

Synod and Assembly sermons frequently are, in the periodicals of the day, when they are fresh, and to make the Report as is the case with the Assembly Minutes, strictly a report of the work of the Society. This would secure a larger circulation for the address, would lessen the cost of printing which will be no small item, and would make the reports more strictly depositories of facts and figures relative to the working of the Society, and with the rapid extension of the organization, this, of itself, will soon make an Annual of no small dimensions.

Unions, associations, organizations, are the order of the day, both within the church and without it. Sometimes it is said there are too many such, that there would be more and better work done if more of the energy were expended upon work and less upon machinery. There was, however, a union formed at the last Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, unique in its way, and which nearly all will agree, is not one of the "too many." It is called the "Christian Giving Union." The only conditions of membership are: (1.) To set apart a definite proportion of income for religious and charitable purposes. (2.) To try to induce others to do the same. No one is asked to pledge himself to any particular amount; it is left to his own conscience before God to decide whether he will give one-tenth, one twentieth, one fifth, or any other portion of his income. Whatever is decided upon is prayerfully set apart as "The Lord's Portion." The object of the union is to secure order and method in the matter.

Each member receives a membership card or rather a pledge. Around the border of the card, one on each margin, are the following texts:

"God loveth a cheerful giver." - 2 Cor. xx; 7.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" - Acts xx. ; 35.

"Take heed and beware of covetousness." - Luke xii.; 15.

"They first gave their own selves to the Lord." - 2 Cor. viii.; 5.

The body of the pledge card is headed with an ornamental motto, followed by "Presbyterian Church of England" and "Christian Giving Union."

Then follow three texts:—

"Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for He it is that giveth thee power to get wealth." - Deut. viii.; 18.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord

of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it," Mat., iii. 10.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" Cor., xvi., 2.

After these texts came the pledge, as follows:—

"Believing that Systematic and Proportionate Giving is in harmony with the word of God.

### I Promise.

1st.—To set apart a definite proportion of my income for Religious and Charitable purposes

2nd.—To try to induce others to do the same.

Signed.....

Date .....

Rev. J. Sutherland has received a hearty call to Caledonia, P. E. I.

Harmony in the Truro Presbytery, raised \$180 last year thus meeting all expenses.

A neat and handsome church was opened at Hampton, N. B., on the 25th October.

### Maritime Notes,

The congregation of Strathalbyn, P. E. I., has called Rev. R. McLeod, of Strathlorne, C. B.

The Congregation of Cardigan, P. E. I., has been set apart as a separate pastoral charge.

Rev. A. McDougald has resigned the charge of Calvin church, St. John, and has gone West.

Rev. David Sutherland was inducted into the pastorate charge of Zion Church, Charlottetown, Dec. 18th.

Truro Presbytery has agreed to employ Mr. B. Fletcher to labor for the winter in its mission stations.

The First Presbyterian church, Truro, has organized a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

A second W. F. M. S., in connection with the Upper Stewiacke congregation was formed at South Branch, Oct. 12th.

The people of the Moose Brook Section of Noel congregation, have been working vigorously at paying off their church, and are now clear of debt.