

The congregation also decided to bear its share of expense incurred for the support of the proposed District Nurse in the City Hospital.

The following were elected Trustees for the current year: Dr. P. R. Inches, A. Macaulay, Frank Rankine, James Knox, J. R. Cameron, R. M. Magee, Andrew Blair, P. S. Macnutt and H. C. Rankine.

Shediac and Scotch Settlement

The annual congregational meeting of Shediac section of the congregation of Shediac and Scotch Settlement was held on Monday, the 18th of January. The financial statement was considered by the congregation satisfactory, although the year began with a balance on hand and ended with a deficit.

The Church, built at a cost of \$3,400, to replace the one burned the previous August, was opened in February. The debt which was at the time of opening \$1,000, has been reduced during the year to \$500. About \$250 of the balance is provided for by subscription, payable in one and two years. The current expenses were \$618. The amount received on current expenses \$505, collectable subscriptions \$60, leaving a nett indebtedness of \$53. This adverse balance is accounted for by unusual expenditure, as organ, fencing, grading walks, and some small bills properly chargeable to Church building account. The receipts have been augmented by the energetic choir, under the leadership of W. A. Russell, Esq., not only giving their services free but providing the funds to purchase a new organ.

The attendance at all the religious services of the Church has been good throughout the year, and, under the consecrated labor of the pastor, Rev. A. S. Morton, there is a decided im-

provement in the spiritual condition of the people, especially among young men. The Sabbath Schools have had a year of prosperity. The blanks made in the teaching staff, and so much deplored at the time, through the removal of Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. White, have been wonderfully provided for, and even a new class formed under a devoted teacher. A pleasing feature of the school is the fact that none have graduated from the school by reason of their having reached the age of sixteen. on the contrary, a number who have passed that age have entered during the year, and at present two-thirds of the school have passed that age, the ages of scholars ranging from four to eighty-two. Eight have entered the communicants' class, five of them young men.

During the year a quarterly conference of Teachers, and a Normal class (of a union character) have been organized, and both have proved helpful. The Union Teachers' Meeting, now nine years old, has been continued during the year. Home department work has been taken up and will be pushed vigorously. The school is gradually equipping itself and is even now better prepared to do improved work methodically than before the fire. The school has raised during the year \$80.18, of which \$45 has been given for missions, \$27.24 on school requisites, and \$8.94 remains on hand. The school at Pt. DuChene is under the care of an elder, and has continued to surprise those interested in it, by the number attending, though, unlike Shediac, the scholars are nearly all very young, and these are under the motherly care of Mrs. Moore. Very much remains to be done in drawing older persons into the school. We long and pray for a lady teacher endowed by God with the qualities necessary for this particular part of