

The Church at Chebogue numbers somewhat about 60 or 70 members. Those who attended the late meeting of the Congregational Union were very much pleased with their visit, the people and Pastor seeming so social and hospitable. The Church can hardly ever become a strong and large Church, as the people of the place are divided into several denominations; and every year a part of the people are moving to the town of Yarmouth or elsewhere. The Congregational Church in Yarmouth, under the pastoral care of the Rev. A. Burpee, formerly of Cobourg, C. W., may be said to be an outgrowth of the Church at Chebogue. The Church at Yarmouth is larger than the Mother Church, and as the town of Yarmouth is expanding, it is capable of even greater increase. It, too, has had its dark days, but there is prosperity now.

But to return to Chebogue. The church building is a new one, and is a very neat structure, situated in a very commanding position. It is but four years since the building was opened; and at the time of the meeting of the Congregational Union was not wholly out of debt.

The writer is under obligations to the Rev. John Gray, late Pastor of the Church at Chebogue, for a summary of its history, and for valuable information in connection with the early Congregationalism of Nova Scotia. [Mr. Gray resigned his pastorate in June, 1866, since which time Rev. A. Burpee, of Yarmouth, has supplied the pulpit, and, was noticed in a late number of the Magazine, has been much encouraged in his labours.—Ed.]

# CANADA EDUCATION AND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1827-1836.

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In his notes published in the February number of the magazine, my friend, Mr. Parker, mentions that after entering the Province, he heard of the existence of a Missionary Society in Montreal, of which the Rev. J. S. Christmas was the founder. My historical notes will require further allusion to this Society. I have before me its first circular, containing a copy of its constitution and a statement of its purposes. An extract or two will unfold its object and plans:—"Impressed with a deep sense of the destitute state of Canada, and the necessity of doing something to provide a remedy, a meeting was held in Montreal, on 20th December, 1827, when it was resolved to form a Society, for the double purpose of providing means of educating pious young men for the Ministry, and acting as a Home Missionary Society for Canada." \* \* \* "This Society shall be called, "THE CANADA EDUCATION AND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY." \* \* \* The following office-bearers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, ———. Vice-Presidents, Mr. S. Hedge, sen., Mr. J. DeWitt. Directors: Rev. J. S. Christmas, Messrs. E. Muir, B. Workman, H. Wilkes, L. M. Janes, H. Brodie, and L. Winchester. Secretary, Mr. Wm. Freeland. Treasurer, Mr. J. Alger. These names represented Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists, and the purpose was to carry on the work upon this catholic basis. I think only two of the names now represent living persons.

A little more than six months after its formation, Mr. H. Wilkes relinquished commercial pursuits and proceeded to Glasgow, to prosecute, at his own charges, his studies for the Christian Ministry. The Directors gave to him full powers to enquire for suitable ministers of either of the denominations, to collect funds for their outfit and passage money, and after prelimi-