

Parrsboro congregation has made excellent progress during the three years of Mr. Dill's ministry. They have become self-supporting, have paid off all the debt on the Church, increased the support of their pastor, the contributions to the Schemes of the Church have arisen from \$38 to \$200 annually and 64 names have been added to the Communion roll.

A fine new church was opened in Trenton, Pictou Co. Nov. 9th. Dr. Burns preached. Rev. James Thompson and Rev. Dr. Patterson taking part in the service. A child's service was held in the afternoon in which the pastor, Rev. A. W. Thompson, Dr. Burns, Messrs. McCurdy, Robertson and Scott, took part. Mr. Thompson has been ordained missionary in charge of this station for 18 months and during that time it has made wonderful progress. We trust that when he goes to Trinidad and they have an other pastor, a similar rich blessing may follow both.

The following are the standing Committees of Pictou Presbytery for the current year: *State of Religion*.—Mr. Calder, convener, and Messrs. A. Robertson, J. H. Turnbull, Joseph McKay, J. K. McDonald and D. McKay. *Temperance*.—R. Cumming convener, Messrs. Cairns, Forbes, D. Sutherland, John Johnston and Thos. McKenzie. *Sabbath Schools*.—Dr. McLeod, convener, and Messrs. A. McLean, Cairns, Dan. McDonald, John Forbes and D. Robertson. *Statistics*. Mr. Carson, convener, and Messrs. Falconer, Muir and D. Logan. *Systematic Benevolence*.—Mr. McCurdy, convener, and Messrs. Turnbull, Boyd, Robertson and J. D. McGregor.

Messrs. McCurdy, Forbes and Dan. Munro are a committee to consider the matter of supply of mission stations by members of Presbytery during the winter and report at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Truro met in Truro Nov. 4th. 18 ministers and six elders present. Allocations was made for the Augmentation Fund. The reports of catechists were considered, Mr. A. D. Gunn had labored during the past summer at Harmony. Mr. Clarence McKinnon had labored at Westchester and Greenville. Mr. Duncan Campbell at North River. All of Mr. Gunn's expenses, it was found, had been met at Harmony, a small balance was due Mr. Campbell from North River. It was agreed to ask payment of amounts due, from the Home Mission Board. The work of the catechists was commended as satisfactory, and the clerk was instructed to furnish the usual certificates. The Presbytery met in the evening for the visitation of St. Andrew's,

congregation, and were greatly pleased at the evidence of prosperity in all departments of the work. Next meeting third Tuesday of January.

The Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne met at Mahone Bay on the 4th Nov. Present five ministers, two elders, and two brethren who are doing Home Mission work within bounds. Arrangements were completed for the full supply of Riversdale during the winter. A committee appointed to care for the interests of the Presbyterians at Molega min., reported that supply had been given monthly for the last three months. Presbytery resolved to continue the same supply till the end of the year. Allocations was made for the Augmentation Fund as given on another page. Arrangements were made to visit Mahone Bay in the interest of Augmentation Fund on Tuesday Dec. 2nd and La Have Dec 23rd. The brethren located in the County of Shelburne were appointed a committee to visit the congregations there on the same behalf. Next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in St. Andrew's church, La Have, Dec. 23rd at 2 p. m.

The annual Sabbath School convention of District No 2 of the Halifax Presbytery was held at the Presbyterian Church, Gay's River, on the 23rd Oct. Rev. J. Layton presided. Reports were received from 16 schools, showing 774 scholars with an average attendance of 511 and 79 teachers. Contributions to missions were reported from most of the schools, but no teachers meetings are held, and but few 1st year professed Christ. Three excellent papers were read, prepared by Mrs. M. L. Cook, Gay's River, Mrs. H. McLean, Halifax, and Mr. Jas. McDonald, Shubenacadie. The great feature of attraction was the model class ably conducted by Rev. J. McMillan, Chalmers Church, Halifax. In the evening, earnest practical addresses were given by Mr. McMillan and Rev. Jas. Thompson, Durham, Pictou. Much praise is due to the ladies of Gay's River for the sumptuous tea furnished and to the choir for excellent music rendered.—*Witness*.

"OF ALL THAT I BROUGHT WITH ME from the home of my childhood into the world," said a leading business man in the West, "the most valuable possession was the habit of kneeling to ask God's blessing night and morning. Often it was a mere mechanical form; at times, when I was in desperate straits, & prayer was a single inarticulate groan for help. But it kept alive in me the idea there was a power stronger than I, than money, or business, or life itself. That idea saved me."