

Fund. Reports on State of Religion and Temperance were given by Rev D. S. McMillivary and J. A. Logan. Mr. A. L. Geggie was licensed a preacher.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou on the second of May the afternoon and evening were devoted to a conference on "The State of Religion" and "Sabbath Schools," the programme of which was as follows;

Afternoon.—Subject:—"The State of Religion." 1. Report on State of Religion, Jas. H. Turnbull; 2. Addresses, "Our Dangers and our Duties," J. R. Munro, Harvey Graham, and others; 3. Addresses, "How to develop religious life," J. A. Cairns, D. McDonald, and others.

Evening.—Subject,—"Sabbath Schools". 1. Dr. McLeod's report on Sabbath Schools. 2. Addresses, "How to increase the teaching power of the S. School." Messrs. Falconer, T. D. Stewart of St. Philip's Church, Westville, J. Oliver and others. 3. Addresses, "Music as a help to the efficiency of the School," Dr. Kennedy and others.

Another effort in the way of church extension has been made in the City of Halifax. The Methodists having erected a new building on Robie Street the old one on Coburgh Road has been purchased by the Presbyterians, in which services will be held. A weekly prayer meeting will be commenced, conducted by the City clergymen in turn.

Our cause in Bermuda though it has not a very ancient history yet dates back some 37 years. The Rev. Walter Thorburne, who died shortly after the beginning of the new year was sent out to Jamaica in 1845 by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland. After 7 years labour at Jamaica, he removed to Bermuda, and retired in 1881. For several years the congregation to which he ministered was in connection with the Halifax Presbytery but lately the connection has been severed. Bermuda is the oldest colonial charge of the Free Church.—*et om.*

A statistical report submitted to a late meeting of the Presbytery of St. John, show that the Presbytery contains 33 congregations, 4 mission fields, and nine places supplied by catechists. There are 4,041 communicants on the roll, and the

contributions were \$51,764, being on an average \$11.15½ per communicant.

DEATH OF REV. WILLIAM DUFF.

On the fifth of May Rev. Wm. Duff, one of the fathers of our Church, passed away to his rest and reward.

Mr. Duff was born in 1808, near Perth, Scotland, and had at his death reached the ripe old age of four score years. He was educated in the University of St. Andrews, and licensed to preach in 1833. He came to this country in 1842, and settled in Lunenburg in 1843, remaining there for 36 years, until 1879 when he retired from the active work of the ministry.

For many years his congregation included Lunenburg, Mahone Bay, Bridgewater, La Have, New Dublin, Conquerall, and the Ovens, together with other outlying districts. He wrought hard and left the impress of his faithful labours throughout the whole county. There are to-day six Presbyterian congregations where for a long time he wrought alone.

Mr. Duff was a man of most lovable disposition. He was the ideal of a Christian gentleman. To know him was to respect and love him, and both the respect and love were shown in the numbers and demeanor of the great gathering that assembled to pay the last tokens of respect on the day of the funeral.

He rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

The past year has been one of the best that the different Schemes of our Church have had for a long time. All but the College and Bursary Funds have closed the year with a balance on the right side. So far as we can remember it is a long time since our Funds were in a similar position. How pleasing to be able to write and read this instead of the old refrain of, debt—debt. God has blessed us and he will bless us still.

Rev. A. McLean Sinclair has removed from Springville, Pictou Co., and is now settled in Belfast, P. E. Island. An affectionate address, accompanied by a handsome purse, was presented to him by the warm hearted and deeply attached Highlanders, on leaving East River, and a *cead mille faillte* was given by the equally warm hearted Highlanders of Belfast.