

of "The Synod of New Brunswick, adhering the Westminster Confession." Their names are JOHN TURNBULL, ANDREW STEVENS, and ANDREW DONALD. They were all ministers of weak and widely scattered country congregations. Mr. Turnbull (now of St. James) was minister of Blackville and Nelson, in the county of Northumberland. Mr. Donald was minister of Norton and Salt Springs; and Mr. Stevens was minister of St. Stephens and St. James, in the southern section of the county of Charlotte. Mr. Donald, who occupied something like an intermediate position, was separated from each of his brethren by a distance of upwards of a hundred miles. But though far removed in their fields of labor these faithful men were united in heart, and the MASTER encouraged and prospered them. They were numerically strengthened by the adherence of the Rev. Angus McMaster of New Mills in the county of Restigouche, but they were again soon weakened by the removal of the Rev. Andrew Stevens to Scotland. Messrs. Turnbull and Donald still remain, and, in the vigor of manhood, took part with joyful hearts in the union negotiations of 1866. We trust many years of usefulness yet remain for each of them.

#### RAPID GROWTH.

The beginning was small, but the increase was rapid. A congregation, composed chiefly of Irish Presbyterians, had been formed in the city of St. John under the able ministry of the Rev. Robert Irvine, who soon associated himself with the newly formed Synod—and several young men arrived from the Irish Presbyterian Church. Of these the Rev. James Law was settled at Richibucto, the Rev. William Millen at Digdeguash and L'Etang, and the Rev. William Elder at St. Stephens. The Rev. Robert Irvine subsequently removed to Canada, but his place was happily supplied by the Rev. James Bennet, the present Moderator of the United Synod. From the Free Church of Scotland also as from Ireland help came in money and in men.—The Rev. James Gray took charge of part of Mr. Donald's wide field in King's county. The Rev. Lewis Jack was settled at Spring-

field, and the Rev. Alexander Stirling in Fredericton and adjoining settlements.—The Rev. Messrs. T. G. Johnson, James Fowler, Alexander Smith, P. M. Morrison and N. McKay, (now of St. David's Church, St. John,) all of whom received their Theological training in Halifax, were also called to labor in connexion with the Synod of New Brunswick adhering to the Westminster Confession, and at the time of the union in July last that Synod numbered eighteen ministers, with several congregations vacant and several stations ready to be organized.

Such is a brief and imperfect outline of the history of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick. We have omitted to notice the formation of three additional congregations in the city of St. John; and there are other important matters upon which we have not touched, but the statements we have made are as accurate as the information at our command enables us to make them. Let us now look at the present position of our Church in New Brunswick.

#### PRESENT POSITION.

It must be admitted that although Presbyterianism in New Brunswick was greatly strengthened by union with the larger and wealthier body in Nova Scotia, yet much remains to be done in order to render its position quite satisfactory. Except in a few leading localities it is still a weak and struggling cause. Its leading strongholds are in the city of St. John and in the old and wealthy congregation of Richibucto.—But even in St. John the leading congregations are labouring under heavy burdens of debt, in some instances, of long standing. It is satisfactory to know however that vigorous efforts are being put forth to remedy this evil. St. David's Church, St. John, has organized, and is vigorously working a scheme by which they expect to wipe off the debt upon their splendid church within a reasonably short period of time. This building, which is one of the finest within the bounds of the United Synod, has undergone repairs last year which cost about two thousand dollars. A spacious Sabbath School room has also been added and vit