

Miltown, Charlotte Co.

Three years ago, on the 20th March last, Rev. John Hawley preached at this place for the first time. Immediately afterwards an effort was made to secure supply through Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Hawley supplied from St. James. While that supply was being given the attendants were alive, awake and active. A site for a Church building was obtained, and contract for the erection of the Church building made. On the 11th February, two years ago, the new Church was dedicated. The Rev. Chalmers Jack, of Maitland, N. S., and Rev. John Anderson, then of St. Stephen, N. B., took part in the proceedings. The building is neat and comfortable, and cost \$3000. It is seated with chairs instead of pews. This station was set apart by the Presbytery as an ordained Mission Station in the spring of 1894. In the month of April, 1895, Rev. John Hawley, (in the meantime having resigned his charge at St. James, Charlotte County) received and accepted an appointment as ordained missionary here, and has continued there since. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been dispensed several times since its organization, and at each season Rev. Mr. Hawley has officiated.

On Sabbath, the 22nd March, the services were of a three-fold character, all of a special nature. Two elders were ordained, namely, Messrs. Andrew Mackenzie and Thomas Sherley. Eight adults were baptized and 29 persons were received on profession of faith and one by certificate from Harvey, York County. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed, and 60 partook of the elements, besides a number of visitors.

The membership of this thriving station number 70 at present.

There are forty families, a large and interesting Sabbath School consisting of 6 teachers and 90 children. The choir of this Church is one of the most efficient in the western section of our Presbytery.

St. Stephen's Church.

On Sabbath, the 5th April, (Easter Sunday) St. Stephen's Church, St. John, was re-opened, having been closed for some fifteen days undergoing extensive internal rearrangement. A new platform has been erected on the south side of the church; the choir seats and the pipe organ have been removed from the loft which was immediately above the main entrance to church, on the northern side of the building, and have been placed on the other side of the church on the new platform. A new oaken pulpit has been erected, and a new communion table with a set of three chairs also find a place on the platform. A brass memorial tablet, bearing the names of the deceased members of the McLaren family, has also been put up on this side of the church. The expenses of the re-arrangement have all been borne by the family.

St. Paul's Church, Fredericton.

This congregation has met with a serious loss in the removal by death of Mr. John A. Edwards, sr. He was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Fredericton. He was a member of Session of Saint Paul's Church for 50 years without having failed, but once, the day before his death, to attend at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The funeral was taken charge of by Session, and took place Wednesday, the 8th April. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters.