

labor. Perhaps a day school will have to precede it, but I am speaking of things I do not know, and I feel in all such questions that I must first be there myself and learn the forces of my enemy, or rather the weak spot of him, and then select a "smooth stone" for it. Indeed, it seems a Sabbath school is as smooth a stone as any, having had long its trials in the troubled waters of the world, and proved itself strong to withstand them, and only to be more prepared for its valorous and conquering work. I am glad you do not restrict your kind intentions to a Sabbath school, but allow it "for any object connected with my future work." As for my ability "to allot it to my friends in Nova Scotia" I have no fears whatever; since no opposition line was yet started, the first will be first attended to.

But good friends, I must not prolong this letter, and only say a word about the time of our departure. I had expected that it would have been on the 26th of this month, but owing to the absence of my friend, Mr. Alex. Morris, of Montreal, in Scotland, who is soon expected, perhaps next week, it will have to be delayed for a few weeks more, much to our regret—but all things are of God.

In taking leave from you for the present, I wish you the blessing of God Almighty to rest upon you as a school of Christ. May you ever learn not only his *words* but his *deeds* too. May you always obey his new commandment, to love one another and remember that that another is *every other man in the world*. Farewell then, dear sir and friends of St. Matthew's School of Christ. Farewell here, but not forever, but as the Germans say, "*Auf wiedersehen*," till we see one another again, not *here* but *there* above. The Shepherd Bishop of our souls be with us all and keep the lambs, and keep us from straying, and keep us together in one flock, till He bring us into the fold above, and all for His dear sake. Amen and Amen! Yours truly in Him and by His grace above.

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#### CAMPBELLTOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—On Thursday the 5th inst., James Sillars, Esq., and Mr. Andrew Murray, waited on the Rev. James Stevens, their much respected and highly esteemed minister, and in the name of Flat Lands congregation, presented him with a very handsome fur cap, as a small token of their attachment to him, and as an appreciation of his pulpit ministrations among them. We wish him health to wear the cap, and to enjoy many returns of the season.—*Gleaner*.

The same rev. gentleman was also presented, last summer, with a handsome wagon, by the people of Campbellton and neighborhood.

#### CHURCH IN P. E. ISLAND.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter from an esteemed correspondent in Charlottetown on the subject of missionary operations in the various Presbyteries of our Church, and suggesting that they should receive wider publicity through the pages of our Publication. Nothing will give us greater pleasure at any time, than to make the *Record* the medium whereby the labors, the trials, and the success of these laborers in the Lord's vineyard should be made known among all our people. We would rejoice to do this, because that very publicity gives them a double strength, and confers a double benefit upon the Church, inasmuch as it makes known to a wider audience what they have done, how they are succeeding, and what will be the probable fruits of their labors. Mr. Stewart has already favored the *Record* with a most interesting and promising account of his missionary experience in this country, and we hope he will at regular intervals continue to favor us with an account of his operations. Mr. Sinclair has also furnished us with an account of his labors in his extensive and laborious field, more than once, and we well know how faithful and devoted these labors are, and how universally they are appreciated.

Of Mr. McLaren's talents, and popularity throughout the different districts in which he has been appointed to labor, we have heard much, and would feel deeply obliged if he would favor us occasionally with a short missionary report. The number of our friends scattered over the different parts of P. E. I. is very considerable, and nothing could be more desirable than some statistical account of our position there, as well as the progress we are silently making. We require to make the very most of our scanty materials; and if our humble Publication can be even to a limited extent, the means under Providence of advancing somewhat the Redeemer's kingdom, the opportunity ought to be embraced to the utmost, both by minister, missionary and layman. The church may be said to have an outer and an inner life—the one depending to some extent upon the other—the one sustaining and strengthening the other. This little *Record* is one of the instruments intended to supply nourishment to the one, and thus by the blessing of God, fan the holy flame which warms the Christian's heart, and brings him nearer to his Maker.

It may not, therefore, be out of place here to state that the *Record* is not receiving anything like the promised amount of literary assistance. The editor is obliged to do much which ought legitimately to be done by others, and which, for many reasons, could be done better than he has the ability to do. We would respectfully remind our excellent friends that a promise to contribute is not contributing, any more than a debt is really paid by giving a note of hand. Once more, then, we would ask the assistance and influ-