

Our two congregations in New Found-land have done nobly in removing the debt resting upon Mr. Grant's church at Oropouche, Trinidad. Not less noble was the manner in which the Coolies themselves contributed toward the erection of this church. One man gave \$120. Another earning his bread by the sweat of his face gave forty dollars. Several individuals ten dollars each and on the day of opening \$83 was raised. Nor did the collection on that day consist wholly of small coin. A few five dollar bills were on the plate. Thus the Coolies on this Estate who a short time ago were living in heathenism raised nearly \$600 toward the erection of the church at Oropouche and now worship in a free church. What hath God wrought and show wonderfully he moves the hearts of men.

In the Presbytery of Miramichi through the action of Presbytery five congregations raising less than the required minimum have agreed to increase the salaries of their ministers to \$750 and a manse. They are as follows:—

New Richmond formerly raised \$650, Dalhousie, \$650; Bathurst, \$600; Charlo \$650; Bass River \$682. Making an increase in stipend of \$578.

Similar action on the part of Presbyteries and congregations would do a great deal to raise the sum now required to bring all up to the minimum.

Vigorous action is what is needed in order that the object aimed at may be obtained. Help is required from every congregation and the strong should feel it their duty to encourage and aid the weak.

2369 infants received baptism within the bounds of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces during 1883. They have all been lent to the Lord and dedicated to his service. May they all if spared, prove faithful followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

There are now 60 missionary associations in the Maritime Provinces in connection with our church. These Associations are to some extent drawing forth the liberality of the people and diffuse a good deal of mission intelligence.

The congregation of Carleton and Chebogue in Yarmouth Co. only numbers 25 families. Last year it raised \$17 per family for all purposes. Mrs. Clarke, wife of Rev. G. M. Clarke, New Edinburgh, at her death left this congregation \$1000 the interest of which sum will be exceedingly helpful to this weak and struggling charge. Mrs. Clark was a native of Chebogue. The congregation has lately been disappointed in the choice of a pastor. Their anxiety to secure one is very touching. May their eyes soon see their teacher.

The children in our Sabbath Schools are now receiving some training in the matter of giving. This is right, for in childhood the training should commence. Much however yet remains to be done as our Sabbath Schools only average 17 cts. per pupil. The children should know more of the fields the church is cultivating, and be led to feel that it is a duty to well as a privilege to give what they can to carry the Gospel to the destitute.

It is a cheering and encouraging fact that the attendance at prayer meetings is increasing. This is a healthy sign and indicates spiritual growth. A great number however in all our congregations do not prize this means of grace as they should. The average attendance at prayer meetings throughout the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has not yet reached fifty.

The David Williamson a new mission steamer built by subscriptions of the children of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, for the use of the Missionaries of Old Calabar, West Africa has been launched at Dunbarton, Scotland. This increases the number of the mission fleet to eleven.

In Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador, South America not a single Protestant Missionary is to be found though they would not be hindered from labouring in these countries. It is said in all the world there is no better field for missions than on the West coast of South America.