

If it is a necessary part of our existence to dislike brethren, the Union will not interfere directly with the privilege. No act of Union can change the heart from dislike to love. All that it can do is to take away the outward stumbling blocks from the path. In such a work who shall say nay to the efforts and prayers of christian men, who shall charge them with unworthy motives? One word of solemn warning we may give to any such; take heed that ye be not found fighting against God!

News of the Church.

—Our own Church.—New Brunswick.

1. The Rev. James Anderson of Wallace, N. S., has been inducted into the charge of James' Church, Newcastle, N. B., which had been left vacant by Rev. F. B. Macdonald's departure to Scotland. Mr. Anderson did good work for the church and its Head not only in Wallace and Pugwash, but throughout the County of Cumberland; and we believe that his settlement in Newcastle will give an impetus to the church's work all along the North Shore of New Brunswick. Newcastle is not only a numerous, intelligent, and influential congregation, but has always been honorably distinguished for loyalty and affection to its ministers. May the tie recently formed between the new pastor and the people long continue!

2. The people of Chatham are good at many things, but they seem to be absolutely unsurpassable in the way of bazaars. The sale of the old manse and the grand bazaar has enabled them to install their minister in a new and commodious manse, near the church. Both church and manse are free from debt.

3. Could we not have a report from the missionary who has been labouring in the Mack River and Red Bank for the last two or three years? Our readers generally know little of those districts, and would be much obliged to learn what is going on, and what are the prospects of the Church.

4. Bathurst, vacant by the departure of the Rev. Fred. Home to Ontario, has been supplied, for a time, by the Rev. John M. Sutherland. We learn from one source that the congregation has given a call to Mr. Sutherland, and from another source that it has sent to Scotland for a minister, there being none at the disposal of our Home Mission Board. We are in a position to contradict the report that Mr. Home had applied for admission to the C. P. Church. By last accounts, he was preaching in vacancies—and with much acceptance—in our own Presbytery of Hamilton.

5. Dunc Rumour informs us that the Rev. John Wells has demitted the charge of New Richmond, Restigouche; but as Mr. Wells has not put in an appearance at Synod for an indefinite number of years, and as the Presbytery minutes are never sent to us, we have no means of verifying or contradicting the information.

6. The second Annual Report of the new St. Stephen's Church, St. John, is before us, neatly printed. The Session's report states that, during the past year, not less than fifty families have been added to the church; and that there are now on the roll 156 families, and the number is still rapidly increasing. They have purged the communion roll thoroughly, and report 141 Communicants. Two new members have been added to the Session, making the present number six. "In order to assist the minister in the spiritual affairs of the congregation, and become personally acquainted with the families in the church, the town of Portland and City were divided into four districts. These districts were assigned to the members of Session, who, during the winter months, held fortnightly meetings for prayer and the reading of the scriptures in two districts. These meetings were well attended, the room in which they were held being usually quite full. The district prayer meetings in no way interfered with the regular congregational meeting, held every Wednesday evening. On the contrary, they were found to be helps to the regular meeting, besides affording a number of aged and infirm persons, unable to walk to the church, the privi-