

THE annual deputation to Cape Breton will likely be appointed at the August meeting of Presbytery.

Earlton congregation has agreed to pay a stipend to their minister of \$720. In driving through Earlton a stranger cannot help admiring the fertility of the soil which produces luxuriant crops. As Father Cliniquy would say "They are a rich people."

Mr. McKichan preaches so we learn, every day at Sutherland's River and the Vale, and at Barney's River once a fortnight.

Several new orders for the RECORD have reached us—some from P. E. I. The managers of the RECORD deserve credit for its success. The circulation is now eleven hundred copies a month.

Mr. Sprout on being asked if he could not assist in getting ministers for our vacant charges, hinted at the slender tie between minister and people in this country. However he had no doubt but they could secure a supply.

Mr. Dunn spends part of his holidays in Halifax. His congregation now pays a stipend of \$1000 a year.

Mr. McMillan takes a holiday tour to the United States.

New Glasgow is still vacant.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been dispensed in all the congregations except Earlton and River Inhabitants. It will probably be held in these places in September, and due notice given accordingly. The Rev. Dr. Pollock has done good service in this country this summer. He assisted at the communion at Saltsprings, Gareloch, and Roger's Hill, and preached once or twice in New Glasgow. Mr. Sprout the delegate from Scotland visited P. E. Island and would doubtless renew his acquaintance with Mr. Goodville's large congregation. After attending the General Assembly at Ottawa he visited Winnipeg, to secure information as to the college at that place and other matters connected with the church.

The sum of \$265 was realized by the Tea Meeting at Cape John clear of expenses.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.—The convenor of the RECORD committee would respectfully announce that the expenses for printing to date amount to one hundred and fifty two dollars (\$152.00). Of this amount one hundred dollars have been received from subscribers. The balance of the printer's account as well as all other expenses the *Convenor* has paid out of his own pocket. This was the only way to keep faith with the printer. Seven hundred of our subscribers have as yet paid nothing for this year, although our terms are payment in advance. At least if any of these have paid to agents we have not received the money. All sums received by us have been acknowledged in the RECORD.

FAULTS AND FAILURES OF THE LATE PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN CANADA. BY DOUGLAS BRYMNER.—Such is the title of a pamphlet of 43 pages, which has come to hand. The writer enters at length into the history of union. He shows the way in which an attempt has been made to divert the Temporalities Fund from its original purpose. Under the Quebec Act the sum of two thousand dollars is taken annually from that fund and given to Queen's College. He shows the unconstitutionality of the Acts of Parliament by which the funds are transferred to the United Church, and quotes high legal authority in support of his views.

In Scotland under the act known as the *jus devolutum*, if a congregation fails to secure a minister within six months the right of appointing one falls into the hands of the Presbytery. It would be a great relief to congregations in this country if they submitted to this law. It would save them a great deal of trouble.

By the removal of Mr. Galbraith to London, Ont., the congregation of West Branch, East River, will again be vacant. It is considered that this congregation will again unite with St. Paul's, East Branch, and thus a form a large and self-sustaining charge.