

view, and much could be said in praise of the primary teacher in Point DuChene, as a number of quite small children showed a considerable knowledge of the lessons gone over.

### Late Robert F. Burns, D. D.

We have to record with great sorrow the demise of Rev. Robert F. Burns, D. D., pastor emeritus of Fort Massey Church, Halifax. Dr. Burns was born in Paisley, Scotland, on the 23rd December, 1826. He entered Glasgow University in his 14th year; spent four years there; then proceeded to Edinburgh, where he sat under Drs. Chalmers, Cunningham and Duncan. He left Greenock for Canada 29th March, 1845, and attended two sessions Knox College, Toronto. He was licensed by the Toronto Presbytery in April, 1847, and was ordained first minister of Chalmers' Church, Kingston. After occupying pastorates in Kingston, St. Catherines, Chicago and Montreal, he came in March, 1875, to Fort Massey Church Halifax. He was elected to the Moderator's Chair of the General Assembly, at Winnipeg, in the year 1887. He remained in Halifax until 1892, when, his health breaking down, he resigned his pastorate. His death occurred at Broughty ferry, Scotland, 5th April, 1896.

As an author Dr. Burns was well known. His best known work was published in 1872, and ran through three editions. It was "The life and times of the Rev. Dr. Burns of Toronto."

Dr. Burns was one of the most eloquent of Canadian Presbyterian divines, a preacher of great power and influence, a popular lecturer,

and a brilliant conversationalist.

The whole Canadian Church mourn with his bereaved family and feel that a prince and a great man has fallen in Israel.

We regret to hear of the ill health of the Rev. Neil McKay, pastor of Saint John's, Chatham, formerly of Saint David's, St. John. His congregation, with the consent of Presbytery of Miramichi, of which he is clerk, has granted him three months leave of absence. in the hope that in this period of rest he will fully recuperate.

Rev. J. C. Burgess, of Danville, California, after a sojourn of a week in the Province of Nova Scotia, returned to St. John, and preached in Fairville on the evening of Sabbath, the 29th. Many old friends of this station, and of his former congregation, Carleton, attended, and heard him again with much pleasure.

On Sabbath, the 22nd March last, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Saint Andrew's Church, Campbellton. The Church was crowded at both services. Rev. John Millen Robinson, of Moncton, presided. An effort is being made to enlarge the Church. Rev. Mr. Carr is the minister.

PISARINCO. — This congregation was visited by the Committee of Presbytery, on the evening of the 26th March, accompanied by a former missionary in charge, Rev. John Hawley. The delegation were hospitably entertained at the residence of Mr. James Galbraith.