

and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth," who will gainsay? His commandment and charity are exceeding broad; and bleeding humanity, lying, like Job, amid the ashes of its degradation, may appropriately take up the resolve, with which that patriarch flung away from the miserable comforters who lashed his soul with their cutting words, and cry out of the depths, "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause." He has made our life-path plain before us. It is an angel from Heaven, inspired by Him, who says to each of us "Go thou thy way till the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

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HOLIDAYS, HO!

St. John's congregation, Stellanston, and St. Philip's congregation, Westville, have this season taken the lead in setting a good example to other congregations. They have voted their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Dunn, six weeks' holidays. Nay more, notwithstanding the depression in trade, and the hard times generally, they have resolved to add fifty dollars to his stipend. We commend the considerateness and liberality of these congregations, and congratulate the worthy pastor, Mr. Dunn, on the well merited mark of his people's attachment to him, and their appreciation of his "abundant labors" among them. How many of our congregations are willing and prepared to follow the above good example?

HERE AND AWAY AGAIN.


The Rev. Mr. Hutcheson has been in our midst laboring for a short season, and has returned to the more extensive

fields of the Upper Provinces. His visit and labors here happened unfortunately during the "drizzly weather" in the latter part of March and first part of April, when the roads were barely passable, and consequently the attendance at church *thin*. To a stranger among strangers, the gloom overhead, the mire under foot, the frown of despondency on almost every face, the lack of enthusiasm in church matters, together with the absence of an expected call to the pastorate, were a severe ordeal indeed. We cannot blame him for longing to be away from a land on which the sun did not appear to him to shine, but we are sorry that he did not tarry a little longer, and the reappearing of sunshine, the sweet song of the warblers of spring, and the joy lit countenances of many friends would enable him to carry back with him more pleasing impressions of the garden of Nova Scotia!

EAST RIVER.—Last month we had the pleasure of being present at the annual meeting of St. Paul's congregation. This congregation deserve credit for diligence and liberality. The house they built for their minister is fit for an Archbishop. We hope the present incumbent may be spared to grow old amongst them, and for many years to come, to dispense his usual bountiful hospitality from its spacious halls.

The congregation propose to hold a tea-festival or Strawberry Carnival, to raise funds to pay off some debt still remaining. We recommend every young kirkman in the county to take a holiday that day, and give them his countenance as well as his pecuniary assistance.

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 The Rev. P. Galbraith has been off duty for the last few weeks, owing to illness.