

pleted, the young folk soon found themselves seated around the long rows of white cloth, which, spread on the grass, were covered with all the delicacies which could please and tempt the taste.

It was needless to say that those disappeared in a manner which must have been most gratifying to the several medical gentlemen present. The children having concluded their bounteous repast, and the tables being replenished by the busy hands of the ladies, the seniors followed, and did justice to the good things, in a manner which left but little room for the juveniles to boast. The children spent the rest of the afternoon at different amusements. The swings were most extensively patronized. Racing, jumping, &c., followed in good order, prizes being awarded to the successful competitors. The rest of the party occupied themselves in different ways, some by contributing to the amusement of the children, others by a ramble over the island, or by short boating excursions on the river. The hour having arrived for re-embarking, this was, after a few delays, successfully accomplished. The steamer again proceeded up the river, until a good view of the extensive and interesting works of I. C. R. R. bridge could be obtained. Returning through the Tickle, and passing Strawburg Marsh, Newcastle was soon reached. Thus ended this most enjoyable day, all, both old and young, having enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. The success must have been most gratifying to Mr. Anderson, the pastor, to the Sabbath school teachers generally, and particularly to the very efficient Committee to whose exertions a great measure of the success is due.

The congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Blackriver, recently procured an elegant Pulpit Robe for the use of the minister. Too much credit cannot be given to the committee of ladies to whom the matter was so happily entrusted. The gown was from the establishment of J. D. Anderson, Montreal.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN, N.B.—
We are sorry to learn that the Revd. Simon Halley, assistant to Revd. Dr. Brooke, Fredericton, announced his determination last month to leave these Provinces on September 28th. The chief reason assigned was the state of his health, which was injuriously affected by this climate. Dr. Brooke, though still vigorous, and always able to take half of the pulpit services, requires an active and zealous young man who would visit, and take charge of the Sun-

day School and other departments of the work of the parish. We are sadly in need of such men, but not likely to get them, if appearances go for anything. The Presbytery, while regretting the loss of a clergyman so able as Mr. Halley, released him as desired, and granted him the usual Presbyterian certificate.

The Presbytery met in St. Stephen's Church, St. John, on the 19th August, for the induction of the Rev. Mr. MacRae. The evening was fine, and there was a fair attendance of the congregation. Revd. Mr. Halley preached a thoughtful sermon from Rev. 2:10: "Be thou faithful unto death," &c. He dwelt chiefly upon the principles which underlie fidelity, and made a few remarks on the reward of fidelity, concluding with an appeal to the people as to whether they were faithful. The Revd. Dr. Brooke, as senior member of Presbytery, put the prescribed questions to Mr. MacRae, and then, having formally admitted him to the pastorate of the Church, addressed him in suitable terms as to his duties. Mr. Begg addressed the people, and closed the meeting with the benediction.

We heartily congratulate St. Stephen's congregation on their good fortune in securing the services of Mr. MacRae. He is just the man for the place, we should say. He is blessed with a good measure of health, and he has had experience and preparation enough to fit him for the arduous duties on which he has entered: he has more than an average degree of mental acuteness and ability, is thoroughly well-read in all departments of literature, and, what is more and more needed in these days of thoughtful but more frequently unthinking Scepticism, he is catholic in his sympathies, and can look at a question calmly from all points of view, allowing for difference of opinion without compromising truth. He thus is likely to secure the attention and confidence of a large and ever-increasing class, of the young especially, in our cities, who, having lost all sympathy with the bald and old-fashioned ways of preaching and stating doctrine, are in danger of believing everything or nothing, and falling away from all church connection.