

M. A., is now pastor) are engaged in building a new church; estimated cost \$6000. It is 58x35 feet, with corner tower and basement. It was commenced in October last, and the basement is now ready for use. The congregation is a small one, but it is already showing evidence of growth. Amherst is an important centre, and the new Presbyterian church will be the finest in the town.

Presbytery of Halifax.

Noel, Hants Co., is now seeking the services of another pastor, and has risen from a supplemented to a self sustaining congregation.

Five catechists are to be employed within the bounds of the Halifax Presbytery this summer.

Owing to influx of population Fifteen Mile Stream gold diggings will soon require to be occupied as a mission station.

Annapolis and Kempt about the beginning of the year, when the Bridgetown and Walton sections of their respective congregations were in arrears, promptly paid the whole amounts due their pastors, an example of stronger sections aiding the weaker which is well worthy of imitation.

Halifax Presbytery at its next meeting will take into consideration the visitation, during the year, of all the congregations within the bounds.

The new Presbyterian congregation at Winnipeg has extended a call to Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Chalmers Church, Halifax. The call is to come before the Presbytery at its next meeting in Halifax on the 27th inst.

Presbytery of Truro.

The congregation of Coldstream has called the Rev. W. T. Bruce, late of Vale Colliery. Mr. Bruce has not yet given his answer; if he accepts the call the induction will take place on Tuesday, May 12th.

Mr Thorpe, preacher, has been appointed for the summer months to Maccan and neighboring stations.

The Presbytery, at its last meeting, in view of the election to be held shortly in Colchester, "anent" the Canada Temperance Act, unanimously agreed

"That the Presbytery express their cordial approval of the principle of the Act, and trust that the people under their Superintendence will give it their hearty support."

Presbytery of Sydney.

Rev. Dr. McLeod has been confined to his house for the greater part of the winter. Rev. M. Wilson was also for several weeks unable to preach. Both of them are "old men and full of years."

A cordial and harmonious call has been extended from the recently united congregations of Glace Bay and Cow Bay to Rev. J. Murray of Falmouth St. Church, Sydney. Salary promised, \$1000, with a mantle and free coal.

A special meeting of Presbytery will be held on the 20th inst., at which the Falmouth St. congregation are to appear for their interest.

The Presbytery at its last meeting agreed by a majority of five to four to transmit to the coming General Assembly, a petition praying for a review of the decision of last Synod in the Gabarus case.

Presbytery of Pictou.

Rev. Alexander Sterling, of Scotshurn, will labor during the month of May in exploratory mission-work in some of the destitute sections, Ekum Secum, Marie Joseph, &c., along the Eastern Shore, with a view to their being occupied permanently as a mission field.

Rev. Robert Laird has accepted the call to Little Harbor and Fisher's Grant. The induction will take place on the first Tuesday of May, 11 a. m., at Little Harbor.