

firmation to a large number of candidates, consisting of 16 females and 17 males from St. Luke's and six males from the Rothesay school. His lordship was assisted in the service by Rev. R. P. McKinn, rector of St. Luke's; Rev. Mr. Bacon and Rev. Mr. Howard, principal of Rothesay school. There was a large congregation present.



### See Assessment Fund.

List of parishes in arrears to See Assessment Fund. with amounts due to April 25th, 1897.

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Amherst.....	\$59.40
Alberton.....	14.50
Baddeck.....	6.60
Bridgewater.....	24.70
Chester.....	4.70
Cherry Valley.....	7.25
Clementsport.....	13.70
Falkland.....	9.40
Halifax, S. George's.....	77.00
"    S. Matthias'.....	12.70
"    S. Stephen's.....	22.70
Harrietsfield.....	3.00
Hulbard's Cove.....	15.00
La Have.....	.10
New Dublin.....	14.50
Pictou.....	23.10
Port Medway.....	14.50
Port Hill.....	21.80
Pugwash.....	9.20
S. Mary's.....	3.20
S. Eleanor,s.....	8.20
Tusket.....	1.50
Yarmouth.....	.10

March 29, 1898.

W. J. ANCIENT,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### Monthly Financial Statement, B.H.M.

The Secretary's Financial Statement, March 1st, 1898.

B. H. M.	
Req'd by April 1st.	\$1086.00
Overdrawn Bank acct.	681.49
Total amount req'd	\$1767.49
W. & O. F.	
Req'd by July 1st.	\$1015.00
Balance in Bank	1027.61
Credit balance	\$12.61
Sup'n Fund.	
Req'd by July 1st.	\$1365.00
Balance in Bank	128.21
Net amount req'd	\$1236.79

### Letter from the Diocesan Secretary.

TO THE EDITOR OF CHURCH

[OBSERVER.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to call the attention of the several parishes of this diocese to the necessity of having their Synod assessments paid *before* the meeting of the coming session.

Hitherto, many of the parishes have sent in their money for this purpose, by either the clergymen or one of their lay representatives, at the opening of the session; in consequence of which their representatives could not take their seats until a supplementary report was presented, showing them to have paid up to date. Though this gave some extra trouble to the Synod, it was of no consequence to the defaulting parishes, because the Dean who was then the Treasurer, could receive those dues while the preliminary work of the Synod was

being transacted, and then report. Now, however, the circumstances have changed and this cannot be done, because the Treasurer is also Secretary to the Synod, and will have to give all his time and attention to the business being transacted. If, therefore, the parishes wish their representatives to be able to take their seats without any trouble or delay, they must have their assessment money in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer, at least *five days* before the opening of the Synod—see clause 2, sec. ii, of the Constitution of the Synod.

W. J. ANCIENT.

### Why be changed his Church.

Many reasons, more or less important, have been given for changes from one church to another, but a quainter was surely never recorded than the following;

In a village in the south of Scotland a great event took place recently. The local auctioneer left the Free Kirk and joined the U. P. church.

The U. P. minister, feeling highly honoured, and perhaps fishing for a compliment, asked the new member to what cause he might attribute his kind patronage. The man of sales smiled blandly, and replied;

"Weel, ye see, yer seats are safter."

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