

tions made to the schemes of the Church—While there is much in the entire report to encourage, there is also a great deal to be done yet in every way. The Presbytery, however, manifest an earnestness and a vigor to do the work that lies before them. Never was it more manifest than at this meeting that they are girding themselves to the task of overcoming the difficulties that are in the way, and sufficiently formidable those difficulties are. The circulation of the *Record*, in the bounds of the Presbytery, is 650, or about an average of one to two and-a-half families and a gross increase of more than 100 over the previous year.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met on Tuesday May 21st in St. John's Church, Halifax. Professor McKnight reported that he had preached and moderated in a call in Chalmers Church, and that the call had come out unanimously in favor of Rev. C. B. Pitblado of Glenelg, St. Mary's. The call was subscribed by 112 members and 120 adherents, making in all 232 names. The stipend promised is \$1200 a year, quarterly in advance, and \$200 additional towards paying house rent or securing free manse. The Presbytery sustained the Call, and in doing so, expressed their gratification with the spirit and energy displayed by the congregation, especially in their endeavour to procure a manse in addition to the salary of \$1200. Rev. John Forrest was appointed Commissioner for this Presbytery to prosecute the Call before the Presbytery of Pictou.—Rev. A. Falconer reported that he had preached in Fort Massey Church according to appointment, but found the people unprepared to proceed in a Call. On motion of Mr. Murray, the Presbytery agreed to overture the Synod to provide a Model Deed of Trust for the use of our congregations. Messrs. McKnight, Falconer and Murray were appointed to support the overture. Mr. Murray laid before the Presbytery a Model Deed prepared by A. James, Esq., who had given much attention to the subject. The Presbytery referred the Deed to the Committee above named.—Mr. Falconer was appointed to preach in Noel on the 9th June. Mr. Isaac Simpson was appointed to Musquodoboit Harbor until after the 3rd Sabbath of June—then to proceed to Noel. Mr. Rosshorough was appointed to Digby and Bear River till the meeting of Synod. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Chalmers Church on the 14th June, at 7½ P. M.

### Illustrations of Sabbath School Lessons for July, 1872.

#### FIRST SABBATH.

*Golden Text*—John xiv. : 27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*Illustration*.—The child frightened in his play runs to seek his mother. She takes him upon her lap, and presses his head to her bosom; and, with tenderest words of love, she looks down upon him, and smooths his hair, and kisses his cheek, and wipes away his tears. And then, in a low and gentle voice, she sings some sweet descent, some lullaby of love; and the fear fades out from his face, and a smile of satisfaction plays over it, and at length his eyes close, and he sleeps in the deep depths and delights of peace. God Almighty is the mother and the soul is the tired child; and he folds it in his arms and dispels its fears, and lulls it to repose, saying, "Sleep my darling, sleep! It is I who watch thee." "He giveth his beloved sleep." The mother's arms encircle but one; but God clasps every yearning soul to his bosom, and gives to it the peace which passeth understanding, beyond the reach of care and storm.—*Beecher*.

#### SECOND SABBATH.

*Golden Text*—Rom. viii. : 9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

*Illustrations*.—None of the fanciful transformations of which Ovid sung of old could ever rival the matchless work of God when he displays his power upon the human mind. Oh, what a difference between a sinner and a saint! between "dead in trespasses and sins," and quickened by divine grace! If God should speak to Niagara, and bid its floods in their tremendous leap suddenly stand still, that were a trifling demonstration of power compared with the staying of a desperate human will. If he should suddenly speak to the broad Atlantic, and bid it be wrapped into flames, we should not even then see such a manifestation of his greatness as when he commands the human heart, and makes it submissive to his love.—*Spurgeon*.

11. A Scotch girl was converted under the preaching of Whitefield. She was asked if her heart was changed, and gave the beautiful reply, "Something I know is changed! it may be the world, it may be my heart. There is a great change somewhere, I'm sure: for everything is different from what it once was."