

Closing of the Hall.

The theological classes closed on the 9th of April. The Board met in the Lecture Room at 12 o'clock, Dr. Forrest in the chair. After devotional exercises, the Professors gave an outline of their course in their respective departments, after which the students were addressed with affectionate earnestness by Rev. Messrs. Smith and Pitblado. Five of the students are to be employed as Catechists during the summer.

The Secretary submitted a statement of figures shewing that contributions had not yet been received from two-thirds of the congregations, and consequently that the receipts did not meet the outlay. He was asked to publish the present state of this account in the RECORD, and to remind congregations thus of the claims of ministerial education in the Church. It is hoped that this notice in connection with the general financial statement will serve the purpose.

THE Fifth Annual Report of the British American Book and Tract Society shows that this institution is prospering. Its receipts for the past year were \$30,000. Its circulation of Bibles, Periodicals, Tracts and Books has also largely increased. Over six millions of Tracts, over 58,000 bound volumes, have been circulated in the five years since the Society commenced its work. 44 Colporteurs have been employed. We know of no Society that has done, more in proportion to its means, for promoting the circulation of religious literature.

REV. ROBERT SEDGEWICK is, we trust, before now enjoying the scenes of his Fatherland. He left Halifax, on his way to Scotland, on Tuesday the 8th April. Previous to leaving Musquodoboit his congregation presented him with a kind address, and with sums of money amounting to \$271. Mr. Sedgewick will appear as a delegate for our Synod before the United Presbyterian Synod, the Free Church Assembly, and perhaps some other bodies. We wish him a happy visit to Scotland and a safe return to his family and flock.

THE people of Five Islands very generously presented Rev. J. McG. McKay with a purse containing One Hundred and Twenty-three dollars, which was thankfully received.

REV. C. CHINIQUEY will probably revisit many of our congregations during the months of May and June. He is advised to spend some time in the Maritime Provinces on account of his health.

THE clergy and magistrates of St. John united in large numbers in a very friendly and appreciative address to Rev. Neil McKay, on his leaving St. John for Summerside.

THE Anniversary of St. John's Church Juvenile Missionary Society, was held about the last of March. The Report stated that four Quarterly Meetings had been held during the year, at which letters were read from Rev. John Morton, Mrs. Morton, and Soudeen. All the meetings were well attended. Children and parents exhibit increasing interest in the Missionary cause. Receipts for the past year \$92. Remitted to Mr. Morton to assist the work in Trinidad \$40. Devoted to the Sabbath School Fund, \$52.

THE Congregation of East Branch, East River, Picton, have raised the stipend of their Pastor, the Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, to \$800 a year.

THE Sheet Harbour Congregation are taking steps toward the erection of a Manse.

The congregation of Annapolis and Bridgetown have presented their pastor, Rev. D. S. Gordon, with a set of silver mounted harness—(the Exhibition Prize Harness, manufactured by Mr. Tupper, Truro). In presenting their gift they made suitable mention of Mr. Gordon's untiring zeal and labour for their spiritual welfare.

On the evening of the 26th March, the White Hill Bible Class at the close of the meeting, presented the Rev. John McKinnon, Hopewell, with a complimentary address and a purse containing \$27.30

REV. JOHN SUTHERLAND, who had received an unanimous call from the West Bay, was ordained by the Presbytery of Cape Breton on Tuesday the 18th April.

THE GEDDIE FUND IN ST. JOHN.—Early in April a meeting on behalf of this Fund was held in St. David's Church, St. John, at which members of the Union Committee,—Dr. Bayne, Rev. G. Patterson, Rev. D. McRae, and Rev. G. Christie,—were present. Rev. Mr. Stavely of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Bennet and others took part. A Committee was appointed and proceedings were inaugurated for collecting without delay