

always been a model one in their kindness to those who laboured among them in spiritual things. May they long continue to be a field known to be abundantly blessed of the Lord.

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## STELLARTON & WESTVILLE.

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It is with delight and thankfulness we announce the withdrawal of Mr. Dunn's resignation so long before the Presbytery of Egerton; but delayed from time to time at the urgent entreaty of the brethren.

It was felt that Mr. Dunn's removal would be very hurtful to the large congregation of which he is pastor—and a loss which the whole church could ill sustain. The Westville section of the congregation have raised their portion of the stipend from 500 to 600 dollars. The terrible disaster in the ill-fated Foord pit reduced the Stellarton section very much. But even there the arrears of stipend will be small if any; and there is the promise of increase so soon as the circumstances of the congregation will allow. The Presbytery appointed a committee to confer with the congregation—to ask them to do what they reasonably could to prevail upon Mr. Dunn to remain where his labours had been so successful. As might have been expected the expression of regret at the prospect of Mr. Dunn's withdrawal was universal, and many earnest hopes were uttered that the contemplated change would not take place. And now we rejoice in being able to congratulate those among whom Mr. Dunn laboured so long, that they are to have the advantage of his efficient service for a longer period

than could have been hoped for a few months ago.

Few ministers could overtake the work which Mr. Dunn is called upon to accomplish. Yet he performs his great labours with unabated zeal, and as is well known, is foremost in every effort to give our church permanency and put her upon a *firm basis in this colony*.

THE delegates appointed to congregations on behalf of the supplementing fund were unable to keep their appointments owing to the difficulty of travel. They hope soon to have an opportunity of meeting with the friends of the church in the districts arranged for visitation. It is pleasing and cheering to learn that all the congregations are beginning to show some interest in the scheme.

It is now evident that the future of our church depends much upon the support given to the Home Mission and Supplementing Funds. This year will show whether the members and adherents of the church are ready to do what they can towards her support.

Several articles have recently appeared in the *Presbyterian Witness* advocating a Sustentation Fund for the United Church. It would be an incalculable helping to that church if such a scheme was devised and vigorously prosecuted. Our Supplementing Fund will do for us what others wish to effect by a Sustentation Fund.

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## • NOTES OF THE MONTH.

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The Dominion Parliament has passed the Pacific Railway Bill. The much talked of Syndicate is to open a railway