

edifices are not all finished nor paid for in full; but all are used for worship.

Noel church is a good, well-finished building, comfortable and convenient, with an ideal *churchly* appearance; having a large gable window, while its tower and spire rising above a cluster of trees, adds to its picturesqueness. A good congregation meets here on alternate Sunday afternoons; several of its members coming up the shore for a distance of six miles. The village of Noel is two miles from the church. There a hall is used by the pastor often on Sabbath evenings, when the attendance is generally encouraging.

Selma Meeting-house is a comparatively small, but well-finished neat structure. This building is, however, sufficiently large, and is free from debt. A porch is sadly needed as an addition, but a scarcity of funds prevents this improvement at present. The ladies have, however, raised funds to be expended in painting the exterior of the house.

Maitland. Here the little flock feels encouraged. The church debt is not heavy, but neither is any part of the building finished. The auditorium is constantly used two or three times weekly. An effort will shortly be made to finish plastering the principal room, and prepare another room for the smaller meetings. Some time, however, must elapse before \$250 can be collected here to complete properly the whole house, which would then be one of the best churches, if not indeed the very best, within a radius of ten or twelve miles. How the little company here, and the whole sympathizing sister churches would rejoice, if that small amount could be placed at our disposal for that purpose.

South Maitland is six miles above, and has a very pretty church-building, as viewed from the exterior. The basement is here used for worship, is warm and well seated. It is sometimes too small for the congregation, especially in the summer. A good auditorium is above, if it were only made fit for worship. But at present it lacks plaster, a second floor and seats. I am glad to see a stir among the congregation in the right direction, and hope to find the work soon progressing there. The congregation at South Maitland may, with a strong effort, ere long complete their building, on which there is at present, I believe, little

or no debt. But Maitland much needs outside practical sympathy. Who will help?

J. SHIPPERLY, Maitland, N.S.

LIVERPOOL, N. S.—We clip the following from the *Liverpool, N. S., Advance*:

"On account of failing health, the Rev. S. Sykes resigned his charge of the Congregational churches of Liverpool, Brooklyn and Beach Meadows in July last. At that time, at a meeting of the church and congregation of Zion church in this town, a unanimous call was tendered him to devote his entire services to the Liverpool church, but on advice of his physicians he decided on a change of location, hoping thereby to better his health. The reverend gentleman left on Wednesday last for his new field at Economy, Colchester county, leaving behind him the most kindly recollections, and hosts of warm personal friends.

"ADDRESS.

"To the Rev. Simeon Sykes, late Pastor of Zion Congregational Church, in Liverpool, N.S.

"We, the undersigned, your parishoners, on your retiring from your pastorate, respectfully tender you our best wishes for your future prosperity.

"During our connection with you in the church, we have enjoyed your Christian teaching and discreet counsel with satisfaction and benefit to ourselves and families. Your endeavors for the improvement of society and the elevation of Christian morals in the various vicissitudes of life by which you have been surrounded, has had our warmest sympathies. And as you and your respected partner in life are about removing to other spheres of Christian labor, we entertain the hope that you may be successful, and to the satisfaction of your parishoners to the same extent as inclines us to tender you this farewell benediction. And it is our wish that the remainder of your days may be passed to the satisfaction of yourself, and to the Christian benefit of the community in which Providence may call you.

"Respectfully yours,

"JONATHAN CROWELL,	C. H. WHITMAN,
JAMES CLEMENTS,	JNO. H. DUNLAP,
JOHN H. FRAZER,	NICHOLAS SMITH,
A. W. HENDRY,	DANIEL DEXTER,
CHAS. F. GORHAM,	CHAS. MCINTOSH,
HENRY ELLIOT,	JAMES BAXTER,
JOHN G. DEXTER,	NATHAN DEXTER,
CAPT. JAMES GARDNER,	and 75 others."

"REPLY.

"To the Members of the Church and Congregation of Zion Congregational Church, in the town of Liverpool, N.S.

"DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS,—Being absent in person, permit me by letter to return to you my sincerest gratitude for the testimonial of esteem, which, unsolicited, you have favored me with, as your former pastor.

"If, as stated, my Christian teaching and discreet counsel have been to you so helpful, I am exceedingly thankful to you for expressing it, as an incentive in my future labors. And I am doubly grateful to Him who is