

the Local Government for aid !

These facts, which a native modesty shrunk from publishing, it is only simple duty to bring under the notice of Christian people, and particularly those more highly favored by the scheme of God's providence. They may awaken gratitude for blessings crewhile unremembered, and suggest incentives to increased zeal and exertion in the future. For with all these disadvantages (and they are not a few.)—in spite of every untoward circumstance, the Cape Bretoners have hitherto done their best to encourage missionary effort in their midst. May these ultimately result, by God's grace, in rendering theirs the condition of that happy people "whose God is the Lord.

C. M. E.

SALTSPRINGS.—On Sabbath, the 16th April, the Rev. W. McMillan preached his fare-well sermon at Saltsprings. Notwithstanding that the roads were exceedingly difficult to be travelled, there was a very large congregation present, and much feeling manifested at the severing of the ties that bound pastor and people for the last eight years.

This large, important and influential charge is now vacant by the translation of Mr. McMillan to St. Paul's, East River.

For a young, energetic man, willing to work, there is not a more desirable country charge in Nova Scotia. The field is wide, but the people are kind, hospitable and intelligent. They are liberal, as a rule, according to their means, and in their payments punctual as clock-work. To their credit be it stated, that during the last eight years, at least, although their payments were quarterly, they never allowed themselves to fall into arrears; much of the credit of which is due to their excellent treasurer, W. McDonald, Esq.

We hope that their present loss will

not have the effect of disheartening them, but that they will soon place their banner in trusty hands, to be lifted and carried forward for them. We hope and trust that He in whose hands are the hearts of all men, will direct unto them one after His own heart, a faithful ambassador, a trusty servant, a just steward, one who will break unto them the bread of life, giving each his and her portion in due time.

Courage, brethren do not stumble.

Tho' your path be dark as night.

There's a star to guide the humble.

"Trust in God, and do the right!"

SALTSPRINGS.—A series of interesting joint prayer meetings were held at Saltsprings during the last month. Messrs. Sterling and McMillan were present at the most of them. No excitement prevailed. Late hours were discarded. The large numbers attending, despite wretched roads, and almost palpable darkness, clearly indicated that they were regarded with no ordinary interest. We trust the result will for good, and that not many days hence an abundant harvest of the "things that accompany salvation" will appear. On Thursday evening the last was held. Mr. McEachern was present, and gave an interesting address, which favorably impressed those among whom he has been appointed to labour during a part of the summer term.

EARLTOWN & WEST BRANCH.—Our correspondent at these places must either be "asleep, or on a journey," for we have had no item from him for the present No.; we believe those congregations are doing as well as "sheep without a shepherd" might be expected to do. They were anxiously looking forward to Mr. Brodie's intended visit. He has come and gone, but left no promise of returning to remain with them. He has his hands full in trying to "keep the track clear" in the Presbytery of Glengarry.