congregation was not visited, but from the reports given it is in a promising condition. Last year the whole congregation comprising 102 families raised \$157 for schemes of the church, the largest amount ever contributed in its history.

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S. S. CONFERENCE AT STEWIACKE

For The Maritime.

Three years ago the Halifax Presbytery was divided into districts for the purpose of holding annual Sabbath school conferences throughout the bounds. The third of these conferences comprising the congregations of Shubenacadie, Lower Stewiacke, Nine Mile River, Guys River, Milford and Elmsdale was held at Lower Stewiacke on the 10th Sept. Twelve ministers and a large number of superintendents and teachers were present.

The watchword of the meeting was "co-workers with Christ," and the first half hour spent in devotional exercises and an opening address by Rev. T. C. Jack, gave tone to the day. Then followed the reading of reports from sixteen schools showing a total of 88 teachers and 776 scholars. The average attendance of the latter being 340. The reports however revealed the discouraging fact that only one teacher's meeting is held in the whole district, only five professed Christ during the past year, and but six schools are opened the whole year.

At the afternoon meeting Rev. A. Campbell, of Noel, led off with an earnest practical address on "How to increase the interest of the Sabbath Schools." It was followed by a short discussion in which the several speakers threw out many good hints for the

teachers and others. The Rev. James Andrews, Musquodoboit Harbor, who was invited to be present, spent an hour explaining the Tonic-Sol-Fa system of music aided by a small class of singers.

At the evening meeting, Rev. A. Gunn, Kennetcook, well emphasized, by an earnest address, the relation of the children to the church. He was followed by Rev. John Robbins, of Truro, who delighted the audience for an hour in bringing under review the sayings and doings of the world's convention in London. Rev. E. Grant, of Stewiacke closed the programme in a short, pithy address, explaining and commending the formation of the societies of Christian Endeavor in each congregation. The hospitality of the ladies of Lower Stewiacke was unbounded. The singing, accompanied with the organ at the evening meeting was excellent, and all separated with the feeling that a year is a long time to wait for another conference. We anticipate good results from the gathering of so many good Sabbath School workers.

To give practical effect to the discussions of the day, the following finding was drawn up. That more attention be given to music, that the registers drawn up by our General Assembly be generally used, that there be more memorizing of Scripture, and an endeavor to get and keep more grown up people in our Sabbath Schools, that superintendents and teachers urge and encourage scholars to enter upon the examination of "Higher religious instruction", and above all that we give ourselves to more earnest and prayerful work with the view of leading the scholars to trust in and profess Christ.

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THE DUTY OF THE PARENT TO THE S. SCHOOL.

ADDRESS AT THE S. S. CONFERENCE IN NEW GLASGOW.

In order to see clearly the duty of the parent to the Sabbath School, let us first see the work to be done by these two agencies and the relation in which they stand to each other in the performance of that work.

The great work to be done both by parent and Sabbath School may be summed up in one short sentence, viz:—To build up the young into the likeness of Christ.

The prime factor in this work is the parent, the Sabbath School is secondary. The parent is God's appointed agent, the S. S. is of man. The parent is a divine institution, the Sabbath School a human one.

One view of the relationship between these agencies is to look upon the Sabbath School