

Dr. Hodge and others. Mr. Fitzpatrick is a native of Roger's Hill—a region famous among other things for the number of clergymen it has sent forth as *e. g.*, the Messrs. Murray (three of that name), McKay, Millar, McLeod and others, Mr. Fitzpatrick laboured two seasons at Spring Hill and Fawleigh Mountain, and last summer on the Metapadiar, and although he does not speak the Gaelic language, to our great regret, yet we make bold to say he is second to none in English.

Both are gentlemen of much experience in missionary work, and of fine literary and scholastic attainments.

Our learned if not too good natured friends, also, of Darwinian fame may now draw off their forces well satisfied that courteous correspondence is not their forte. We do not blame them, it is well understood who wrote the letters. Their tone and style may have been common in that early rude primeval age with which they appear so familiar, when caudal appendages first were dropped, before men learned to be courteous and civil. We do not know. As no other relics of that olden time exist we cannot compare the two styles. One thing is certain, it is not the writing of post diluvial man nor indeed of any age within the historic period. For it has neither decency, courtesy, nor humanity—its one great characteristic being the savage energy of unbounded malignity, we turn from it with relief, we live in happier times and are thankful. Such savage energy is too much for us. Such portentous hatred is fatiguing, exhausting especially for elderly gentlemen, and we are ourselves growing old. It is pleasanter to see that the conflict is closing. The war paint is now laid aside, the hatchet is buried and if we cannot exactly say that the opposing leaders have smoked the calumet of peace in friendly conclave, yet we have

reason to infer that henceforth all ugly tales will be laid aside forever. A friendly era has dawned, and we trust the chronicles of the future will unfold a tale honorable to the growth and development of all parties.

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The "peace and felicity" prayed for on behalf of Jerusalem of old, happily prevail in this congregation notwithstanding the jarrings and contentions and animosities that reign around. Long may it continue so, and that the mutual attachment existing between Pastor and people may deepen day by day and year by year. The increased interest taken by this congregation in Kirk matters is shown by the unprecedentedly large number of Records taken by them this year, the agent hoping to account for 100 copies in the financial column of the June number. The large beautiful new manse so conveniently situated to the Hopewell School, Railway station, and Post Office, and possessing many other advantages, is much appreciated by the present incumbent, and considered by him to be infinitely preferable to the old manse; and since this is the case it is to be hoped that all the congregation without exception will now put their shoulders to the wheel and roll away the existing debt upon it. A pic-nic during the coming summer is already spoken of for this purpose. A ladies' society has lately been formed in connection with this Church, and boxes have been placed at the Church doors to collect a cent a week from each lady belonging to the congregation to form a fund for Church purposes.

St. JOHN'S CONGREGATION, Stellarton, intend to have a TEA MEETING and FANCY SALE at Stellarton about the middle of July. Timely notice will be given of the day and place.