

tions, and give them supply as he may be able.

The ladies of St. John city have entered heartily into the work, and have raised among themselves nearly \$800 towards his support. May the wilderness and the solitary place be often gladdened by his coming to them, with the glad tidings of salvation.

PAYING OFF THE DEBT ON THE SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

The Supplementing Fund is a nursing fund for our church. Wherever there are a few Presbyterian families destitute of religious services, the church erects them into a mission station, and gives such occasional supply of service by catechists as may be available; for which the people pay a part, the Home Mission Fund the remainder.

When these stations grow in size, so that a number of them may be grouped together to form a congregation able to pay a considerable part but not all of a ministers salary, they are organized into a congregation and receive aid, more or less, from the Supplementing Fund; which as its name implies is a Fund wholly for the purpose of Supplementing the sum raised by small congregations that they may be able to support a pastor. In course of time these congregations grow, and become self supporting and in turn help to support others.

For the last twenty years congregations have passed off the Supplementing Fund at the rate of one every year, the present year being no exception, for a few days since the congregation at Acadia Mines, Londonderry, gave notice that it would no longer ask a supplement. Congregations that without the Fund would have scattered, because unable to support ordinances, have thus become self-sustaining and do their part in aiding the church in its work of Evangelizing the world.

Some four years ago, the debt on this fund was about \$2000. Instead of en-

deavouring to pay it off then it was thought better to allow it to stand for a time. For the last few years the income has been nearly equal to the expenditure. And the effort that is now being made, is to pay off that debt; in the hope that we may in the future be able to keep the fund square. The debt indeed was \$2800 when the present effort began. Of this the ministers were asked to pay \$500 which is nearly all paid up and the balance which is asked from the church is coming in but too slowly.

It is not a large sum. It should be easily wiped out, and any one having a spare trifle to give, cannot give to a more worthy object.

The number of congregations to which Supplement is promised is forty-four, of these seven are vacant; so that the numbers actually receiving aid is thirty-seven. These are divided as follows:—

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| New Brunswick, | 16 |
| Nova Scotia, | 17 |
| P. E. Island, | 4 |
| The amounts paid to these are, | |
| New Brunswick, | \$1970. |
| Nova Scotia, | \$1890. |
| P. E. Island, | \$450 |
| Total, | \$4310. |

Any one who has not been called upon and who may be willing to contribute something to this object, can either hand it to his pastor to forward, or send it direct to the agent of the church, in Halifax.

A HOLY LIFE.

A holy life is made up of a number of small things. Little words, not eloquent speeches or sermons; little deeds, not miracles or battles, nor one great heroic act of mighty martyrdom make up the true Christian life. The little, constant sunbeam, not the lightning; the waters of Siloam "that go softly" in the meek mission of refreshment, not the "waters of the river, great and many," rushing down torrents in noise and force are the true symbols of a holy life. The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, indiscretions and imprudences, little foibles, little indulgences of the flesh; the avoidance of such little things as these goes far to make up, at least, the negative beauty of a holy life.—Bonar.