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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That the earth thy way, and nations all, may know thy saving grace.—*Psalms lxxvii. 1, 2*

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

In the history of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, we believe, but three ministers have attained to a Fifty Years ministry. It is rather a singular coincidence, that just the same number of her Elders have reached the same term of office. The Jubilee services at Londonderry in 1845, and at Princetown in 1848, proved not unworthy of these venerable men of God, the Rev. John Brown, and the Rev. Dr. Keir, "whose praise is in all the churches, so that they being dead, yet speak." In the public prints of the day, due record of the deeply interesting proceedings was given to the Church, so that while the hearts of those who were present, were "stirred up" to render honor to whom honor was due, multitudes throughout, and even beyond the pale of our communion were found gladly to re-echo the jubilant strains. "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the King of Kings delighteth to honor". Though moving in a more limited and private circle of official life, the Elders of Salem, James' and Prince Street churches, have furnished to their numerous and attached friends a season of more quiet and chastened, but not less pleasing enjoyment. Mr. John Douglas, Middle River, some years ago, Mr. Wm. Fraser, McLennan's Brook,

two years ago, and Mr. George Ives, Fishers Grant, this year, have fulfilled that course which was so notable in Jewish History, and as was most meet, they have received due recognition of their honorable position. Our Elders are content, at the call of their fellow-members in Church fellowship, to give freely no small measure of their time, and talent to public business. Recognizing in this call to office, the voice of the Alone King and Head of the Church, they are disposed to account his approbation of their service, as the highest reward, they can either covet or receive. Yet, who can doubt that they must hail, as a reward highly desirable, the spontaneous expression of high esteem and christian respect, from those over whom they are placed in spiritual oversight, and still more from those with whom they are associated in office. Were these friendly greetings and kindly gifts more frequent, the command of the Apostle would be better observed, "render therefore, to all, their dues, honor to whom honor," and the saying of the Lord Jesus would be better understood, and improved, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." At all events, we are fully persuaded, that a scene of sweeter fellowship has rarely been witnessed, than was granted to the Breth-