

have an institution worthy of the Body. Unless our Hall will bear comparison in utility and attractiveness to older and better equipped institutions within reach of our young men, the more aspiring among them will withdraw. If the convictions of the United Synod are decided to maintain and build up an institution for the Maritime Provinces, then the work of edification, must begin forthwith. It cannot be delayed even to wait for good times, but must be attempted at once. This might be made "*our Union memorial.*"

AMHERST CONGREGATION—Though not organized yet as a congregation, Amherst is entitled to the name, because of the manner in which it has done its duty while under the charge of Home Mission Boards. It was under their charge for the seven months ending June 30th; and it is now under the charge of the newly formed Presbytery of Wallace, whose pleasing duty it will be to organize it into a Congregation very soon. During these seven months it has cost the Church nothing. The people raised enough to pay \$10 a week for ministerial supply, and to pay for ordinary expenses (such as rent of hall, fire and light) at the rate of \$150 per annum. They also collected \$26 for a Sunday School Library, and other sums. When organized into a congregation, they intend to give a call and to offer a stipend of \$650, and a free house or manse, with the expectation that the Church will give them a supplement of \$150 for a year or two. The people have shown such zeal, unanimity, good sense and business habits in their congregational life that they deserve all encouragement.

WALLACE.—We had the communion on July 18th; 230 communicants at one table; Church crowded to the door. Mr. Sutherland preached for us in Methodist Church which was also well filled. Mr. Sedgewick preached on fast-day; Mr. Munro on Saturday, and Mr. Murray on Monday. We had a lovely day, and a time of refreshing.

MR. DAWSON, a Catechist sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church to labour under the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, has arrived, and is under appointments in the Presbytery of Halifax.

A public meeting, we understand, has been held at Sutherland's River, Pictou, for the purpose of forming a new congregation out of a section formerly belonging to St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, and the Vale Colliery, a new field recently taken up. This is a move in the right direction; there is material in both these sections for a new and flourishing congregation. If the matter is wisely managed and the people keep together, they can in a very short time be able to support a minister and have the ordinances of religion administered among them. In the mean time they may require some aid; and if application be made in the proper quarter whatever necessary supplement they ask they will receive.

Sutherland's River has had a Union Church for over twenty years.

PRESENTATION.—A few days ago Rev. Geo. Coull was the recipient from the people of Sutherland's River, of an address and a handsome pocket book containing the sum of \$50.00, as a token of their appreciation of his services in connection with the Weekly Bible Class. It is worthy of remark that members of other congregations there, besides Mr. Coull's, took an active part in making up the present. This is a pleasing circumstance. We may also mention that a short time ago Mr. Coull received from his congregation in New Glasgow a substantial gift of \$150.00.

New Brunswick.

We understand that a new organ, very valuable and very fine, is to be erected in St. Stephen's Church, St. John, shortly. It is to be of English manufacture, and will no doubt be of great service in aiding the praise of the sanctuary.

Upper Provinces.

PROPOSED CHURCH UNION AT GODERICH, ONT.—Meetings of the congregations of Knox and St. Andrew's churches were held on Monday evening, to discuss the propriety of uniting the churches into one body. It was decided to hold a joint meeting of the managers and sessions of both churches on Wednesday evening, in Knox church, after prayer meeting. The proposition is to have a joint pastorate, service to be in Knox church, and the ministers to alter-