

**ROGER'S HILL AND CAPE JOHN.**—The annual business meeting of these congregations were held lately, and financial affairs were found in a highly satisfactory condition.

**YOUNG MENS' SCHEME.**—An application for aid has been received from a student under this Presbytery, studying at Kingston. As there are no funds on hand it is earnestly hoped that congregations will promptly cause the collection for this scheme to be made. Some have already done this. Let us give people a chance to contribute at all events, and we are sure of their liberality.

**RIVER JOHN.**—Surprise Party.—On Christmas Day, our village was enlivened by a procession of nearly a score of sleighs on their way to Rev. Mr. McCunn's Manse. It was surmised that a marriage was to come off, but it was difficult to discover the bride. We afterwards learned that the good folks of West Branch had formed themselves into a Donation party, and it turned out to be on a respectable scale, something like a Hundred Dollar affair. Come back again, West Branch friends.—*Standard*.

**BADDECK, C. B.**—Received from Jos. Hart, Esq., the sum of Ten Dollars, (10.00), to be applied to Church purposes. Mr. Hart has never made "hard times" an excuse for not contributing to the schemes of the Church, from which, though practically cut off, he still loves and supports—members of Presbytery, lay and clerical, who have visited the island and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Hart, will be deeply sorry to learn that Mrs. Hart is no more. She died as she lived, trusting in Jesus. Mr. Hart has our sincere sympathy.

#### A COUPLE OF RECEIPTS.

Several parties have requested us to copy the following receipts. Whilst none of our readers may be inclined to try them—which we hope is true—they may suggest how to be useful to the congregation and pastor. The first is from the *Observer*:

#### HOW TO KILL A CHURCH.

1. Don't pay your pastor's salary. This is an all-important direction. Be sure to follow it closely. Although you solemnly promise to pay him a certain amount, and at stated times, no matter; don't pay, or only what you *feel* like paying, and when it is perfectly convenient. Don't obey the Lord when he says, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." (Luke x. 7.) By and by you'll have the satisfaction of seeing your church "going down."

2. Don't attend to your official duties in the church. Look upon your office as only an honorary or ornamental institution—not an Aaron and Hur arrangement for holding up the hands of pastors in doing the Lord's work.

3. Don't go to prayer-meeting. That's an old-fashioned institution. It isn't needed in the "modern" church. Church fairs, and concerts and festivals are much more necessary. These bring money into the treasury from the outside sinners.

4. Don't attend church *regularly*. For-sake the assembling of yourselves together, except on bright, sunny days.

5. Don't pay for your church.

6. Don't give toward its support, or only a little now and then, when you can't help it.

7. Don't encourage your pastor in any way whatever.

8. Don't take your church paper.

9. Don't do anything toward helping the Sunday-schools.

10. Don't give anything, or *very little*, toward the various causes of beneficence.

11. Do what you can to engender strife and discord among the members.

12. Lastly, be fully conformed to the world.

The above directions, fully carried out, will most certainly give you success in killing a church. Ordinarily, you need practice only a few of the above directions, and you will succeed. If you love the church and don't wish to kill it, then don't practice according to the above receipts.

The second is from the *Advocate*:

#### HOW TO DISCOURAGE A MINISTER.

1. Hear him "now and then." Drop in a little late. Do not sing; do not find the text in your Bible. If you take a