

ble partner in life. You and yours have our best wishes, and when your labours here are ended may you be able to render your account with joy, and say, Here am I and the people Thou hast given me.

In behalf of the ladies of the congregation,  
C. F.

REPLY.

MRS. FRASER:

To yourself, and through you to the ladies of the congregation who so heartily co-operated with you on this occasion, I beg to tender my warmest gratitude for the handsome and costly silk pulpit gown presented to me. I feel myself considerably flattered by your bright and kindly expressions. Different minds have different thoughts. You seem to think of me more than I do myself. I think I can say that it is hard, if not impossible, to point to another instance of the kind in this country.

It is very common for congregations to present their newly inducted ministers with pulpit gowns, but to present the same one with two gowns, one at his induction into the congregation, and after a lapse of 22 years to present him with another is not of common occurrence—especially in a voluntary country like this. The first gown I have worn well, but I can scarcely hope to be sustained and spared in the ministry to see this gown worn to tatters. The last 22 years changed greatly my outward appearance, and should I be spared for another 22 years additional outward changes will be manifested. The present time is ours; the future must be left with Him who does all things well.

My labours, since I came to this country, have been of an arduous nature, owing to the long distances my people lived from me, but in every other respect have been very pleasant, and becoming more and more so every day. May God continue by His Spirit to work in me the will and power of His good pleasure.

Accept also my thanks for your good wishes to my partner in life, and to my family. They have on various occasions, as well as myself, received token of good will and respect from both the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation.

W. STEWART.

SALTSPRINGS.—The tea meeting held at

West River Station on July 1st in connection with St. Luke's church, Salt-springs, has, notwithstanding the fact that the day was rainy and unfavorable, proved a success. After all expenses have been paid there remain \$416 to the credit of the congregation. This under the circumstances is very satisfactory. Many thanks are due to those members of the congregation who laboured so cheerfully and indefatigably in making all necessary preparations; and also in giving their services on the day of the tea meeting. Special mention also deserves to be made of those friends outside the congregation who favored us with their presence and assistance, and also of those who being unable to be present gave tangible expressions of their good will by sending valuable donations. The Pictou Band also merits favorable notice for their services which were so highly appreciated, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the day.

LORNE, W. B.—Our annual picnic which has now become a popular institution with us was held on the 22nd ult. on John D. Dunbar's interval. The ground selected was a beautiful spot on the margin of the West Branch stream, which nature and a number of willing hands made exceedingly attractive. The drive thereto was in itself a pleasant trip. The roads in all directions were shady, level, and smooth. Men, women, and children, turned out *en masse*, and whosoever loveth a laugh. The proceedings at the grounds were brought to a close by an excellent practical speech by Dr. McDonald of Hopewell. We may add that throughout the day the venial doctor was ubiquitous, evidently taking the whole assemblage for his patients and prescribing unlimited fun and amusement.

## MINUTES OF SYNOD.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
PICTOU, 30th June. 1885.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met here this evening according to appointment, and after Divine Service, conducted by the reiring Moderator, Rev. A. J. Mackichan, (who preached from this text, "Ought not Christ to have suffered