

The strongest congregations, numerically, in the Presbytery are those of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Newcastle, and Richibucto. The latest formed congregation is that of Douglstown on the Miramichi, which until this year was an adjunct of Newcastle. The only centre in which there are two Presbyterian congregations is the town of Chatham.

Very short and changeful have been the pastorates of late years within the Presbytery. Since November, 1877, that is, just four years ago, settlements have taken place in all the following congregations (I am not sure of the order):—St. John's Church, Chatham; Black River; Campbellton; Richibucto; St. Andrew's Church, Chatham; Bass River; New Richmond; Newcastle; Redbank; and Tabusintac. Within two and a half years before that again, Bathurst and Dalhousie were supplied: so that we arrive at the astonishing result that out of the 16 congregations at present composing the Presbytery, only 2 pastors have been in their present charges more than 6 years or thereabouts; and that all but four (Messrs. Johnstone, Nicholson, Robertson, J. Murray) are recent importations to the Presbytery. Two congregations have fallen vacant since last spring: St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, and New Carlisle, P. Q. The father of the Presbytery is the Rev. T. Johnstone of Blackville; the latest born into the Presbyterial family is the Rev. J. Quinn of Tabusintac; a Prodigal Son returned to us also this summer: and two chairs are still vacant at the family table.

J. C. H.

New Hebrides Mission.

Letter from Rev. Joseph Annand.

Since our last issue letters have been received from Rev. H. A. Robertson and Rev. J. Annand. Both make grateful mention of the mission goods sent from Nova Scotia and Prince Edwards Island ten months ago. Mr. Robertson's letter so far as this matter is concerned is given elsewhere in our col's and we will expect the remainder of it in the next issue of

the *Record*. Mr. Annand writes to the Agent of the Church on June 8th, from Aneityum:

"Your letter of January 8th came to hand by the 'Dayspring' on April 18th, also, the mission goods despatched from Halifax in December last were received in excellent condition. Please thank the Board of Foreign Missions for the gift of mission photographs. Mrs. Annand desires me to thank * * * and * * * for their tokens of affection. I will write to some of the contributors to the mission boxes, and others I will require to thank through the press.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

I must also ask you to tender to the Board our most hearty thanks for the addition made to our salary, if you have not done this already; and now that it has been increased, we desire to add something to our contributions to the schemes of the Church. We have for some years been giving five pounds, stg., and now we ask you to double that amount, deducting ten pounds annually from our salary for the various church schemes, to be divided pretty much as formerly but assigning something to the 'Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund,' and continue to do so yearly until further directed.*

The two pounds twelve and sixpence which I received in cash from 'Aged friend of Dr. Geddie,' I am expending among the needy on this island, in, I trust, a worthy manner. I gave *Waihit* a dollar's worth of tea, sugar and rice from it; also, two other old sufferers received a small quantity of tea, sugar, etc.

We require to give out a good deal of tea and sugar, rice and biscuits to the sick. The above sum will enable us to add somewhat to our own gifts where we may deem it prudent to do so. Had this money been in our hands last year, probably I would have used some of it to provide food and medicine for that young man who lost his hand with dynamite. He recovered, notwithstanding the attack of tetanus, but it cost us over two pounds for food and medicines for him. I do not mention this to parade our charity, but simply to shew you how we can lay out to advantage the 'Aged friend's' gift to Aneityum.†

* Mr. Annand also disburses \$10 more in Nova Scotia for a worthy object.

† The other portion of the gift of Dr. Geddie's aged friend in Maitland was expended in purchasing a fine set of large pictorial illustrations of Bible subjects, which are doubtless now on the walls of the Aneityum schools. P. G. McG.