

or else this would have been remedied before; I trust, however, we may soon be able to repair this breach in the House of the Lord. I must here mention one improvement in the Stoneham Church during the past year, namely,—the tinning of the Belfry and Steeple by T. H. Grant, Esq. As this was a costly undertaking, we cannot be too grateful to that gentleman.

The Church at Lake Beauport is a poor, barnlike structure; certainly one not calculated to inspire the worshippers with feelings of devotion and reverence. The low roof, its unvarnished and creaking seats are such as to damp the aspirations of any to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and when we add to this its "out of the way" position, it can well be understood that a new Church is much wanted for this Mission. If other things in the parish are satisfactorily arranged, I hope soon to make a movement in this direction.

There is one particular in both Churches which one cannot help lamenting, viz.: the wretched, faded altar cloths, which, such as they are, fall to about a foot only over the side of the Table. Are there no rich ladies who might occupy our long wintry evenings in providing us with these necessities for God's House?

I found no Sunday-schools when I came here, but I am happy to be able to report that they are now started in both places with a fair attendance.

The debt which, from some negligence or other, has remained so long upon the Parsonage, seems now in prospect of being liquidated, thanks to the energetic manner in which it has been taken up by the Church Society, and to the great liberality of Wm. Drum, Esq., who has generously surrendered a large amount of his claim upon it; unless I am too sanguine, I hope to see the remainder paid off by next summer. Excellent as the house is itself, it sadly wants many outhouses, such as stabling, &c; these, however, will come in time.

At the beginning of the year I find the people of Stoneham were in arrears with their assessment, but owing to the energy of the Rev. C. B. Washer, my immediate predecessor, (who had charge of the Mission only for a few months), it was soon made up, and since then the people have been more steady in their quarterly payments.

The assessments of both Missions have been raised for the next two years, and I am happy to report that the people have willingly done what they could to meet it, though they have not been able to raise the full amount at first levied.

Our day Schools are doing very well, they are under