

age given to the schemes of the church is still less than a dollar per communicant. One congregation does not net 25 cents per communicant. In contrast with that we have Moncton giving at the rate of \$2 per member; Fredericton, \$1.62; St. David's and Calvin Churches, \$1.49; Sussex, Union and Studholm, \$1.20; and some two or three others, \$1 and upwards.

No prayer meeting is reported as being held in Prince William and Salt Springs. No Bible Class is held in St. James', Sussex, Moncton, Londonderry, Salt Springs and Bocabec. In Prince William and Baillie, Bible Classes appear to be particularly well attended. In six cases there are no answers given to the query regarding the families that observe family worship, while in others the answers given are not very definite.

There is a slight increase in the circulation of the *Record*. Last year it was 650 this year some 683. The increase is most marked in Carleton, Baillie and Richmond. The average circulation is perhaps as high as in any Presbytery in the Synod; but were all the congregations equal to two or three, the circulation would be double what it is. There is not a copy for every two families in circulation yet, while in four or five of the congregations two-thirds of the families take it.

News of the Church.

THE Presbytery of Truro met at Portau-pique, on the 15th July. The Rev. A. Cameron was inducted into Riverside congregation. The Rev. A. L. Wyllie was unanimously chosen Moderator for the present year. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Truro on the first Tuesday of September at 7½ o'clock, p. m.

JUBILEE.—A Jubilee was held at Bedeque, P. E. Island, to celebrate the 50th year of the ministry of Rev. R. S. Patterson. An address expressive of profound reverence and filial affection was presented by the congregation to their Pastor. Mr. Patterson responded in a very affecting and appropriate manner. Thousands assembled to take their part in the celebration of the day.

REV. JOHN L. MURDOCH.—Rev. R. S. Patterson, in his reply to the address of his congregation remarked:

"Of those of the class to which I belong, who prosecuted their studies for the ministry, there is only one now living—with the exception of myself—the Rev. John L. Murdoch. Our friendship commenced with

our earliest years, it grew with our growth, and strengthened with our strength. Want of health has compelled him to resign his charge, and I am the only one of the class who has now the oversight of a congregation, and I am thankful to my Heavenly Father who still strengthens me to go in and out among you."

And now Mr. Murdoch is gone! He died on Wednesday night the 23rd July, in the 74th year of his age and the 50th of his ministry. Had he survived another month his Jubilee would have been celebrated at Windsor. We hope in our next issue to lay before our readers a sketch of his life and labours.

A deputation had visited Mr. Harvey.—Mr. Isaac S. Simpson has been ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Nerepis, Jerusalem, and Pisarisco.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.—The demission of Rev. S. McCully was accepted. While separating him from his charge the fullest testimony was borne to his ministerial faithfulness, purity and honor, with the prayer that a more agreeable sphere of labor, as well as a profitable one, would soon be found for him.

REV. MR. PITBLADO on his recent visit to St. Mary's, received \$142.77 for the Schemes of the church. The collections were as follows: From Caledonia, \$70.09; From Glenelg, \$55.77; From East River, \$16.91. This is the second contribution from Glenelg during this year. The most of these sums was given for the Educational Fund.

CHATHAM.—A Bazaar conducted on thoroughly honest principles was held here about the middle of July. The amount realized was about \$1160.

ANTIGONISH.—Rev. C. Chiniquy visited Antigonish last month. While he was lecturing in the Presbyterian Church the meeting was rudely disturbed by a Roman Catholic mob. When the meeting was over he and Mr. Goodfellow were assailed with stones, brickbats, eggs, &c., and their lives endangered. Both were severely hurt. This cruel outrage should be most emphatically condemned by all who value our rights and privileges. Much sympathy is felt especially for Mr. Goodfellow who is a comparative stranger among us.

A NEW CHURCH.—A neat new place of worship has been opened at Bay View, Digby, the first Presbyterian Church in the County of Digby. Rev. P. G. McGregor officiated at the opening on Sabbath the 20th ult. The Lord's Supper was celebrated in the afternoon. The Presbyterians of Digby are few in number, but they have been loyal and true to their faith.