

their houses, it is not at all wonderful that a strong and devoted attachment should have arisen between the little flock and their spiritual instructor. Being now bereft of Mr. Stirling's service and rendered vacant, the question arises, can a successor be obtained and supported or must our cause here become defunct. The solving of this problem rests almost wholly with the people. The congregation is very small, though there are some earnest, willing, workers among them, who contribute liberally to the support of ordinances. On their subscription list you will find sums as high as fifty-two dollars, yet \$500 per year is perhaps as great an effort as this congregation could put forth. A new church will also be needed ere long, as the present edifice is not at all in keeping with the times. Other denominations have the advantage of us in this respect. It would be rather a reproach for the Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces to cease having an existence in Fredericton, yet if it is to be maintained and make progress the people must inevitably put forth vigorous and strenuous exertions. Action must be the watch-word of every individual in the congregation, every one will require to do all that he can if our blue banner is to be kept unfurled here. If the union with the Kirk Body was only effected it would greatly strengthen the cause of Presbyterianism in Fredericton. Then we might have two clergymen, two self-supporting and flourishing churches, and be able to compete with other denominations.

TAY CREEK.

This little settlement is situated about 24 miles from Fredericton, and during Mr. Stirling's pastorate, was included as a part of his congregation. It is a farming district, and contains 13 families who adhere to us. They have a neat little church (minus paint), and clear of debt. No Sabbath school exists among them, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has never been dispensed owing to their coldness and indifference about making a profession of religion. Mr. Stirling visited them regularly on week days, occasionally on Sabbaths. Not manifesting overmuch zeal and earnestness they demand pastoral oversight, in order that they may be stirred up. Having never done a great deal in the way of contributing for the support of ordinances, they would not perhaps raise more than 50 or 60 dollars per year for a time, but when educated, would doubtless increase. The field, however, is too far distant from Fredericton to be cultivated in connection with it. And, here again, a union with the Kirk would prove a benefit. The Rev. Mr. Fogo, one of the church of Scotland missionaries, has lately been

established at Nashwaak and Stanley. The latter locality is only five miles distant from the Tay Creek church, and accordingly might receive some attention at Mr. Fogo's hands. Some of our people would be glad if an arrangement could be effected by which they could enjoy a small portion of the services of the pastor settled at Nashwaak and Stanley. Others, however, think that they cannot sever the tie that binds them to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. If the respective bodies were merged into one, then the seeming difficulty here would be obviated. There are other localities in New Brunswick where a union with the Kirk would largely promote the interests of our common Presbyterianism.

Must we perpetuate divisions that are a reproach and a weakness to those who profess to be the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus?

Our Foreign Missions.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION

The Board of Foreign Missions

Met at New Glasgow on the 15th ult.—Present, Rev John Stewart, *Chairman*: Rev Drs Roy and Bayne, Rev Messrs Walker, Patterson, Thomson, H. B. McKay, McCurdy, Mowitt, McGregor, and Mr R. McGregor.

Letters were read from several ministers of this church with whom the Secretary, by appointment of the Board, had corresponded. These were brethren who, in the estimation of the Board, possessed qualifications fitting them for the mission field, and the subject of correspondence was the call for labourers in the foreign field, and their views in prospect of receiving a call from the Board, in accordance with the power granted by Synod at its last meeting.

These letters all expressed deep sympathy with the work of Christ in heathen lands, while some of them stated good reasons why the parties felt that they must decline to encourage the Board to address to them a call at the present time.

Rev Mr Henry expressed his deep sympathy with the object of the communication addressed to him, and replied that he did not feel at liberty to interfere with the action