

from a minister of the gospel, and seldom or never heard the gospel preached, or knew anything about Christ." "With aid from the Government I have made several miles of road through the district, established postal communication, made a nice burial place, railed it all around, and made several other improvements in this part of the country. The Lord is blessing my poor labours to the people in this part of Newfoundland. The whole country around is looking much improved and prosperous." One sentence we regret to notice,—“Those people among whom I labour are not contributing one shilling to my support, nor to the salary of the school teacher.” We hope this may not long be the case. The experience of missions all the world over proves that people little value what they give nothing for; that education in the grace of giving is an essential part of the training of Christians; and that there is no surer way to dwarf an individual or a people, than to do everything for them. Of course, in this case, the people are poor, making a precarious livelihood from the sea, with the aid of a little agriculture. They have never been accustomed to contribute. They might look with suspicion on any request for pay. They have had some experience of a mercenary itinerant priesthood. But for all that, it will be better to get them to give,—if only to send the gospel to others. We are led to hope, from the absence of any charges in the report for building, lighting or heating, that these have been met by the people. If so, a good beginning has been made, which should be followed up. This is far more than a matter of mere money. It involves a great deal of Christian character, church life, and missionary success. Mr. Hall again spent six weeks in the summer of 1872 in mission-work. It had been designed that he should visit Britain on behalf of the mission that year, but this was postponed until May, 1873. In the fall he expects also to visit the United States and at least Toronto and Montreal in Canada. He hopes to find friends here willing to sustain one missionary, say at £100 sterling a year. We cordially wish him success in this appeal. Meantime, however, by correspondence

with the Colonial Missionary Society, a second missionary had been secured, Rev. Mr. Manser, who was expected from Aberdeen before the 1st of May.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—The church here are endeavouring to purchase and improve an old building belonging to the Church of Scotland. It can be had for some \$600, and another \$600 are required to put it into comfortable order. The pastor, the Rev. J. M. Smith, has been seeking aid from other churches in this movement, for which the local subscription is liberal in proportion to the resources of the people.

Rev. A. MCGILL has rendered valuable service during the past winter by supplying the Or. field. Mr. E. D. Silcox being expected from the College at the close of the session, Mr. McGill returned to his home at Ryckman's Corners, near Hamilton. He is able and willing to labour in the gospel, yet, and will be, by all appearance, for several years to come.

HAMILTON.—Mr. John Allworth commenced his temporary engagement the first Sabbath in May. At the last church meeting, the resignation, through failing health, of Dr. Laing as church secretary, a post which he has ably filled for many years, was accepted with much regret. Mr. H. G. Grist was unanimously chosen as his successor. Messrs. A. Alexander and H. G. Grist were appointed as delegates to represent the church at the forthcoming meeting of the Congregational Union.

BOLTON. — At the Congregational church last Sabbath, May 4th, the Rev. J. Wheeler preached a sermon commemorative of the day, being the 29th anniversary of his settlement as pastor of the Congregational church in Bolton. In the course of the sermon allusion was made to the changes which have taken effect during the preacher's connection with this church. He remarked that of the large congregation of adults to whom he preached 28 years ago, not one was present now, and nearly all had passed from the land of the living; that of the first members of the church all were gone, so that he might now be said to be