

sons, and make any arrangement necessary for its benefit. He is a most faithful and laborious pastor, and largely enjoys the confidence and esteem of his people. He is surrounded with a competent staff of Elders who know their duty, and are endeavoring conscientiously to perform it.—They visit the sick, teach in the Sabbath Schools, attend and take part in the prayer meetings, and watch faithfully over the congregation. There is a large amount of attention paid to Sabbath Schools in this congregation—they are largely attended, and very efficiently conducted. There are 23 Sabbath School teachers, 153 pupils, and 350 vols. in the Library. The finances of the congregation are in a very flourishing condition.—It pays its minister this year \$720, being an advance of \$60 on the former stipend, besides having presented him some years ago with a comfortable manse, outhouses and glebe lots, to have and to hold as his own private property. It contributed last year to F. M. \$159, H. M. \$73, Ministerial Education \$54, Synod Fund, \$12, and for religious purposes in general \$400—making in all \$1,358; making an average of about \$24 per family. In proportion to its numbers and circumstances this is the most liberal congregation in the whole church. It has no subscription lists and no collectors. Its members and adherents contribute every Sabbath day according to the dictates of their conscience. There is never a deficiency, and at the end of the year there is generally a balance on hand. This is the scripture rule of supporting and extending the Redeemer's Kingdom, and were all our congregations to act this rule conscientiously out, all our ministers would be comfortably supported, small and scattered congregations would be placed in circumstances to enjoy stated Gospel ordinances, new fields of ministerial labour could be successfully occupied, all the schemes of the church would be well supplied with the necessary funds, and Divine blessings, both temporal and spiritual, would descend upon the whole people in copious showers. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed, for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The Presbytery was highly pleased with the state of this congregation, and highly commended it for its Christian charity. It

is to be hoped that other congregations will consider this good example, and be provoked to similar good works.

Mr. J. D. Murray, student, gave in all his trials for license, which were unanimously sustained, and he was licensed to preach the Gospel. The Rev. Jas. Thompson submitted an overture to the Synod on religious literature, which he supported at considerable length, and which the Presbytery agreed to transmit simpliciter to the Synod.

Mr. J. D. Murray was appointed to Antigonish for the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of June, and thereafter to Chatham until the end of July.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne was appointed to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Antigonish, on the fourth Sabbath of June.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Synod.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

### Presbytery of St. Stephen, N. B.

The St. Croix Courier of the 12th inst., publishes the following:—

The Presbytery of St. Stephen met on Monday to take into consideration the resignation of the Rev. P. Morrison of the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Stephen. Mr. Robert Clark appeared for the congregation and protested against the reason first assigned, viz., the use of the melodeon in the church, and desired the Presbytery to determine concerning the same before going into the second reason—the insufficiency of salary. After due consideration the Presbytery came to the following finding:

"Resolved, That the first cause is invalid and not a sufficient ground to justify this Presbytery in accepting such resignation, and that inasmuch as the congregation, through its representative, has given the Presbytery an assurance that every effort would be made to increase the salary of Mr. Morrison, they feel that a severance of the pastoral relation with the said church would be, under present circumstances, seriously detrimental to the interests of said congregation and to the cause of religion in this place.

"And further resolved, That the said Peter Morrison be not released from his pastoral charge of the St. Stephen congregation."

The Rev. Mr. Turnbull dissented from this finding.