

Mr. Thomas McDonald, one of their elders, presented the Rev. W. McMillan, of St. Paul's, E. R., on the 21st inst., with a very handsome home manufactured Plaid, and Fur Cap and Driving Gloves, in token of their appreciation of occasional services given by him in said districts. The ladies who are in the front rank in every good work, we believe had a leading part in bringing about the above result. West Branch congregation has always been up to high water mark in their considerateness of those who laboured among them in spiritual things. May every good attend them.—COM.

PRESENTATION.—The Sutherland's River people, with their usual liberality, presented to their pastor the Rev. Mr. MacKichan, eight loads of coal. As each load was drawn by a double team, a good supply was stored up. The Barney's River people, not behind in generosity, cut down and hauled the necessary quantity of fire wood, and sawed part of it at the door. These acts of kindness, coming when the rigour of winter was about to set in are a source of very much comfort, and they possess a higher value, bearing testimony to the friendly feelings with which both sections of congregation regard their minister, and in this light, the supply of winter fuel is highly appreciated.

THE Rev. Dr. McTaggart, Glasgow, a distinguished minister of the Church of Scotland, has passed away at the age of 75 years. Also, the Rev. James A. Ken, Kilmarnock, in the 78th year of his age.

OBITUARY.—On Saturday, Dec. 18th, Mr. Donald McCallum the patriarch of Pictou Island passed away to his eternal rest. He was a native of Mull, Argyleshire, Scotland. He left his native country when a young man and settled down in Pictou Island where he lived until his death. He will be remembered as a man of strong constitution, clear intellect, retentive memory, regular habits, and honest principles. He lived an upright and blameless life and gained both the respect and confidence of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He continued industrious until the feebleness of old age compelled him to stop working. He had an ardent attachment to the Church of Scotland, and regarded her doctrines and discipline as sound. He took great delight in reading the Bible and other good books to which he might have access. When too frail to attend public worship he might be found diligently reading his Bible. He was of a most genial disposition, and many a stranger was hospitably entertained under his roof. As he grew feeble in body, he grew strong in soul. He was in all respects what we might call a good man.

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."—COM.

THE Canada Presbyterian Church expended last year \$35,000 in the Foreign Mission cause. This year's expenditure is estimated at \$57,000 of which \$40,000 is expected to be contributed by the western section and \$15,000 by the eastern section or Lower Provinces.