

acter of reading and contains the largest number of books of any he has supplied in any of the counties labored in.

The Christmas Tree and Social, held by the Ladies' of St. Philip's Church, in Oddfellows Hall, on the 24th December, was a very enjoyable and successful affair. \$136.17 were realized after paying expenses. Thanks are due the Oddfellows for giving up their hall on the occasion.

SCOTSBURN.—The Women's Foreign Missionary Society at Scotsburn reports an income from all sources during the past year of \$76.00. About fifty dollars of this was contributed in fees and monthly contributions. The balance was received from one or two Missionary meetings held during the year.

Mr. John Douglas, Hardwood Hill has presented Rev. J. W. Fraser with a ton and a quarter of coal.

BRIDGEVILLE.—On the evening of the 31st. Dec., Dufferin cottage, Bridgeville, E.R. was visited by a surprise party, representing St. Paul's congregation. A splendid supper, provided by the ladies; a complimentary address and handsome fur coat to Mr. McMillan; music soft and sweet, lively and inspiring by Miss Tena McDonald of Churchville, joy in every countenance, kindly greetings on every lip, made the evening pass quickly and pleasantly. The ladies (may they ever have the best of everything) were the prime movers, in what contributed so much to the pleasure of many, and to the happiness and comfort of the surprised inmates of Dufferin cottage.

NEWTOWN, CANSO.—Many friends of our church will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. John W. Cameron, aged 65 years. He was a good and worthy man and much regretted.

HALIFAX is at once honored and nettled by the act of Cornell University, New York, in taking away one of her ablest Professors.

Dr. Schurman, of Dalhousie College, Halifax, who was lately appointed to the chair of philosophy at Cornell University, is the third Canadian to secure a Professorship in that University, the other two being Prof. Hartt, a New Brunswicker, who is now dead, and Prof. G. W. Harris,

a Nova Scotian, who still holds the position. Mr. Goldwin Smith was at one time a regular professor of Cornell and still lectures there occasionally. Dr. Schurman married the daughter of Mr. George Munro, the Great Canadian publisher of New York.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

MR. S. W. DYDE, M.A., who has lately been appointed Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University of New Brunswick, is a distinguished graduate of Queen's. During his course in that institution he took first-class honors and the gold medal in classics in 1881. He graduated as B.A. in 1883. In 1884 he obtained first-class honors and the gold medal in Mental and Moral Philosophy, graduating the same year as M.A. His thesis written for the M.A. degree was afterwards published in the *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* and was spoken of in terms of the highest praise by Professor Caird of Glasgow University. Depth of thought, clearness and perspicuity of style characterize Mr. Dyde's writings. His Professor lately said of him: "Mr. Dyde is, in my opinion, the most brilliant student of Philosophy that I have ever had. Indeed, it is hardly too much to say that he has philosophical genius." Such an encomium from a man of Dr. Watson's reputation, and who is not accustomed to bestow praise with a lavish hand, is certainly saying a great deal. We congratulate Mr. Dyde on his appointment and wish him a long and successful professoriate.

THE NEW KIRK at Fredericton, N. B. was opened on Jan. 10th with imposing ceremony. The edifice, large though it is, seating nearly 1,100 people, was filled to its utmost capacity, and allowing for extra seats there must have been more than 1,200 people present. The congregation, too, was thoroughly representative of all religious denominations in Fredericton though of course Presbyterians largely predominated. The dedication ceremonies were conducted by Revs. Dr. Burns, Dr. Macrae and Rev. Mr. Howatt. Max Sterne presided at the organ and the choir rendered their parts beautifully. Dr. Burns preached the sermon at the morn-