

Speeches were made on the various phases of the subject of Union by Dr. King, Mr. Dinwiddie, Dr. McFarlane, Messrs H. M. Matheson, R. A. McFie, G. B. Bruce, Dr. Boyd, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Simpson of Derby, Rev. D. Fraser of Inverness and Mr. Carlyle; the pervading feeling being that whatever turn the Union negotiations in Scotland might take or whatever delays might there be regarded as necessary, that the wisdom and duty of an early union of incorporation in England were clear.

Mr. Miller did good service by his energy and liberality in connection with Sabbath School and other evangelical enterprises in Halifax and through Nova Scotia some years ago, and it is gratifying to find him worthily pursuing the same course of usefulness in the higher and more influential position which he now occupies, in London.

There was but one feeling among the guests, that though the interest would have been increased by Dr. Guthrie's expected presence, much good had been done, that Mr. and Mrs. Miller had greatly helped the good cause, by the assembling together of so large a company representing the Presbyterian strength of all parts of the metropolis, and that the warmest thanks were due to them for the calling of the meeting and for their hospitality. There were at least 150 present.

## Home Missions.

### Report of Mr. Garvie.

*To the Rev. Presbytery of Halifax:*

By appointment I preached on the morning of the 8th of March last, in Kempt church. In the afternoon I preached in the same place, and drove up to Burlington afterwards, and held service there. Though the day was wet, the roads in a bad condition, and many of the people detained by "colds," the audiences were large. Next Wednesday evening (11th March) I went to Cheverie, and gave a sermon to a large and very attentive assembly in the "Hall." On the Sabbath, Capt. Morris drove me to Lunenburg, where I preached in the forenoon. In the afternoon held service at Walton. Owing to the illness of the Baptist minister, the duty of preaching fell upon me in the evening. Next Sabbath I preach-

ed in Kempt, following the same order as that before detailed. Obeying an urgent request, I held service again on Wednesday evening in the Hall, Cheverie. Having received a letter from the Rev. J. McLeod ordering me to Cornwallis, I left Kempt, came to Halifax, and then left for Cornwallis. Mr. Webster, of Kentville, kindly conveyed me to Canard Street Church on Sabbath morning. After service there I drove up to Lakeville. The information having come late concerning my appointment, the people at Lakeville were not quite prepared. There was no fire in the church, and the day was not very warm. As there was a good congregation, I determined to preach, though cold myself from a long drive. No one left during service, and the people were very patient in the adverse circumstances. Immediately after preaching at Lakeville, I drove to Waterville, and just got to the church at the time for meeting. Here there was a very large gathering, and though I felt the fatigue of the day's work, yet I was greatly stimulated in preaching by the earnest attention of my hearers. I bear testimony to the kindness of H. B. Webster, Esq. The Canard St. congregation paid me half the amount for my service.

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A. R. GARVIE.

### Report by Rev. T. Cumming.

*To the Presbytery of St. John, N. B.:-*

At the close of ten weeks of ministerial service in connection with your Presbytery, you will, doubtless, expect me to submit my impressions of the congregation in which I have been labouring. I shall endeavour to do so as briefly as possible. I may be permitted to say that before I entered upon the duties assigned to me, I had some idea of the state of matters in my temporary sphere of labour. I had a picture of the condition of the congregation presented to me, which was by no means promising. Indeed, so dark and dreary did the prospect thus presented seem, that a timid soul would certainly have shrunk from the responsibility. But having a good share of that element in me, which in the language of Cicero is called *Virtus*, I resolved to make the experiment. I found the description, though perhaps somewhat overdrawn, no mere fancy sketch, so far as it applied to the Carleton section of the Congregation. The attendance numbers between 30 and 40; and in my private interviews with the people I found them very much disheartened. The congregation seemed like an invalid whose recovery was generally dispaired of. But from the first I was hopeful, even sanguine. There were dangerous symptoms, undoubtedly, symptoms somewhat akin to those manifested by the fabled