

of \$300. It was shown that there are 100 families and 150 communicants, and that the rules require \$1.50 per communicant before aid can be obtained. This would make \$675, which they did not feel able to pay. Presbytery passed a minute, expressing their satisfaction with the faithfulness of pastor and elders in their duties, and the wish and effort of the people to have more frequent service, but remit to the congregation to consider whether it might not be better, in view of all the circumstances, to remain joined with Blue Mountain in the meantime and get a catechist during the summer. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Blair intimated that he intended to request Presbytery to ask leave of the next General Assembly for him to retire.

In the Presbytery of St. John, Mr. McDonald is to be transferred from St. Martin's to Hampton. Andover and Kincardine were separated. The committee had disbursed \$220—\$100 for Dorchester, and \$120 for Riverside.—Moderation was granted to Sussex. St. George's Church called Mr. Hawley. The salary raised by the congregation is \$550.—The Church building scheme of the Presbytery is an important one. Mr. Mowat reported receipts, amounting to \$300, leaving a balance uncollected of \$213. Mr. Valentine was ordained and appointed to Riverside. Mr. Hunt was appointed to the Salt Springs, Springfield and English settlement. Mr. Fiske continues his labors in Kincardine. Mr. McKay is commissioned to visit the Boston presbytery in the interest of Presbyterians in Houlton and vicinity.

Will not the readers of the MARITIME make an effort to increase its circulation next year. We think it can safely be said to be the best value for the price of any periodical that can be taken. Then every subscriber is doing something for Foreign Missions, for all receipts above cost are given for that purpose. Copies of samples will be sent free to all who will undertake to distribute them or try to get some new subscribers. If any one will send a card naming some place where a parcel of samples might be profitably sent we will be glad to send them. Subscribers for next year will receive the MARITIME free for the remainder of this year.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met with a large congregation in Black River church, West Bay, C. B., for visitation, on the 10th of October. The result showed that the religious and financial prosperity of that congregation is considerably above the average.

The pastor, Rev. D. McDougall, has been laboring with his usual diligence and success. He reported that there is peace and harmony in the congregation; that family worship is generally observed; that weekly prayer-meetings and Sabbath-schools are held in all the districts; that attendance on divine worship is very good; that he is well assisted by elders and managers; and that, between the two last communions 40 were received into full membership. The elders also reported progress in every department of church work.

Next came the Treasurer of managers, Mr. A. McRae, reporting the minister's "stipend paid in full with a decent surplus" in the treasury—church schemes and other objects receiving good attention.

The members of Presbytery then expressed their thankfulness for the flourishing condition of the congregation; suggested to the people that, in the abundance of their liberality, they might increase, to some extent, the minister's stipend; and encouraged them, from a review of success in the past, to abound more and more in the work of the Lord, knowing that their labor in Him shall not be in vain.

Finally, with kindly feelings towards West Bay congregation, and with earnest prayers that all our congregations may soon be enabled to present a similar record, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the manse in the afternoon.

At the afternoon meeting, the Rev. D. McDougall, Convener of the committee appointed by Presbytery to examine the exercises of Mr. John Calder, B.A., student in Divinity requiring certificates to the Hall, reported favorably; whereupon the Presbytery agreed to authorize the clerk to furnish the necessary papers.

D. McDONALD,  
Clerk, pro tem.

Prof. Doudiet, of Montreal, writes, "I had my Communion last Sabbath and admitted twelve new members, half of them on profession of faith. The church was full. Not bad for French Presbyterianism."