

St. John Presbytery Home Mission.

We give below a statement of the Home Mission work in the Presbytery of St. John during the present year. This Presbytery has made a good start in the right direction, and we are sure the people will do a great deal more in future years:

| | |
|--|----------|
| St. Andrew's Church, St. John, per Rev. R. J. Cameron..... | \$200 45 |
| St. Stephen's Church, St. John, per Rev. G. J. Caie..... | 75 00 |
| Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, per Rev. P. Keay..... | 24 72 |
| Nashuaak and Stanley, per Rev. Wm. Fogo..... | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, per Rev. Dr. Brooke..... | 16 00 |
| | \$326 17 |

Annual Report of St. James' Ch., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Rev. T. Duncan, Minister.

Kirk Session:—Rev. Thos. Duncan, *Moderator*; John Mackieson, M. D., Hon. J. H. Gray, C. M. G., Archibald Kennedy, Peter Gregor, J. Macpherson.

Trustees:—John W. Morrison, *Chairman*; P. McLaren, Mayor Rankin, A. L. Brown, *Treas.*; W. R. Watson, A. Kennedy, W. D. Stewart, *Sec'y.*

The annual congregational meeting was held on the 14th of April last, Mayor Rankin in the Chair, at which the ordinary routine business was disposed of. And, among other things, we notice that the work of the Sabbath School formed a part of the business taken up; showing that, in St. James', the work of the school is considered part of the work of the church, and not, as is too often the case, something considered foreign to the necessary work of the church, and consequently ignored at congregational meetings.

The school is in a good, healthy condition, with a roll of 197 scholars. Teachers and office-bearers number 23. One girl is supported in the Madras Orphanage, and another is to be sent to the Blind Asylum, Halifax, at the expense of the school. The Library contains 360 volumes. There is, in the Savings Bank, the sum of \$268.75 realized by the Teachers at a Bazaar, by which a large number of new books is to be purchased; besides which the collections for the year amounted to \$105.69.

It seems the Church Building Committee were not ready to report. We are a little disappointed at this, as we were sure, judging from the enthusiasm of the congregation at Synod time last year, that, ere this, the building would have been commenced. However, in the end, perhaps the *slow and sure* is the best policy in the end.

The Kirk Session's Report shows the following:—Number of families, 132. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed quarterly. Number of communicants on roll, 110; number of communicants present at communion, 100 to 110; new communicants during the year, 27. Of these, 14 were by profession, 9 by certificate, and 4 renewed their membership. During the year, seven have been removed by death; five have left the city. Baptisms during the year, 43; deaths, 16; marriages, 68.

The weekly prayer meeting is well attended. Several ladies have undertaken the work of District Visitation and Tract Distribution.

The following sums were expended under the supervision of the Kirk Session:—

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| For relief of poor..... | \$40 00 |
| Foreign Mission..... | 72 00 |
| Lay Association purposes..... | 44 00 |
| Synod Fund..... | 15 00 |

There is a Young Men's Institute, the proper working up of which, no doubt, will tell upon the church beneficially hereafter. There is also a monthly meeting of the elders for prayer, and no doubt much good is thereby being done to the church just now. Why should not many more Kirk Sessions thus pray for their minister, thereby strengthening his hands and encouraging his heart?

There are only 44 copies of the *Record* taken in this large congregation of 132 families—just one *Record* for every three families.

The Trustees report that the change from the Pew Rent System has been a marvellous success.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Last year, from pew-rents, collections, &c., the sum realized was.. | \$1124 77 |
| This year, from Church-door collections, was realized..... | 1591 70 |

Increase of latter over former..... \$466 93