

Presbytery expressed themselves highly pleased with the state of the congregation, and encouraged them to use all reasonable exertions to remove the burden of their debt.

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The Presbytery met at East Branch, the other section of this congregation, on the following day, and, after sermon by the Rev. Alex. McKay, proceeded to examination. There is only one place of worship at the East Branch. Diets of catechising are here kept, also prayer meeting in the Church and in districts. The Bible is generally read in the common schools. The elders visit the sick and take part in prayer meetings. There are some Sabbath Schools in the district in which the elders take no part. The number of elders is 8, which is considered sufficient. Meetings of Session are held on Sabbath and other days, whenever a meeting is required. Four registers are kept, but no register of deaths. Sabbath Schools are kept in each common school district. These are attended by 155 scholars, and circulate about 200 volumes of Sabbath School books. The number of communicants is 114, and there have, during the past year, been 7 accessions. The attendance at Church averages 660. Family worship is universal in the district. Fifteen young persons have received baptism during the past year, and collections have been made for all the Schemes.

By the questions put to the Trustees, it appeared that the Church not being incorporated, there were no Trustees, and only one manager. This gentleman did not consider the deed of the property of such a nature as to secure the Church for the use of ministers of the Church of Scotland. The stipend promised by this half of the congregation is £100, the whole of which has been paid.

The examination being ended, a few remarks were made by members of Presbytery. The examination of both sections of this large congregation showed that the clergyman's duties, in so extensive a field, were very onerous and efficiently discharged. It also appeared that the people were attentive to their religious duties, and were very enterprising and liberal in their support of the Gospel, and increasing the property of the Church. The eldership, in both branches, are a very exemplary body, and form a superior staff for the assistance of the clergyman. The congregation of the East Branch was specially advised, by the Presbytery, to get their Church incorporated, and, after the Lay Association had been re-organized, the meeting was closed with the benediction. A. P.

#### Death of a Sabbath School Teacher.

The Halifax Sabbath School Association of the Church of Scotland has recently sustained a severe loss by the death of Miss

Brander,—one of its most active members. For many years she had been a teacher in St. Andrew's School, and for a less period in St. Matthew's also, attending to the duties of one in the morning, and those of the other in the afternoon; and to every good work in connection with the Association, her time and talents were cheerfully given. Remarkable for her general sweetness of disposition and sympathetic nature, she became endeared to many, and esteemed by all, who knew her. After a few days of extreme suffering from Diphtheria, during which she manifested great patience and entire resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father, she fell asleep in Jesus on the afternoon of Sabbath the 20th ult. Her attachment to the little flock which she led so long by the green pastures and still waters, was affectingly shown to be strong even in death, as a dying message was sent to the school a short while before her departure. Of her it might be truly said, "She hath done what she could." Her remains were followed to Camp Hill Cemetery on the succeeding Tuesday by a very large concourse of sorrowing friends. Early she fulfilled the divine command, "Feed my lambs"—early she has been taken to the Great Shepherd's fold; early she was called to work in the vineyard—early she has been called to her reward. Here she toiled and labored—now she enjoys the promised rest; here she bore the Cross—now she wears the crown. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

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#### Prince Edward Island.

##### Meetings of Presbytery.

*At Charlottetown,  
the 25th of January, 1864.*

On which day the Presbytery of P. E. Island met, by request of the Moderator, and was constituted. Sederunt: the Rev. Messrs. Duncan, McLean and McWilliam, ministers; and Messrs. Robertson and Nicolson, elders.

The Moderator stated that the object for which he called the meeting was, in order to make definite arrangements regarding the missionary services,—that being, in his opinion, rendered necessary by the return of the Rev. Mr. McWilliam; and also, to consider an application to the Presbytery from the congregation of Georgetown and Cardigan.

After due consideration, and hearing statements from Mr. Robertson, elder, for St. Peter's Road, it was judged to be the best arrangement that Mr. McWilliam should continue his services as enjoined at the last meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator then presented a document from the Hon. Roderick McAulay, in behalf of the Georgetown congregation, stating that he had been authorized to urge on the attention of the Presbytery the difficulties under which that congregation labours—that they