

To meet this outlay, your committee realized from

Subscriptions by the members of the church,	\$615.82
A special Sabbath-School Service conducted by the Rev Mr. Darling,	59.00
A magic lantern and ice cream entertainment,	45.85

Total receipts, \$720.67

The Committee do further acknowledge with thanks, five dollars from Rev. Mr. Falconer, Port of Spain, and the gifts of Charles Mootoo, Thomas Jenney, Albert William Frances, and Bessie Richards, towards the trimming of pulpit, lamp for portico, and pots for shrubbery. Also, stained glass for new windows in front of church from the Wesleyan Church, per Rev. Mr. Smith.

Equally favorable is the report regarding the portion of our Pastor's salary which we assumed.

Sabbath collections in San Fernando Church,	\$516.52
Sabbath Collections at the Out Stations,	210.02
Total,	\$726.54

Paid Mr. Grant,	\$800.00
Current expenses in church	49.43
“ “ out Stations,	77.11

Total, \$726.54

Your Committee, thanking the congregation for its support, now tender their resignation.

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT SAMMY,
Treasurer.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF LITTLE RIVER CONGREGATION.

BY REV. A. B. DICKIE.

The settlement of Little River in Lower Musquodoboit is situated about thirty-six miles from Halifax on the Guysboro Road. The early settlers were adherents of the Church of Scotland and their spiritual interests were cared for by the Halifax Presbytery in connection with that body. The congregation has not an ancient history for its existence only dates back some 23 years. For several years it was occupied as a mission station when it was frequently visited by that indefatigable worker Rev. John Martin. Mr.

Martin was pastor of St. Andrew's church Halifax for 32 years, when, in consequence of ill health he resigned. He afterwards received an appointment of superintendent of missions by the Colonial Committee in Scotland. Though then advanced in life, yet for seven years he earnestly devoted himself to ministerial work in the remoter and more destitute localities. He frequently visited Little River and nurtured the mission station until it eventually became a congregation. For three years he was laid aside by increasing infirmities and died at Elmsdale on the 22nd of February 1865. The Colonial Committee in the Report to the General Assembly of that year allude to Mr. Martin's services in such terms as these. "Throughout a long life the ardour of his attachment to the parent church was balanced by his unswerving constancy, and crowned by a measure of professional activity which may be justly characterized as prodigious. Undeterred by any distance of place, by any inconvenience of time he was incessantly employed about the Great Father's business. Of few men since the days of the Apostles could it be more truly said than of John Martin that he was instant in season out of season."

After the visits of Mr. Martin ceased, the Rev. James Wilson was sent out as a missionary from Scotland in the year 1857. He was at once appointed by the Presbytery of Halifax to Little River where he laboured for three years. His services were highly acceptable to the people and though but a short pastorate, yet there was growth under his ministry. He removed from Musquodoboit to Lanark, Ontario, where he still labours.

After Mr. Wilson's departure Rev. G. W. Stewart was sent out from Scotland to Nova Scotia. He was appointed as an ordained missionary to this station in 1860, and during a period of five or six years dispensed ordinances. He also gave a monthly supply to Truro, where a preaching station had been first opened up by the Rev. John Martin. Previous to the settlement of Mr. Stewart there was no church in Little River. In 1859, steps were taken toward the erection of a building which was finished in July 1860. It is a handsome edifice and was completed at a cost of \$2000. In August of the same year Mr. Stewart was empowered to organize a congregation and form a session. Messrs. Alexander Taylor, John Cruikshank, and William Bruce were the first elders elected. They were ordained on the 18th September, 1860. Mr. Stew-