

The preceding statement you are requested to lay before your Session at its first meeting, so that if no appropriation or collection has been made within the year for this object, it may be done before the end of May.

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Sec'y. and Treas. of Board of Education.  
HALIFAX, N. S., April 4, 1870.

### New Churches.

Active steps are now being taken toward the erection of four Presbyterian Churches on the Eastern Shore. One of these is at Jeddove, an outlying section of Rev. E. A. McCurdy's congregation. The other three are being built at Sheet Harbour, Quoddy, and Moser River sections of Rev. A. B. Dickie's charge. The two last named localities have never had churches of any description.

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### OBITUARY.

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#### Death of the Rev. James Waddell.

On Monday, the 21st March, the Rev. James Waddell passed peacefully to his rest and his reward. His last illness was long and painful, but he bore it with exemplary patience, and with unreserved submission to the Divine will. Death did not find him unready or unexpectant. He was glad to receive his discharge from the sore and well-fought battle with bodily suffering and infirmity. For weeks he hovered on the verge of the eternal world, very feeble in body but cheerful in spirit, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.

Mr. Waddell was 65 years of age. He was a native of Truro, and a son of that good Presbyterian Father, the Rev. John Waddell. Having devoted himself to the work of the Gospel ministry, his first sphere of labour was at Bay Chaleur, New Brunswick. He was then for several years Principal of the Charlottetown Academy, in which position he rendered service of great and permanent value to the cause of education in Prince Edward Island. He continued all through his career to take a deep and enlightened interest in schools of all grades—especially common and Sabbath schools. From Charlottetown he removed to River John, in the County of Pictou, where he ministered to the Presbyterian congregation with ability and faithfulness. After the close of his ministry at River John he laboured as a Home Missionary with great diligence, zeal and success. He was peculiarly qualified for Home Mission work. He explored many a nook and corner that sadly needed the light of the Gospel. He accepted a call to Sheet Har-

bour, a field that could be inviting only to a man of true apostolic zeal and self-denial. In this field, along the eastern shore, he did the work of a pioneer with great success, and his memory is fragrant in many a lonely home. It is upwards of a year since failing health compelled him to resign his charge. For some months he resided at St. John, under the care of his brother, Dr. Waddell. He gathered a little strength during the summer, and came in autumn to reside with his son in this city. All that skill and the tenderest care could do during his illness, was done; and he passed away, surrounded with the grateful sympathy of sons and daughters, and relatives, and Christian friends.

Mr. Waddell was one of the first ministers in the Synod to take a deep and abiding interest in the work of Foreign Missions, and for many years he was the able, zealous, and efficient Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. His correspondence with Dr. and Mrs. Geddie continued to the last. Mr. Waddell was an accomplished scholar, a sound theologian, and an able preacher. He excelled as a writer. Within the last ten years, his contributions often enriched the pages of the *Witness*; and his Home Missionary sketches were particularly racy and readable. He was much and deservedly loved by the members of the Presbytery of Halifax, with all of whom he was on the most brotherly terms of intercourse. They will never forget the valuable service rendered by him and his family to the highest interests of humanity along our Eastern shore, service, the precious results of which have appeared already, and which shall continue to appear for many years.

Mr. Waddell's Christian sympathies were not confined within the limits of one denomination. He took a deep and enlightened interest in the work and welfare of all the churches. No man ever watched more eagerly or recorded more gratefully the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. He rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

Having adopted and republished the preceding Obituary notice of the late Rev. James Waddell from the *Presbyterian Witness* of March 26th, as a just and comprehensive tribute to his character and work, it only devolves on us now to add a few statements in explanation and enlargement.

It will be seen that he had three pastoral charges, and in all the work of evangelization was unpromising and arduous. On the duties of the first he entered in the very morning of his ministerial life. The country was new, travelling difficult, the settlers poor, and his congregation extending from Bathurst to New Mills. With the particulars of his work there, we are unacquainted,