

the roads were so bad, he was unable to fulfil his engagement. The report was sustained, and Mr. Millen was re-appointed to moderate at as early a day as possible.

The proposed demission of Mr. Nelson of his charge, at Baillie, was then taken up. Mr. Nelson intimated that he still adhered to his demission. There were four delegates present, and were heard, and all agreed in expressing the highest opinion of Mr. Nelson as an able preacher and a faithful pastor, but under the circumstances they could not ask that Mr. Nelson should be retained. They were now in arrears to the amount of \$232, and they intended to borrow the money and pay Mr. Nelson in a few days, and they did not wish to assume any further responsibilities. Mr. Nelson stated that it is with regret that he leaves his congregation and his brethren in the Presbytery; but, inasmuch as the state of his health was not good, the field very large and requiring a physically stronger man, and as the congregation had been under a strain for some years, he felt it his duty to press his resignation. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

1. That this Presbytery having again carefully considered the whole matter of Mr. Nelson's demission, the peculiar difficulties of the field of labor, and the present state of his health, resolve to accept Mr. Nelson's demission, and commend him and the congregation to the gracious care of the Head of the Church.

1. That Rev. Mr. Quinn be appointed to preach in Baillie on the first Sabbath in January, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and declare the pulpit vacant, and that Rev. R. Wilson be appointed moderator of session during the vacancy.

3. The Presbytery express deep sympathy with the congregation in losing so faithful and zealous a pastor, and urge them to make every possible effort to maintain their status as a congregation, assuring them that they would meet with every possible assistance from the Church in the way of support and supply.

St. John's Church, Chatham.

This stirring congregation under the Pastorate of Rev. John Allan has been making steady and satisfactory progress since the date of his settlement. During the past year they have built a house for prayer-meetings, and Sabbath-school at a cost of about \$1000; they have painted the outside of the Church incurring an expenditure of \$200; they have, and we are pleased to record it, raised \$240 to place a monument over the grave of Rev. Dr. McCurdy, they have added a new pulpit and sofa chair to their church furniture, and a friend has contributed \$100 as the nucleus

of a manse fund. Some aid has been kindly afforded from persons not belonging to the Church, but lest we should err in statement we do not undertake to give particulars.

Besides, the pews are all let, and what is better still, there has been an addition of nineteen members at the communion in March and July. Here are causes for thanksgiving, and encouragement to the minister and those who work with him to hold on their way rejoicing. We have known times of great anxiety and despondency on the part of the session and friends of Christ's cause in that church. The Lord has been leading them all the while. May they have times of refreshing from His presence!

Kempt and Walton.

We have been anticipated by Rev. A. J. Mowitt in some remarks on this interesting congregation. Having visited it twice within the past six months we heartily endorse the following remarks which Mr. Mowitt published in the *Witness*, of Dec. 5th, adding that they have paid for all supplies furnished them by the Presbytery, without drawing a dollar from the Home Mission Fund for a length of time.

The Kempt Section has a good staff of energetic elders who do their work well. They keep up prayer meetings, and when there is no minister to preach, they conduct service. Six others besides the four elders take part in the prayer meetings. Their system in collecting funds is the Free Will Offering System, and it is working most satisfactorily. In Kempt, during the past year, they raised \$77.00 more than they ever raised before, and the season has been a rather backward one for the trade of the place. They have a nice manse, and two acres of glebe, and their only debt is \$20.00 on the manse. The congregation is beautifully and healthfully located along the shores of the Basin of Minas, in full view of the misty Blomidon, and the rich meadows of Grand Pré. A short distance from the manse, can be seen a view embracing four counties, and a large extent of the Bay of Fundy, with its restless tides and rich meadows, and bold head lands. The Presbyterians are generally poor; but they are energetic, and devoted to their Church, and deserve the sympathies of the whole Church. May the Good Shepherd keep them and send them a pastor!

They have a nice little Church at Walton—a better one than at Kempt. They have no elders, however, and need organization. It is certainly a very promising field for some energetic young man to work in. The congregation I had the pleasure of preaching to was full of young people, and