

cord was passed over a beam of the house of the principal man in the village, and their hands were tied very tightly behind their backs—in which painful position they passed the night. Next morning they were asked to pray, after getting the names of all who had become Christians. They knelt down and prayed, commending their souls, as did the dying Stephen, to Jesus. During the prayer, it is said that one of the head men who were engaged in the deed, turned round and wept. They then said, as to themselves and all the Christians, they were willing to die, but begged that these who had been our servants, and were not Christians, might not be molested. They were then cruelly beaten to death with clubs. They died like martyrs, and we doubt not, inherited the martyr's reward and crown."

## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of Miramichi

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at St. John's Church, Chatham, on the 12th May, and after the usual preliminary services, proceeded to take up the resignation of Rev. A. R. Garvie. The Clerk read a note from Mr. Nicholson, reporting that he had preached in St. John's Church and performed the duty assigned him anent Mr. Garvie's demission of his charge. Commissioners from the congregation appeared, and urged the following reasons against the acceptance of the resignation, viz.:—That the congregation were unanimous in their desire to retain Mr. Garvie among them; that they would cheerfully allow him a vacation of from two to six months to recruit his health, continuing his salary as at present, and paying for supply during his absence; that they would present him with \$100 annually for house rent until a manse could be secured; and that a vacancy at the present time would be very injurious to the interests of the congregation. Mr. Garvie then made a lengthy statement respecting his health and position and the circumstances of the congregation, and expressed a desire to hear further from the members of Presbytery and the Commissioners. All were unanimous that he should withdraw his resignation. After lengthened explanations he stated that the path of duty was now open before him, and that it was a duty which he owed to himself, to the congregation and to the Living Head of the Church, to press the acceptance of his resignation upon the Presbytery.

The following Resolution was then moved by the Clerk and adopted:—The Presbytery having heard the reasons of the Com-

missioners against the acceptance of Mr. Garvie's resignation, and also Mr. Garvie's statement of reasons for adhering to it, while deeply regretting that he should feel it his duty to take such a step, and expressing their high appreciation of his character and ability as a Minister of the Gospel, commending him to the care of the Great Head of the Church, hereby accept of his resignation and resume the oversight of the congregation. Mr. Law was appointed to preach in the church on the 4th Sabbath of May, and intimate the resignation of Mr. Garvie and the vacancy of the congregation. Mr. Nicholson was appointed to give supply on the following Sabbath; and Mr. Johnstone to be Moderator of Session till next meeting of Presbytery.

## OBITUARY.

### Mr. Henry Smith.

The Congregation of Saltsprings, New Brunswick, has sustained a heavy loss by the sudden death of Mr. Henry Smith, one of its Elders. Mr. Smith was a native of England, and had been brought up in connexion with the English Church. Of late years, however, he has very cordially identified himself with the Presbyterian cause in the neighbourhood in which he lived. The erection of the very elegant Church, built upon a portion of his own land within the last few years, was in no small degree due to his energy and influence. As a member of society he was hospitable, liberal and obliging. As an office-bearer he was faithful, tender and judicious. As a Christian he was humble, hopeful and exemplary.—His words were few but always well chosen, and were ever the utterance of a warm and generous heart. His long cherished hope found a sudden fulfilment. He spent the Sabbath in his usual health, and as the natural sun was setting the Master called him to enjoy that Sabbath rest whose sun shall never set. His mortal remains were buried at Barnesville, on Wednesday, the 13th July, amid the deep and universal regrets of all who knew him. To them his humble, blameless and exemplary life is his best eulogy.

## Hints for Preparing the Sabbath School Lesson.

### PREPARING THE LESSON.

Pray—Prayer.

"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."  
Begin to prepare the lesson *early*, instead of *late* in the week.

Read slowly, verse by verse, and mark