

charge to the newly-ordained minister. The choir having sung an appropriate anthem, Rev. J. Fraser addressed the people on their duties to the pastor, after which the exercises were brought to a close, Mr. Nighswander pronouncing the benediction.

In the evening, a very pleasant social meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by the resident Wesleyan minister and the brethren named above, the ladies providing refreshments. At both services the church choir rendered efficient aid by appropriate music, and contributed not a little to the success and profit of the meetings. It was indeed a hallowed season; the presence and power of the Spirit seemed to rest on both ministers and people, and all felt it good to be there. Mr. Nighswander thus commences his ministry under the most favourable auspices. Called by a united and loving people, who will, we believe, sustain him both spiritually and temporally, and having a conscious sense of his own solemn responsibilities, may his bow long abide in strength, and his arm be made strong in the mighty God of Jacob.

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REV. A. J. PARKER.—A recent letter from this honoured father to a brother-minister contains this passage of general interest: "My own health is slowly improving, but I am crippled for life, can only walk with the aid of crutches. Yet God is dealing very graciously with me. I see no indication that I shall be able to meet the brethren in Union at Brantford, happy though I should be if I could. Our church, under the pastoral care of Rev. G. T. Colwell, though greatly weakened by secession of Presbyterian members, and cropping out of a few others led into error by Mr. Rae, before he left, is yet on the roll, and gaining somewhat in numbers and in union."

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Those who were present at the soiree and supper in the Sabbath-school room of the Congregational church last evening, enjoyed themselves very much. John Boyd, Esquire, read a number of choice selections. The musical part was fully carried out

by Miss Hartt, the Misses Crothers, Mrs. Blanchard, Miss Carmichael, Mr. Clark and Mr. Barker. The two duets by the Misses Crothers were most prettily rendered; "Two Merry Girls" being their best. The two songs by Miss Hartt were sung in her usual good style. Mr. Clark's comic song was well received. The supper was of the best description. The tables contained everything the heart could wish, and all the wants of visitors were promptly attended to by the charming ladies in attendance.—*St. John Telegraph, April 19th 1873.*

MILLTOWN, N. B.—Rev. J. G. Leavitt, of Orono, Maine, has accepted a call from the Congregational church at Milltown, New Brunswick, a border town with an American population.

HALIFAX, N. S., has been supplied for three Sabbaths in May by Rev. K. M. Fenwick, who was to be followed on 1st June for the same period by Rev. T. M. Reikie.

S. S. TEACHERS' TRAINING-CLASS, MONTREAL.—The closing lecture of a series which Dr. MacVicar has been giving in Knox Church during the winter on the "Art of Teaching", was delivered in the basement on Tuesday evening of last week. The lecture was a brief recapitulation of the main points of the course. It was necessary to ascertain the scope of the lesson and to divide it into parts. The truth to be illustrated must be selected carefully, and the illustrations must be objective and real. In descriptive illustrations, especially to younger children, details must be given. In questioning, the language used should be simple, direct, and definite, and questions should be employed to discover the ignorance of the pupil and sometimes of the teacher, to subdue pride, to disclose principles, and to prepare the pupil for instruction. The ways to secure attention were to have the class in a semicircular form, and as much as possible isolated from other classes; by change of position, such as the teacher standing up, and sometimes by his making the class stand up; by keeping a strict watch on the pupils; by the use of questions and illustrations, and recapitulation. Con-