

the 1st of May. Mr. Woodcock returned to St. John in January,

The church in St. John spent considerable money in the fitting up of the school-room during the past year, and recently the school-room has been repainted.

While our correspondent writes to us, the Sabbath services are held in the school-room, while the walls and ceiling of the church are being repainted. Other improvements in the church building are contemplated.

MANCHESTER, N. S.—The pastor, Mr. Whitman, writes Feb. 21st, 1876: "The repairs of our church were brought to such a state of completion, that we were able to reopen it for Divine Service on the first Sabbath of the new year. I expected the assistance of the Rev. W. Peacock, of Margaree, but previous arrangements prevented him from being with us. I preached in the morning from Ps. xxvi. 8, and in the evening from Rom. vi. 16. The Rev. J. Shepherdson was present in the evening, and took part in the services. The church was well filled at both services.

"The congregation being requested to bring a voluntary offering to the Lord for the repairing of His house, responded with a contribution of \$16. The church will seat 200, and the sittings are free.

"It is a cause of joy to our friends that this old church, which was built upwards of 60 years ago, has been saved to the denomination. Brethren, pray for us, that it may be in the latter days, as in the former, the birth-place of many souls."

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—The Central (Ontario) Association met in the Bond St. Church, Toronto, on Thursday, 27th January. A very small number of ministers and delegates were present. If the churches would but take more interest in the meetings and work of the Association, much could be done by its means. Rev. T. M. Reikie was elected chairman. Rev. J. A. R. Dickson read an excellent paper on "Jesus and the Resurrection." Rev. J. Salmon, who was present as a visitor, preached in the evening, on the call of Zaccheus, Luke xix. 5, 6.

On Friday, 28th, forenoon and afternoon sessions were held. Some names were dropped from the roll, in consequence of removals and change of ecclesiastical relationship; and Rev. H. J. Colwell was admitted to membership. Each pastor and delegate present gave some account of the state of religion in his own field. These were found to be very interesting. The subject of "Sanctification, as taught in the Scriptures," occupied the chief part of the afternoon session; treated in a conversational manner. In order to revive the interest formerly felt in the meetings of the Association, it was thought advisable to have a spring meeting in addition to the usual autumn and winter meetings. At the invitation of Rev. J. Unsworth, it was decided to meet in Georgetown, on Tuesday, 4th of April. It is hoped the churches in the district will take notice, and all send delegates with their ministers. Mr. Dickson will preach, and the following essays will be read:—"What should be done by our churches with a view to their growth?" by Mr. Reikie; "The duty and advantages of attendance on public worship, and on ordinances," by Mr. Day; "The Pastor in the household," by Mr. Smith; "Prayer," by Mr. Colwell; "Our duty with respect to denominational objects," by Mr. Wood; "Confirmation of the Scripture from the monuments," by Mr. Dickson. Brethren expecting to be at Georgetown 4th and 5th of April, will notify Rev. Joseph Unsworth, pastor there, at least a week beforehand.

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MISSIONARY MEETINGS—MIDDLE DISTRICT—MARKHAM AND UNIONVILLE.—The missionary meetings of this active body, held at Unionville and Markham recently have been quite a success. The deputation—the Revs. J. A. R. Dickson, of Toronto, and W. W. Smith, of Pine Grove—attended and delivered excellent speeches on the subject of Missions. Mr. Ira White, J. P., occupied the chair at Unionville, and the Rev. R. Bulman, the Pastor, at Markham. The Revs. Mr. Campbell, Wesleyan, and Mr. Carmichael, Presbyterian, rendered good service—the former at Unionville,