

**PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—This court met for Presbyterial visitation in Musquodobit on Tuesday the 5th and Wednesday the 6th inst. Both the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregation were found in a most encouraging and gratifying condition. The people are putting forth efforts to secure their minister £200 per annum and a Manse. The Presbytery pressed upon them the duty of dividing the congregation into two. The Rev. James A. Murray appeared before the Presbytery in answer to his citation, and wished to obtain a Presbyterial certificate. After lengthened discussion, the Presbytery agreed to defer further consideration of the case till their next meeting in Halifax. The call from Clyde River and Barrington came out in favour of the Rev. Hugh McMillan, and he having signified his acceptance of it, the Presbytery agreed to meet in Shelburne on the first Tuesday of April to hear his trials, and on the following day at Clyde River for his ordination.

**OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT WHYCOCOMAH.**—We have received from a correspondent, *Stranger*, a glowing account of the opening of the large new Church at Whycomah, on the last Sabbath of February. The day was very auspicious and the gathering of people was so large that every available corner of the Church was packed full—"every seat and aisle, up stairs and down stairs, even the pulpit steps were crowded." At least 1600 were present. The services of the day were commenced by the Rev. CHARLES L. ROSS, (the pastor) giving out the 100th Psalm which was sung by the vast congregation with deep earnestness and solemnity. Mr. Ross then preached in Gaelic an impressive and eloquent sermon on "I am the door." The English service was conducted with great vigor by Rev. ALEXANDER McDONALD. The services were protracted, but the congregation paid the profoundest attention throughout. Many had travelled from Mahon to be present at the meeting, thus pleasingly illustrating the value of the recent Union. "When the services of the day were over and all had returned to their quiet homes, songs of gratitude rose from many a heart in those extensive settlements, where now they can gather together Sabbath after Sabbath, and worship the God of their fathers in comfort. The services of the day will long be remembered by the inhabitants of Whycomah.

The ladies of the congregation of the Rev. W. G. Forbes, Plaister Cove, C. B., presented their pastor with an elegant set of china, which together with other articles amounted to the value of \$80. The present was accompanied with an affectionate address.

The Rev. Mr. McKnight's congregation, Dartmouth, made him a present to the value of about \$60.

Our Canadian brethren are very mindful of us. Dr. Taylor's congregation, Montreal, has made a donation of *one hundred dollars*, to the Foreign Mission Board of our Church. The Sabbath School in connexion with the same congregation has also sent a donation of *fifty five dollars*. Dr. Jennings's Church, Toronto, has also sent the Board *sixty-one dollars*. The Secretary of the Board visited these congregations last autumn, preached for them, and ably expounded the position of our Missions. This we doubt not had its influence in bringing to the treasury of the Church these welcome offerings. However this may be we cannot but feel most grateful to our brethren in Canada for their timely, liberal and most acceptable contributions. Should not our own people be stirred up to redoubled zeal and self-sacrifice by such instances of thoughtful liberality on the part of friends at a distance?

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

It gives us much pleasure to insert in our issue of this month the following brief notice of an interesting and loving child, from a bereaved yet submissive