

extempore, but was both appropriate and full of manly and Christian sentiment. May this, and such like gifts, be hallowed by the Master, to the advancement of brotherhood and sympathy in that labour, which carries with itself so gracious an incentive and reward!

THE congregation of St. James' Church have presented their Pastor, the Rev. Thomas Duncan, with a very handsome set of drawing-room furniture, and carpet, as a token of their esteem. No clergyman of the Church is more deserving the esteem and sympathy of his people than the Minister of St. James', Charlottetown.

We are pleased to learn that the Rev. James W. Fraser, M. A., minister of Roger's Hill, was lately presented with a handsome buffalo robe by a few of the parishioners in the neighbourhood of the manse. This is by no means a solitary instance of generosity on the part of the members of the congregation, for they have on many other occasions, by substantial favours, added much to the comfort of the inmates of the manse.

St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B.

On the evening of the first Sabbath of the year, the congregation in St. Andrew's Church made their usual annual collection on behalf of their "poor fund," which amounted to \$193. Last year the collection only amounted to \$129. The increase is creditable to the congregation. It was intimated, as a number of the members of the Church were absent in consequence of the severity of the weather, that an opportunity would be given them next Sabbath to contribute to the same object.

All the collections made by this congregation lately have shown a large increase on what they were formerly, so that they may be said now to be beginning to be worthy of old St. Andrew's. The collection made on behalf of our Home and Foreign Missions, in July last, at the Synod's Missionary meeting, amounted to \$156, the largest amount ever received at any Synodical meeting. Over \$100 were raised as a special effort for mission goods, when Mr. and Mrs. Robertson sailed for the South Seas in the Autumn. And we have

lately learned that the congregation has started Presbytery Home Mission collecting, and has got in about \$160. New St. Stephen's is also collecting for a Presbytery Home Mission, and has raised \$60. We hope that every congregation in the Presbytery will use the schedules or books sent for the purpose, and "do likewise."

Woodstock, and Northampton, New Brunswick.

THE Rev. Wm. P. Begg is doing good work in this field, and the people are most anxious that he should be settled among them. Their Church is not finished, but they expect to have it finished by May or June. In the meantime they meet in the large Session-room, which is always over-crowded. Six hundred dollars would be sufficient to finish the Church and to have it free of debt. This sum is small, but the little Congregation has already been heavily taxed. Who will help them? A few dollars now from friends would be most gratefully received. We hope that the Presbytery of St. John will make an effort to secure Mr. Begg's services for Woodstock. The Congregation has been vacant too long, and it is almost a wonder that it is still in existence.

Newcastle, N. B.

The Annual Festival of St. James Church Sabbath School took place in the Harkin's Seminary on Tuesday evening, 16th January. The rooms were tastefully decorated, and filled to repletion with Sabbath School scholars, their parents and friends. After all had done justice to an excellent tea, which was got up in a truly creditable style, and which evinced considerable preparation on the part of the "managing committee," the programme of the evening's entertainment was carried out. Rev. F. R. McDonald, Pastor of the congregation, in the Chair. Short addresses were delivered by Revds. Messrs. Sutcliffe, Stothard and Cruden, and Hon. Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Sevenright. Interspersed with speeches, several beautiful hymns were sung by the children in remarkably good time, their silvery voices doing justice to the sweet and soul-stirring melodies.

The views from the Magic Lantern, by Mr. Williams, (artist), was one of the most pleasing features of the evening, and