

minutes that the Lay Association is being vigorously worked by most of their congregations. A good sign of the Presbytery is the large attendance of elders at its meetings.

St. John's, Newfoundland.—At the annual meeting of the Rev. D. MacRae's congregation, held on the 14th of 1st month, a gallant effort was begun to pay off a debt of £550 incurred seven years ago in connection with the building of the Manse, which has been a mill-stone round the neck of the congregation ever since, the interest amounting to £33 annually. One member offered to guarantee payment of one-fourth of the whole debt. Another—a Pictonian who is but seldom in St. John's—subscribed £80. The subscriptions are payable by instalments in four years. In short, at the close of the day after the meeting, such was the good-will and heartiness displayed by all, that the whole amount was subscribed, and one-fourth of the debt has already been paid. There were some most marked instances of liberality displayed by members whose means are but moderate; but where all did well, it is unnecessary to mention names.

Ladies' Society, St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.—This Society was started in 1856, for congregational and charitable objects. A regular report of its income and expenditure has never been published, and hence, in order that members of the church may have a view of its history, it is necessary to refer to past years. The necessity of such reports appears by the experience of this society, which has been eminently useful to the congregation, but now enjoys a much smaller income than at first. To do the society justice, however, two facts must be borne in mind: namely: the erection of a separate congregation at the Albion Mines, and the total discontinuance of contributions from country sections. It is necessary to explain, also, that from July 1864 to July 1867, the society was totally inactive. With these explanations, the following brief statement is furnished from the Minute-Book of the Society, which was at first kept by Mrs. Skinner, and is now in the hands of Miss Fraser, the present Secretary.

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