

commodation may be had for a season; there is not even a house where he may bestow his goods. The native houses are little better than pig-sties, and in this unhealthy climate to live in one of these houses might seriously endanger life. The mission vessel obviates this difficulty. She affords the needed accommodation whilst the house is being built, and places those newly settled in a more favourable position for warding off sickness. The longer our experience, the more we feel the duty of doing everything that is possible to remove the known causes of disease. The climate is unhealthy, but, with a good house to begin with and a little care, a very fair measure of health may be enjoyed."

We cannot conclude this part of our report without tendering to our supporters our warmest thanks for the very liberal manner in which you have responded to our appeal for funds to repair the mission vessel. It was generally understood that very extensive repairs were needed to render her sea-worthy, and our hearts well-nigh failed us when we asked you to double your annual contributions. The vessel was needed if the work was to be carried on, and as the work was God's work we believed that He would open your hearts, and impel you to do all that was necessary, and our faith has not been misplaced. Your contributions built the vessel, your contributions have kept her afloat hitherto, and we again commend her to your care, and ask your continued support.

#### "DAYSPRING" MAINTENANCE FUND.

##### *Receipts.*

Balance.....	£1721	6	3
From Victoria.....	500	0	0
Nova Scotia.....	500	0	0
South Australia.....	104	8	7
Tasmania, per Rev J. Clark	90	5	8
"    Dr. Turnbull	19	6	0
New Zealand, Auckland..	140	0	0
"    Hokitika...	12	0	0
Synod of Eastern Australia	47	10	0
Executor of late Treasurer	16	6	6
Sale of Books, Capt Fraser	1	14	3
Sale of Photographic Appar.	2	4	5
Mason, Firth & M'Cutcheon	3	3	0
—Morgan, Williamstown..	1	1	0
Interest.....	29	17	0
	£3189	12	6

##### *Expenditure.*

Repairs.....	£577	13	10
Stores and Chandlery.....	951	9	0
Wages.....	493	15	2
Shore Expenses—			
Custom House.....	£57	6	2
Printing.....	84	18	6
Agency.....	100	0	0
	242	4	8
Miscellaneous.....	80	0	0
Bal. remitted to Dr. Steel.....	884	9	10
	£3182	12	8

## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met recently at St. Stephen. Rev. W. Stuart was elected Moderator. Arrangements were made for the supply of the numerous and important stations of the Presbytery. Trials for licence were prescribed to Mr. Paradis of Montreal. Moderation in a call was granted to Buctouche.

In accordance with Synod's decision respecting a Board of Examiners, Messrs. Bennet and Houston were appointed members of the Board from this Presbytery.

Mr. Stuart was requested to visit Tobique and organize the people there into a congregation. Powers similar to those entrusted to Mr. Gray were given to him.

The question of Union as sent down by Synod in terms of the Barrier Act was then considered, and the Synod's deliverance read. It was moved and agreed to unanimously that this Presbytery cordially approves of the Basis and Terms of Union proposed, and as directed by Synod sends the same down to Sessions and Congregations with instructions that returns be sent to the Clerk of Presbytery on or before the first day of December next.

Mr. Wilson gave notice of the following overture. The Presbytery agreed to consider it at next stated meeting.

#### OVERTURE.

Whereas—The great Head of the Church requires that ministers should be "without carefulness," "given to hospitality," "owe no man anything," and be "apt to teach."

And whereas the salaries of our Ministers in general are inadequate to their sustaining such positions.

It is hereby overtured by the Presbytery of St. John to the Rev. the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces indicted to meet in the month of June ensuing, that they would devise such means, by raising a Sustentation Fund or otherwise, as may tend to remedy the present state of matters.

The Presbytery held a visitation of the St. Stephen congregation. The following is the deliverance of Presbytery:

The Presbytery having heard the answers given by the Pastor, Elder, and Trustees of this congregation, find much to rejoice over and something to regret. They are thankful to God for the assurance that the Gospel is preached with faithfulness and power, that the Sabbath School is conducted with efficiency and success, and that the Bible class is so well attended. They regret, however, to learn that so few attend