

great credit on the ladies of the congregation, by whom all the arrangements were made. Indeed all laboured diligently, as on many former occasions, and were fully rewarded by the result. The meeting was addressed by a number of gentlemen, and excellent music was furnished by the choir; besides which, the company was favoured with songs by the Misses Lippincott and Messrs. McLeod and Mackinnon.

This meeting was probably the most successful, as it was certainly the largest, of five that have now been held. A report, containing matters of general interest, was read by the Secretary, and is published in another column.

### River John—Sabbath School New Year's Gathering.

On the evening of the first Thursday of the year, the scholars attending St. George's Church Sabbath School had their annual entertainment. About 40 children met, by invitation, at the Manse, accompanied by their Teachers. After Tea had been partaken of, the company proceeded to the largest room in the Manse, where the remainder of the evening was spent in the most pleasant manner. Hymns were sung, Bible Pictures examined, and recitations given by several of the scholars. An exhibition of Magic Lantern views, including various scenes in the Holy Land, illustrations of Bible History, &c., concluded the interesting programme.

### Dr. Donald.

We know of many who will anxiously turn to this page of the *Record* to learn the latest and most reliable intelligence concerning the health of one so highly esteemed, not only by the members of our own, but by those of other Churches throughout the provinces, as the Rev. Dr. Donald.

This notice is written on the first of Feb., and we are able to state that the Dr.'s health is not worse than it was a month ago. He still suffers but little pain, and has the use of one side of his body. His mind is also clear, and at times he is cheerful and happy. He is fully conscious of his state, and waits patiently with loins girt and lamp burn-

ing, ready at any moment to obey the summons, "Come up hither." He speaks but little, but he hears and knows all that is said. He loves to have his family by his bedside, and seems happy when they are around his pillow ministering to his helplessness, vying with each other in little kindnesses to their loved and loving parent. The word of God is his meditation and delight, and many of David's outpourings in the hours of trouble are his favourites. He loves that sweet old hymn in which the sorrowing ones of earth have so often poured out their heart's tenderest feelings:

"Nearer, my God, to Thee!  
Nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a Cross  
That raiseth me.  
Still, all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee—  
Nearer to Thee!"

Since our notice in last month's *Record*, Dr. Donald's resignation of St. Andrew's Church has been accepted by the Presbytery and congregation, and the Church was declared vacant on Sabbath the 22nd Jan., by Rev. Peter Melville, at 11 A. M., and Rev. Geo. J. Caie, at 6 P. M. Instead of the \$1000 spoken of as a retiring allowance, the congregation unanimously voted a sum of \$1200, thus giving a most direct and tangible proof of their sympathy with their afflicted pastor and his family.

### Presentation to the Rev. William Murray of Campbellton, N. B.

On Monday, the 2nd day of January last, a deputation from the large congregation over which Mr. Murray ministers, composed of Mr. Frith, Mr. Mott, and Mr. Kerr, waited on the reverend gentleman and presented him with an elegant set of silver-mounted harness, and a purse of dollars. An address was also presented to Mr. Murray, expressive of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation. In his reply to the deputation, Mr. Murray mentioned how completely he was taken by surprise by the substantial token of their regard which the congregation had just afforded him,—how very gratifying it was to his feelings, and what an encouragement it must be to him in the discharge of his duties.