

they were as attentive and well behaved as I could wish.

### Lakeville and Waterville.

The two small bodies of Presbyterians dwelling in these places, have in times past enjoyed the services of a Pastor of their own, viz., the late Rev. A. McKay, and more lately the Rev. H. D. Steel. They never were sufficiently strong to constitute a vigorous charge. More lately they constituted a part of the congregation of Rev. J. B. Logan, who did all for them that any man could do consistently with his engagements at Kentville, Belcher street and other places. About a year ago they were accidentally disjoined, and since that time had very irregular supply from the Presbyter of Halifax.

In all, they number only about 20 families, with a few adherents, but they are so secluded that they must either have a Pastor, or be at a great disadvantage, it not cast off. These 20 families have paid for all their supplies during the whole year. For a settled pastor they will average \$20 per family. Ought they not to be encouraged and helped practically?

In Lakeville they meet for public worship every Lord's day. If they have a minister, they thankfully accept his services; but whether they have or have not, they unite in Public worship, led by the Elders, and conduct their interesting Sabbath School. We wish we could give the same report of the other Section, and pray that the Lord may put it into their hearts to go and do likewise. Let them cherish their spiritual life in Waterville, and by the Lord's blessing they will live and flourish as a congregation, and their eyes ere long will see their teacher.

**AMHERST.**—A congregation has been formed here by the conjoint action of the two Presbyterian bodies. We hear of large adherents, and a fair Sabbath School. Amherst has been too long neglected.

**TRURO.**—A new congregation has been formed in Truro. Services are held for the time in the Y. M. C. Association Hall.

**CARLETON, YARMOUTH COUNTY.**—A correspondent informs us that recently the congregation of Carleton, Yarmouth, presented their Pastor, Rev. J. C. Meek, with many substantial tokens of their goodwill, such as farm and dairy produce, furniture, wearing apparel, and money to the value of \$300. The kindly sentiments of the people were conveyed in an appropriate address. Rev. J. C. Meek was taken entirely by "surprise." His home was "invaded" in the most friendly and cordial manner on the occasion. Scarcely a week has passed

since his settlement among them without Mr. Meek receiving some substantial proof of the affectionate care of his people.—Our correspondent states that a very hopeful and blessed revival has prevailed at Carleton under Mr. Meek's ministry. The people are engaged in building a manse which will be ready in about a year. They have subscribed and otherwise raised among themselves, ab ut \$800. A new church is urgently needed, the present structure comfortably accommodating only 100. The Sabbath School alone numbers between 70 and 80. A suitable building will cost say \$3000. There are but 9 Presbyterian families in the place, and but 37 members. This year they raise about \$1000 for all Church purposes. It is likely that when they begin to build their church they will ask the aid of brethren throughout the bounds of the Synod.—The Chebogue section of the congregation is also doing very well.

**EAST RIVER, ST. MARY'S.**—Rev. A. C. Gillies writes to the *Witness* a very graphic account of the opening of a new Church in Rev. Robert Cumming's congregation, East River, St. Mary's. The Kirk as well as our body joined in erecting the Church, and are in effect "united." The cost of the church was about \$3,400.

**MURRAY HARBOR.**—This congregation have called Rev. R. Thynne of Toronto Presbytery.

### OBITUARY.

Died, at Green Hill, on the 9th December, Mr. James McDonald, Merchant, in the 65th year of his age. The deceased was widely known for his exactness, punctuality and strict integrity as a man of business, his general kindness of heart, and his interest in the promotion of Christ's cause. Forty years ago, when a young man, he was laid aside, by a protracted illness, from active labour, and at this time first came to the experimental enjoyment of the Saviour as his own, and it may be mentioned, that he was accustomed to speak of the late Wm. Matheson, Esq., as the first who was the means of leading him to clear views of the way of life. His disease was a mystery to physicians, and he was reduced so low, that the one in attendance pronounced it impossible for him to see another day, and requested his parents to allow his body to be opened after his decease. That physician has been thirty-six years in his grave. That night he began to recover, but for twelve years was unfit for labour, and afterward commenced merchandizing, in which he was successful. His long sickness seemed to have left its effects upon his constitution, particularly upon his nervous system, mani-