

here, and with half of my present hearers, and less than half the working power and talents of my present charge will labour on and try to fill again this half emptied house." We have here a display of faith and magnanimity much to be admired.

We wish success to the new cause, and the Lord's blessing on the old tabernacle. We trust that new workers will push forward and fill up all vacated posts, lightening the toil and cheering the heart of him who has already borne the burden and heat of the day. We look for no other rivalry between the sister congregations, than emulation in winning souls to Jesus, and in building up the Kingdom of truth, righteousness and peace.

Shediac.

On the first Sabbath of January, a new Church was set apart for Divine Service, in Shediac. The Rev. A. Falconer, of Dartmouth, preached on the occasion. Although the day was somewhat unfavourable, the audience was large, and evidently deeply interested.

The Church is a neat structure, in gothic style, capable of seating 250 persons. It is completely finished, and chastely furnished. Attached to the Church, at the rear, is a room for Sabbath School and prayer-meeting purposes. The whole cost was somewhat over \$2000, and through the energy of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Murray, and the enthusiastic working of the people, the Church was opened with comparatively little debt resting upon it. This is highly creditable to all concerned, as this section of Mr. Murray's congregation does not comprise more than 20 families.

In the June Record for 1867, we find the following paragraph, in an article on "Presbyterianism in New Brunswick;"—"In Moncton, Shediac and adjoining Settlements, there are numbers of Presbyterian families, for whose spiritual interests no special provision is made. They have not been visited by any minister for many months. Shediac and the settlements near it, form a promising nucleus, which though at present disheartened by neglect, requires but care and a little temporary aid, to develop into an interesting charge." Probably the prophet who wrote these lines hardly expected so favourable an issue in so short a time, as indicates itself to-day. About a year after the above was written, Mr. Murray was inducted as pastor of a congregation composed of the districts mentioned. Some eighteen months ago, Moncton was organized into a distinct congregation. It has just secured Rev. Mr. Hogg, as its pastor, and is already one of our most promising congregations. Mr. Murray continued to minister to the re-

maining Sections of Buctouche, Shediac and Cocagne. It is still a charge, which Mr. Murray is working very successfully. If this congregation go on prospering, as it has done recently, we would not be astonished to hear that in the course of a few years it is again divided into two distinct charges. Buctouche is at present the largest section of the congregation. We understand that they are at present negotiating for the purchase of a property which is to become a manse and glebe. Both Buctouche and Shediac are flourishing villages, and we are pleased to learn that Presbyterianism is keeping pace with their commercial prosperity.

A Pastoral.

We know not how many of our ministers may be in the habit of publishing short pastoral addresses to their people at the New Year, but, Rev. J. B. Logan's of Kentville, has been placed in our hands, and is not the only one which we have seen. We present an extract, which gives an idea of the aim and general style. The practice may be a good one. We are not tied down by rules and observances, nor fearful of adopting improvements. Pastors will decide for themselves in the premises.

"And what reason have we all for thanksgiving to our loving Heavenly Father for having continued to me, your minister, my accustomed health and strength for another twelve months. My labours, in your behalf, my dear friends, have never been so abundant as during these bygone twelve months. I have made over a thousand pastoral visits in your families, conducted my usual prayer meetings and Bible classes, preached one hundred and sixty-eight sermons, and sent forth, by the press, not a few articles bearing on the moral and spiritual interests of the community. And, I think, I can safely say that, all these labours were the result of careful preparation and much prayer. To God be all the glory!

Now, brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, suffer a parting word of exhortation and encouragement.

The Saviour, whose person and work bring before you week after week, and in whom you are to believe and trust for life and death and eternity, is the God-man—not man alone, not God alone, but God and man in one person—uniting in Himself the human nature and the Divine. Is not this the very Saviour you need? a Saviour who can bring to your help at once the love of a brother and the all-sufficiency of Jehovah. O my brethren, hold fast your faith in the God-man. You cannot hope, in this world, to understand the combination of the Divine and human in the One blessed