

We have never paraded the mode of contribution of any one church before the others as obligatory on all, because we are left by the New Testament to a great extent free to choose our mode of Christian liberality, provided always that the true spirit is cultivated and the great object attained. We would, however, notice the fact that the Sheet Harbour congregation has commenced to act on the principle of *weekly contributions to the schemes of the church*, and with very satisfactory results, as their frequent acknowledgments of cash show.

#### Rev. Allan Fraser.

Since our last issue this faithful and devoted servant of God has fallen asleep in Jesus. We record his departure with a moistened eye, and with something of the feeling which dictated the exclamation, "Help Lord for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fall from among the children of men!"

We transfer the following brief record from the *Presbyterian*, which affords all the information respecting his death which has yet reached us. All will concur in the justice of the tribute paid to his character and labours. We hope in our next to be able also to furnish a more extended notice of the work of our departed brother whose praise is in all the churches.

"We exceedingly regret to learn that Rev. A. Fraser, for many years the beloved and faithful pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Cascumpee, departed this life on the evening of Sabbath last, the 8th inst. His illness was of about a year's duration, and through it all he exhibited the meekness and resignation of the humble, trusting, devoted Christian. His death will leave a blank in the church which will be deeply felt throughout the Island, but more especially in Prince County, where his labours have been abundant in the cause of his dear Master; still, let us not mourn for our brother, for he but left us on a Sabbath below, to enter into that eternal Sabbath of rest above which remaineth for the people of God. A fuller notice from some brother intimately acquainted with him, will no doubt appear in these columns."

#### Missionary Tour.

Rev. E. J. Grant has returned from his missionary visitation tour on P. E. Island.

He was accompanied and assisted by Rev. E. A. McCurdy. They met with a most cordial reception everywhere from ministers and people. Their limit as respects time rendered it impossible for them to visit the Northern congregations. Of the others we believe that they have omitted none, and they have returned, thankful that by the good hand of God they had been able to fulfil their various engagements, and that they found all classes so cordial in their attachment to the missionary cause. They had the pleasure also of meeting with Rev. Mr. McLean and his congregation at Belfast, and met with a fraternal welcome from their brethren of "the Kirk."

#### Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met in the Church at Middle River on the 2nd inst., and, after sermon by Rev. K. McKenzie, was constituted by Rev. M. Stewart, Moderator, with whom there were present Mr. McKenzie, above-named, and Mr. John McKenzie, Ruling Elder.

The Presbytery proceeded, pursuant to appointment, to the visitation of the congregation. Questions of the formula were put to the Elders and other office-bearers.—Both Elders are endeavouring to do their duty. Meetings for exhortation and prayer have been kept up regularly since their minister left for Scotland, in June last, with the exception of a few Sabbaths in winter, on which McLeod, accustomed to conduct those meetings, was unable from illness to attend. No regular meetings have been kept during week days; but Mr. McLeod visited the sick when sent for. It was further ascertained that the Trustees had lately taken steps to find out the exact amount due their late pastor, Rev. D. McKenzie; that by former subscriptions about \$400 are due; but that several of the subscribers had left the place years ago: and owing to the limited means of others, as well as the unwillingness of a few, they have no hope to obtain more than half the above amount, which they are endeavouring to collect as soon as possible, having already accepted from a few their notes of hand, payable in September next.

The Presbytery having urged the Trustees as to the duty of doing what they could to settle Mr. McKenzie's arrears with all convenient speed, appoint the Moderator and Clerk a Committee to visit Little Narrows congregation to-morrow, agree to ask that congregation to appoint a Committee to confer with one to be appointed by this congregation, with a view that should they unite in calling a minister, the proper steps would in due time be taken to unite them under one charge.