

field; D. Cameron, River Dennis; M. F. McLeod and B. J. McDonald, Salt Springs; M. A. McAulay, Viewfield; A. C. Moore, J. F. Moore and E. McGregor, Westville; and Willie D. Ross, Lorne.

OUR OWN CHURCH & COUNTRY.

NOVA SCOTIA.

STELLARTON.—The St. John's Kirk Social and Xmas. Tree was a grand success. The trustees and waiters are worthy of the thanks of the congregation, and the ladies, the prime movers and promoters of the scheme deserve special mention, always willing and somehow always ready. The total receipts were \$156.64; net profits \$130.14.

HOPEWELL.—The Ladies of St. Columba Kirk, held a Social Entertainment on Christmas evening, in the fine new mansion of James W. McDonald, Esq., Hopewell, at which they realized \$140 for the Kirk. This is truly good and encouraging to begin with, at so short a preparation, and shows that this Sewing Guild has the noble spirit of their ancestral "Ladies of the Covenant."

EARLTOWN.—The Rev. D. McKenzie has tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge at Earltown, N. S. His people hear this with regret, and may yet be able to preserve him as their pastor.

SPRING HILL.—This congregation has just completed and opened their fine large new church, seated for 700 hearers, besides the basement, seated for 500.

PICTOVIANS ABROAD.—The Rev. Chas. M. Grant, formerly of Halifax, has published a new work, entitled,—

Bible Heathens; or, Church and World in Scripture Times. He has dedicated to the congregation of the parish of St. Mark, Dundee, this book which many thoughtful persons everywhere will like to read and read again. The "Bible Heathens" are persons outside the Jewish Church whom the Bible represents (and never as if it were a strange thing) as being under God's care and teaching. Every chapter of the book raises difficult but interesting questions. That on Balam, the Judas of the Old Testament, is of special note. Other instances lead to reverent and hopeful discourse as to the

possibility of salvation beyond the visible Church of our own day. Naaman bowing in the house of Rimmon brings up the case of a convinced heathen who stops short of full confession. Mr. Grant deals with Job, Ruth, Ittai, Araunah, Ebed-melech, the Magi, Cornelius, etc.

OBITUARY.—We regret to record the death of a very worthy father at Roger's Hill, Pictou County, on the 15th of Dec., John McLean, Elder in the Kirk, in the 79th year of his age. The deceased was well and widely known as an exemplary Christian, and an intelligent and useful man. A bereaved community with an extensive circle of relations in Pictou County and abroad mourn his loss.

CAPE BRETON.—Rev. Mr. Brodie hears with deep regret of the untimely death of Allan B. McDonald, an excellent young man, aged 21 years, the beloved son of his worthy friend N. McDonald, J. P., Luke Anislie. Many a happy day have they had together in that hospitable home with the aged Mr. Gunn and other good and loyal friends; and how devotedly did young Allan attend to their cares and comforts! Alas that such a noble helper and heir should be taken from such a father! Yet "the Lord gave, and He hath taken: His will be done; and blessed be His Name!"

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ANOTHER truly excellent father in Israel, died at Fredericton, N. B., on the 23rd Dec., Charles L. Hart, J. P., aged 75 years.

Long with his many friends and neighbors cherish the tender memory of his unfeigned modesty, sincerity, generosity, and honesty, joined with deep and unostentatious piety and unselfishness!

"And is he dead whose noble mind
Raised thine on high?
To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die!"

THE NATIONAL COVENANT OF SCOTLAND.

An able sermon by Dr. Macrae of St. John, on St. Andrew's day, points out how Scottish hearts may well beat with joy and gratitude for the "goodly heritage" of civil and religious freedom blended with order, won by our fathers' blood.

Let us not cast a blot or a speck on our country's escutcheon. We have also our