

Presentation.

We omitted to notice at the proper time that the Ladies of Queen Square Congregation, Charlottetown, presented Rev. Mr. Falconer, their late pastor, with a purse containing one hundred dollars as a parting testimonial.

The Week of Prayer.

The first week of 1870 is to be devoted to prayer for the same blessings by God's people in all lands. The experience of other years proves the wisdom and the benefit of this course. We hope that the congregations of the Presbyterian Church will be found, as usual, ready to join in supplicating the Eternal Throne for the blessings which are so much needed. Communion at a Throne of Grace will add greatly to the warmth and energy of Christian love.

The New Music Book.

We are requested to state that the materials for the new music book are now nearly completed, and will be forwarded to Edinburgh by an early mail, that the stereotype plates may be prepared. This will probably occupy about two months, and it is hoped that very shortly after the expiration of that time the book will be in the hands of the subscribers. The work of preparing and arranging the tunes for publication has required much time and labour; and as the members of Committee, by whom it was performed, could devote to it only their intervals of leisure, they trust that they will escape the imputation of having been dilatory in the execution of their task.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery, pursuant to appointment, met at Parrsboro' on the 6th Octr. A full meeting had been specially requested but the high tide immediately preceding, carrying away bridges, and otherwise seriously interfering with travelling, there were in attendance only 4 ministers and 2 elders.

The congregational visitation, as had been appointed, showed plainly that the pastor is labouring hard to advance the cause of Christ throughout the bounds of his widely extended charge. In addition to holding diets of examinations throughout the congregation every two years, he annually visits the whole, from house to house. The Presbytery was, however, sorry to find that he has to labour under many difficulties and discouragements. The numbers adhering to Presbyterianism are comparatively small; several have been leaving the place. Parrsboro' is far from the seat of Presbytery, and whilst there are a few who would, in liberality occupy a high position

in any congregation there are some who would appear still to be labouring under the deadening influences of early associations—under *Regium Donum*.—There are at the same time several things to encourage. Parrsboro' is a fast rising place; the Presbyterians there are a highly intelligent class of people; and the young men already being employed as managers have the appearance of persons from whom much may be expected.

The Clerk intimated that since last meeting of Presbytery the Rev. Thomas S. Crow, senior pastor of Maitland and Noel, 1st, had been removed by death. Mr. Currie, at the call of the Moderator, engaged in special prayer on behalf of the widow, family, colleague and congregation of the deceased,—after which the name of Mr. Crow was removed from the roll of the Presbytery.

Mr. Currie reported that he had visited the congregation of Acadia in connection with the Presbytery's stipend scheme, and held meetings at Folly Mountain and the Mines sections. The meeting at the Folly Mountain was small, but those present entered heartily into the scheme, and thought that they could succeed in introducing it. Wm. Stewart, Esq., elder from Westchester, being present, stated that he thought well of the scheme and would endeavour to persuade his section to adopt it. The meetings at the Mines was well attended and unanimously resolved to adopt the scheme.

Adjourned to meet at Truro on the 10th Nov., the special business being the consideration of the "Rules of Procedure."

Papers being called for there were laid on the table: Preachers' Reports, which being read were received, and ordered to be transmitted to the Home Mission Board; a memorial from Truro, praying the Presbytery to take steps for the dividing of the congregation, but the names of commissioners not having been inserted and none appearing, no steps could be taken; and some other papers of a more private nature. Mr. John Christie appeared for the purpose of supporting an appeal which he had taken against a deed of the Session of Truro, suspending him from the fellowship of the Church. The Session not having forwarded the appeal, nothing could be done in the case. Some of the ministers in the name of their Sessions asked and obtained counsel in grave and important matters of order and discipline, which they were called upon to consider. The ministers having all to preach on the following day, their several sessions having resolved to observe that as a day of thanksgiving as recommended by the local government, resolved not to enter upon the "Rules of Procedure." Appointed to meet for this and other business on