

MR. PITBLADO of Chalmers Church has been called to St. Andrew's Church.

DR. MACKNIGHT has returned in good health from his summer's visit to Scotland.

What the congregations in Halifax Presbytery give for the Schemes of the Church.

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There are in the Presbytery 26 settled charges, or were during the period covered by the statistics in question. Let me make six divisions of these 26 charges.

I. Bermuda. There are two congregations there. One has not reported, the other, St. Andrew's, Hamilton, has, and shows the very fair figure of \$3.75 per family for the Schemes of the Church.

II. The West. In this division I include three congregations:—

1. Annapolis, &c., gave last year at the rate of \$0.50 per communicant to the schemes. The number of families is not reported.

2. Cornwallis North and West gave \$1.30 per family.

3. Cornwallis South, &c., gave \$6.82 per family. Deducting \$100 which was special to the College, still this congregation stands high as compared with its neighbours—giving \$4.32 per family.

III. Haute Co. There are eight settled charges in Hants, though two of them—Gay's River and Shubenacadie—stretch over into Colchester. Six of them are rural, one village, and one a town charge. The rural are:—

1. Newport, which gave \$1.33 per family.

2. Kempt and Walton, which gave \$0.07 per family. Justice to this congregation requires me to say that the pastor was ill most of the year, and that in consequence the people had extra liabilities to meet, which they did meet in a very creditable manner.

3. Gore and Kennetcook gave \$1.20 per family.

4. Nine Mile River, &c., gave \$1.53 per family.

5. Milford and Gay's River gave \$1.50 per family.

6. Shubenacadie gave \$1.50 per family.

The village congregation in this division is Maitland, which gave \$3.40 per family. Deducting \$42 special to the College, the rate is still \$3 per family.

The town charge is Windsor, which gave \$1.32 per family. It must be remembered, however, that it was vacant a good part of the year.

IV. The Musquodoboit district. In it

there are three congregations, two of which are settled:—(1) Little River, &c., which gave \$0.57, and (2) Middle Musquodoboit which gave \$1.50 per family.

V. The Eastern Shore. There three are congregations:

1. Sheet Harbour, which gave \$0.41 per family. It should be added however, that this congregation contributes yearly to the support of a catechist the amount of about \$100.

2. Musquodoboit Harbour which gave \$1.04 per family.

3. Lawrencetown, &c., gave \$0.80 per family.

VI. The city, including Dartmouth, there are eight congregations and their contributions to the schemes of the Church are:—

1. Richmond, \$3.53 per family.

2. St John's \$4.33 per family. Deducting what was special to the College, the rate is \$2.63 per family.

3. Popular Grove, \$4.51 per family.

4. Chalmers, \$5.74 per family.

5. St. Matthew's \$6.10 per family.

6. St. Andrew's, \$5.41 per family.

7. Fort Massey, \$10.64 per family.

8. Dartmouth, \$5 per family.

The vacancies during the year were (1) Noel which gave to the schemes \$0.54, and (2) Upper Musquodoboit which gave \$0.22 per family.

There were only three congregations in the Presbytery that gave to all the objects named in the statistics under the general heading Schemes of the Church—Chalmers, Fort Massey and St. Matthew's. A good number, however, gave to all the objects but one.

The figures before me seem to indicate that the French Evangelization is the favourite scheme. It received contributions from 26 congregations out of 28, while the Home and Foreign Missions received only from 25, and the College from 23. It is pleasing to find that the Aged Minister's Fund was remembered by 21 congregations, and the *Dayspring* and Mission Schools by the Sabbath Schools of 17 congregations.

One cannot always judge of the interest taken in a particular branch of work from the amount given to it. Much depends upon the advocacy of a scheme. And unquestionably the claims of some schemes are kept more prominently before the Church than the claims of others.

These are a few of the facts that a glance at the statistical tables yields. I trust that no one will object to the publishing of them. Figures do not lie, at least ought not to lie. Where they give praise, let them give praise, and where