

lege of assembling together for prayer and the reading of God's word. These district meetings gave the Session an opportunity of explaining the different mission schemes of the church, and making collections for their support. In this way the sum of \$100 has been contributed towards the Home Mission, an increase of \$37 over the amount contributed to the same object last year."

The Superintendent of the Sunday School reports that "the school continues steadily to increase. We have now on the roll 340 scholars and teachers. The infant class taught by Mrs. Caie, has rapidly increased, and there are at present 32 children belonging to it. The class meets in the vestry; but we hope, before another year, to have a room similar to the Bible class room, finished, in which the class will meet.

The income of the School from all sources for the past year, amounts to. \$460 62  
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Bills to the amount of \$103.63 are still unpaid. To meet this, there is on hand \$49.25, which leaves a balance against the school of \$54.38.

The children's contributions, during the year, amount to \$79.80; an increase over last year of \$5.54.

The average attendance of scholars, during the year, has been 181, against 171 last year; and the average attendance of teachers has been 23.

A Bazaar, for the benefit of the school, will be held some time late in the autumn.

Since the annual meeting was held, a change has been made in the hours of service in the church, from 3 p. m. to 6.30 p. m.; and in consequence of this, the school now meets at a quarter to ten in the morning, and the Bible Class at ten.

The Bible Class have a library separate from the school, and the number of volumes is at present about two hundred. The collections on Sabbath are appropriated to the purchase of books; and hitherto we have managed to avoid incurring any serious debt. At present, we owe a small amount; but we hope that part of the proceeds of the bazaar will entirely liquidate the amount, and place a fund at our disposal.

The Trustees' Report is fairly satisfactory, pew rents, collections, &c., having increased, "yet still the Trustees would suggest the propriety of making the collections exclusively of silver, and the amount would be so largely increased that the monetary position of the church would be very much better."

Let all other congregations take a note of that undeniable fact.

A year ago, they raised the minister's stipend from \$1,000 to \$1,500. A year hence, they ought to raise it to \$2,000. St. John is behind Halifax in the stipends of its ministers, and we all know that it does not like to be behind Halifax in anything.

### **Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island.**

**TRURO.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held in St. Paul's Church, on the 20th July. Twenty communicants were added—a fact which shows that, by the blessing of God, the congregation is prospering. There are now 86 names on the communion roll. There are at present 56 families residing in Truro, and 25 in the country, in connection with the congregation. As the Trustees and Elders have resolved to issue a printed report at the beginning of the next year, the condition and prospects of the congregation will soon be known to the whole church.

At a meeting of the congregation, held on the 29th July, it was unanimously agreed to grant Rev. Mr. McMillan four weeks' leave of absence; and a purse of money was soon made up to enable him to defray his expenses while absent. St. Paul's has nobly resolved not to fall behind older congregations in good and kind deeds.

A Bazaar is to be held on 2nd Oct (Exhibition day), to raise funds to aid in the erection of a manse. They hope that they will receive assistance from the friends of the church. As return tickets will no doubt be issued by the Railway authorities on that day, the ladies trust that many friends from a distance will visit Truro and St. Paul's Bazaar.

Contributions will be thankfully received by Mrs. Angus Murray, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Donald Fraser, and Mrs. Daniel Gunn. All sums of money