

**HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.** — The "Manse Movement" is being prosecuted with energy. The Manses of St. Andrew's, Halifax, and Truro, are to be finished next month. The new Manse of St. Matthew's, Halifax, has been commenced, and is to be ready for occupation next May. It is being erected on the lot to the south of the old one, which has been purchased by G. P. Mitchell, Esq., one of the Trustees of the congregation. The building will be of brick, with mastic front, 38 by 29 feet, and will have two stories and pitch roof, besides basement, and will contain eleven or twelve apartments, in addition to kitchen, bath-room, &c. As a private residence, it will be substantial and commodious; as a manse, convenient and complete in all its arrangements. Mr. Brookfield is the builder,—his tender for the contract, we believe, being \$6,400. Richmond is now the only one of the six charges in Halifax Presbytery that is without a Manse. Are the good people near the depot willing to remain long in that marked condition?

*St. Andrew's S. S. Pic-Nic.*—The annual pic-nic of the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, was held at McNab's Island, on Wednesday, 12th ult. The weather proved very favorable, and the scholars, with their teachers, gathered at the school-room at 9 o'clock, and marched in procession to the Royal Engineer's wharf, whither they embarked in the steam-tug "Goliath" for the Island. As on former occasions, refreshments in abundance had been forwarded by the liberality of the congregation, and amusements by the teachers, so that every want might be supplied; and these were taken advantage of most heartily. In the afternoon, a large number of visitors went down to the scene of festivities. Before leaving the grounds, the scholars were assembled on raised seats, and addressed by Rev. Mr. Campbell; and, after singing one or two hymns, and the National Anthem, the company prepared for their homeward voyage, whither they arrived with happy hearts and smiling faces, all agreeing—both old and young—that the pic-nic of 1874 was the pleasantest and most satisfactory

one of the long series they have participated in. It is to the good management of Superintendent and Teachers that such a favorable result to the day's pastime is to be attributed.

*Truro.*—St. Paul's congregation has recently given evidence of increased spirituality and thoughtfulness that must be encouraging to the pastor whose services are employed in their welfare. It is with great pleasure we learn that the last dispensation of the Lord's Supper was blessed with an unusual manifestation of the Master's presence, and that no less than twenty persons were admitted to church membership, and publicly devoted their lives to His services. We observe, also, that the people have granted the minister six week's holidays, and presented him with a purse of \$54 previous to leaving them on his tour of pleasure. But, by the minutes of the Presbytery of Halifax, we see that Mr. McMillan proposer spending his time not altogether for his own gratification, for he has, with commendable self-denial, gone on a mission to Newfoundland, to make up for the lack of ordinances in St. Andrew's Church, St. John's. While watering others, we trust his own soul may be abundantly watered, and that he may return to his flock doubly blessed, after the agreeable change of scene and labors.

*Fawleigh Mountain and Lake.*—Mr. McLeod has been acting as Catechist at these stations. He was to have been sent to P. E. Island after the first quarter, but the people were so urgent that he consented to remain with them another month. At the Lake, the people are nearly all of Scotch descent, and in visiting among them he always receives a Highland welcome. Both Sabbath school and prayer meeting are doing well at the Lake, because of the number of parents and friends who attend the former, and the number of Christian men who assist at the latter. Many of the residents near the Lake are there, however, only temporarily, the ground being rocky and not well adapted for farming. The Sister Church give supply to the people at the Mountain, but, as their missionaries have service in the afternoon, there is no clashing with Mr. McLeod's hours. About