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PRESBYTERIAL VISITATIONS.

Presbyterial Visitations were held at Upper and Middle Musquodoboit on the 15th Oct. Rev. T. H. Murray preached at the former place and Rev. S. Rosborough at the latter.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT,

is now without a pastor, hence the spiritual machinery of the congregation is not in efficient operation. Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings are not kept up except one on the Sheet Harbor Road conducted by a young man engaged as school teacher in the section.

Regular supply has been given which has been paid for in full.

The schemes of the church have not been remembered except \$19 contributed to the Augmentation Fund.

Twelve copies of the *Record* and fifty-seven of the **MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN** are taken.

The Churches and Manse are clear of debt.

A congregational meeting is to be held on the 22nd Nov. to take steps in the calling of a minister, and collectors have been appointed to secure contributions for the schemes of the church.

There are now only five elders in the congregation.

At the close of the visitation members of the committee pressed upon the people to take immediate steps to secure the services of another pastor and also to strengthen the Session by electing more elders.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT.

In this congregation 6 new elders have been ordained since last visitation, and between \$300 and \$400 expended on church property.

Six Sabbath schools are kept up and four prayer meetings.

Sixty-five copies of the *Record* are taken. \$225 was raised last year for the schemes of the church.

Arrears have not been allowed to accu-

mulate, and the congregation has now risen to the minimum salary.

The congregation was commended for the substantial progress that had been made since Mr. Baynes' settlement and whilst no scheme of the church had been neglected they were urged to give larger contributions to the College and Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund. In financial matters greater promptness in paying subscriptions was urged, or the adoption of the Weekly Offering system and laying by in store was strongly enjoined. **CON.**

"MORE THAN CONQUEROES."

A conqueror may compel submission, but he cannot compel love. The conquered nation may be filled with hatred, and thirst for revenge. Christ is more than a conqueror, for he not merely subdues his people under his sway, but he draws out their affection to himself: His enemies are thus changed into loving and devoted friends. The persecuting Saul, breathing out threatenings and slaughter, and making havoc of the church, became the devoted apostle Paul, to whom "to live was Christ." The Christian is "more than a conqueror." The tribulation, distress, and persecution but lead him all the closer to Christ; so that he not merely submits to these seeming ills, but he rejoices in tribulation, and actually thanks Christ for sending it. The sting is taken out of the persecution, and the Christian rejoices that he is counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake.—*George Jeffrey.*

FRANKNESS AND HARSHNESS.

How often a bitter speech, which has caused keen pain to the hearer, has been followed by such words as these, as if in justification of the unkindness shown:

"I'm a plain, blunt person, and I have to speak out just what I think. People must take me as the Lord made me."

Anything meaner than such an attempt to throw the responsibility for one's ugliness of temper off upon the Lord it would be hard to imagine. Frankness of speech is one thing, but harshness is a very different thing. The Lord never endowed any man with such a disposition, or put him in such circumstances that he was obliged to make stinging, cruel remarks. Some people have more difficulty than others in being sweet-tempered and kindly spoken, but when one fails it is his own fault.