

created outbursts of merriment from the children.

Several prizes were distributed for perfect attendance, and proficiency in the Shorter & Mother's Catechism. Special prizes were awarded by the S. S. Superintendent. The Sabbath School is in a very flourishing condition — having a large average attendance, and a strong staff of teachers.

After the national anthem had been sung, and cheers given by the scholars for the Queen, the Rev. Mr. McDonald, the lady committee who got up such a fine table for them, and the managing committee, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, and all reluctantly retired, feeling that they had spent a most delightful evening, and looking forward with happy thoughts for the next pleasant gathering.—*Communicated.*

### Frederickton, N. B.

THE Rev. Mr. Moffat, who arrived among us from Hexham, England, three or four months ago, and who has since been labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John, has, we learn, been appointed by the Rev. Dr. Brooke as his assistant. Mr. Moffat has had worthy predecessors in this post, and we can wish him nothing better than that he should be as successful in his labours as Mr. Murray, Mr. McDonald, or Mr. Melville. The Presbytery of St. John is 'looking up' in numbers; and a guarantee that it intends to keep the new men it has got and even to apply for more, is the fact that it is now working energetically a Presbytery Home Mission.

I presume most of the readers of the *Monthly Record* take an interest in the work of the Sabbath Schools connected with our church, and if they fully appreciate the immense influence that the School exerts on the congregation, they will not grudge the space devoted to the brief annual statement we have been in the habit of sending for the last few years. We have been accustomed to hold an annual gathering of scholars, teachers, parents and friends of our school; and at this meeting the children sing some of their best Hymns, the Superintendent gives a short report of the school, and the Minister addresses parents, teachers and children. A few

weeks ago our gathering took place. It was the first Sunday of the year, and unfortunately the weather was not favorable, and the number present was not so large as we desired. The children's singing was much admired, and every body present seemed anxious to have the re-union repeated, and promised us a larger attendance and a larger collection for our library fund. Accordingly last Sabbath we sent out an invitation to all our friends to come and see, hear and help us. They responded to the number of about 800. The church was full, the singing was excellent, the address patiently listened to, and a collection of \$29.31 taken up. Our excellent Superintendent, (Mr. Wilson), reported that he had a family of 310 to look after. Of these 27 are teachers, and 50 Bible class scholars. The average attendance is 200. The average collection one dollar and twelve cents. The annual expenditure for books about \$138. The school has greatly increased during the year, and promises well for 1872. The basement of our church has been partly finished. The school-room is 59 feet long by 45 feet wide, and is well ventilated, lighted, heated and seated; we have purchased and paid for \$80 worth of comfortable and very convenient forms, some of which have revolving back. Opening off the large room we hope soon to have finished two rooms about 20 by 30 feet each, with folding glass doors. By this means the whole three rooms can be thrown into one, and the Sabbath School, Bible Class and Infant Class can hear what is said, and see what is done without leaving their respective rooms. By this means we can accommodate about 550 teachers and scholars. I hope before we trouble you with another annual report these rooms, at present much needed, will be finished and filled every Sabbath. Not directly connected with the Sabbath School, but indirectly contributing to its usefulness, is an organization lately formed, and known as the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Stephen's Church. Any families in need of clothing in the town or city, whether they belong to the congregation or not, are cheerfully assisted, if found deserving. The ladies meet on Monday afternoons, and cut out and