

Gregor, D. D., of Halifax, visited these stations, preached in each, and on Sabbath the 31st dispensed the Lord's supper. At that season there was no visible addition to the membership of the Church, but since then one man at Bay View expressed his desire to unite with the Church at the next Communion. And there are others who purpose doing so but for reasons known to themselves defer taking this step. The roll of membership in these stations is large in proportion to the number of people.

Bay View is our principal station. In the three places they all appear willing to do as well as they are able, but at present much in the way of contributions cannot be expected of them. Many have removed who in the past were good help to us in this respect.

Your Catechist desires to acknowledge much kindness from the people and as far as can be reasonably expected of a people few in number and therefore weak in resources, they are ready to do as well as others.

The sum of \$83.06 and three weeks board besides were contributed by the three stations, but \$45.00 was taken from this sum to pay for fifteen weeks' board leaving a balance due the missionary of \$38.06. The account is as follows:—

To 17 weeks @ \$6.00 per week . . . \$102.00  
Cr. by board and \$38.06 besides . . . 38.06

Balance \$63.64

It would be well if occasional service could be given from the congregation of Annapolis or elsewhere during winter. Otherwise there does not appear to be much hope of increase of interest.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES D. McLAREN.

N. B.—Rev. A. B. Dickie has recently visited these stations and dispensed the Lord's Supper again at Bay View, giving an interesting report to Halifax Presbytery of his work, and suggesting a course to be pursued in supplying these stations in future.

EX-SENATOR Merriman, of North Carolina, in a recent prohibition meeting in that State, said:—"I have never meddled with liquor. I have never drunk it, have hardly kept it as a medicine in my family, and yet it has meddled with me, has made my boy a wandering vagabond, has broken my wife's heart; yes, when I was asleep, thinking him at home in the house, he was being made a drunkard in the bar-rooms at Raleigh."

## PRESBYTERIES.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

#### VISITATION AT BEDFORD.

This Presbytery met at Bedford on the evening of Dec. 12th, for visitation of the congregation. The stations of Bedford and Waverly have been for the past four years under the pastoral care of Rev. George Christie, and are making progress under his faithful labors. The Stipend promised is fully paid and attendance on ordinances much better than formerly.

A preaching station has been opened at Sackville.

The little church at Waverly is about undergoing some repairs and steps are being taken to purchase a bell for the neat edifice at Bedford.

#### VISITATION AT ELMSDALE.

The Presbytery met again at Elmsdale on Tuesday, 13th Dec. at 10 a. m., for visitation and other business.

After sermon by Rev. Dr. Burns, the usual questions were put to minister, elders, and managers, and very satisfactory answers given. The minister, Mr. Layton, is faithfully doing his work, and so far as could be ascertained the congregation is making progress. In addition to the salary of \$700.00 and house rent which they pay to their pastor, the congregation has raised during the past year for the schemes of the church as follows:

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$24.00
Dayspring & Miss. Schools . . . . .	25.42
French Evangelization . . . . .	30.00
Home Missions . . . . .	20.00
Supplementing Fund . . . . .	24.00
College Fund . . . . .	14.00
Aged Ministers Fund . . . . .	5.19
Synod & Assembly Fund . . . . .	6.31

Total . . . . . \$148.92

Other religious and benevolent objects . . . . . 16.50

\$165.42

### INDUCTION AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH, HALIFAX.

On Thursday, 29th Dec., at 7.30 p. m., this Presbytery met in St. Johns Church for the induction of Rev. H. H. McPherson. There was a large attendance notwithstanding the wet night and muddy streets. Rev. Dr. Burns preached. The usual questions were asked and answered. Mr. Wylie offered prayer and Mr. McPherson was solemnly inducted into the pastoral charge of the