

the people about the Great North West and the nature of his mission there.

On Thursday evening 20th inst., he addressed a meeting at Springville, and with the aid of a map of the Canadas, and more northern British possessions, gave his audience a very clear and comprehensive idea of the extent, climate-productiveness, and bright future of the North West, not only in an agricultural and commercial point of view, but as a grand field for Missionary operations—which field if taken in time and wisely and delightfully cultivated, will become the very backbone of the P. Church in Canada. Nova Scotians, among others will in all probability flock there instead of going to help to build up a foreign country, and in Mr. Ross their countryman they will find a wise counsellor, a ready helper a warm and faithful friend. On Sabbath the 22rd, he preached in St. Paul's E. R. We wish him much happiness and prosperity in his far off home, where his love for the work, and his great desire to benefit his expatriated countrymen, will soon cause him to forget the sacrifice of comparative ease and comfort, together with the sweet friendships of his St. Lawrence home.

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IN common with all other denominations, our congregations feel the pressure of the hard times. Especially is this the case in our smaller charges. Our people are a willing people, but even the most willing may sometimes find it difficult to pay the stipend. If there are any congregations in arrears, we advise them to be patient. All things come to him that waits. When the financial knot is drawn tight, the usual American remedy is not to untie it, but to cut it by the minister going away, or if he is content to stay by driving him off. The remedy

is no doubt heroic, but it shows great poverty of resource. Presbyteries long ago used to induct ministers over charges in the hope that they would remain fixed until removed by death. But we have changed all that; and now it is gravely proposed to alter the induction formula and settle a minister only for such time as folk are content to allow him to remain. And all this arises from the financial difficulty which a little wisdom and patience on the part of both minister and people might soon put right.

THE LATE PETER GRANT, ELDER.—This much esteemed elder of the Church of Scotland, died in the month of January, at his residence Toney River. He was a useful man in the congregation, a lover of peace and good order. Liberal and hospitable, he was much respected by all who knew him.

The congregation of River John have also to lament the loss of two worthy Elders, Messrs. McGregor and Strambers, who passed away in a good old age, deeply respected.

THE remittances and orders for 1878 for the RECORD are somewhat encouraging. We regret to have to state that a large amount is still for due 1878. It is not decent to allow Agents to pay for the RECORD, when a grain of honesty and a little trouble, would put the matter right.

THE case of the Temporalties Fund is not yet settled. The lawyers are squabbling over it. The expense of contesting it is great, and no one can tell when the end will come—perhaps not in the lifetime of the present parties to the suit.

ON Thanksgiving day, Gairloch contributed as follows: To the Asylum for the Blind, Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and to the Orphans Home seven dollars each—in all twenty-one dollars.