

THE Rev. Mr. McCunn has been lecturing in River John on Cyprus.

MR. MCKENZIE is expected to return from Princeton in May.

THE people of Cape John are talking of holding a tea-meeting to repair and enlarge the Church at that place.

The congregation of Rattray, Scotland has elected the Rev. A. W. Herdman of Fictou to be their minister. It is understood that Mr. Herdman will accept the appointment.

LAST month several young men of Rogers Hill congregation sawed and split up more than a year's firewood, for the use of the manse. Others brought a supply of fencing for the glebe. These and other similar favours are gratefully acknowledged.

MORE than a year ago the congregation of Saltsprings increased their Church by building a large addition thereto. They have now sold the new pews, and the amount thus obtained will pay all expenses and leave a balance of two hundred dollars or upwards. We have not learned the exact amount. It is understood that further improvements are to be made on the church.

THE month of April has been cold and chilly. Much sickness has in consequence prevailed. Many elderly people have died and children likewise. It is a remarkable fact that the spring time when nature is reviving should be so destructive of human life. It is the time of the year when physicians and ministers are most nearly worked to death. July to October are the months when there is least sickness in this country and also the months in which sick folk are the most reasonable and patient.

Correspondence.

To Rev. J. W. Fraser, M. A.

REVD. AND DEAR SIR:

Would you kindly give publication to cutting enclosed taken from *Montreal Witness* which is in reply to correspondent asking if the use of instrumental worship was excluded in the early Christian Church.

I noticed wor-shipper's communication for the first time on Sabbath March 24th.

The tract he refers to and as a Minister informed me lately is unanswerable in which opinion I shall hold and shall maintain until he convinces me to the contrary.

Christian friends, do not harbour the idea for a moment that it is Hobson's choice with our fathers who have clung to their Zion during the dark days of Disruption until this present hour, where ripe scholars give to the world the result of their profound minds with thankfulness endeavour to promulgate the same.

We dare to say we have the good of the church of our fathers at heart. To the supreme disposer of all events be solved that problem. We were ever proud of her in our early youth and manhood, and now in our declining years we regard her with mingled feelings of loyalty and veneration. Within her sacred portals we have heard expounded to us from the mouths of God's Servants these golden promises that will eventually bridge across for us that dark abyss that separates us from the Eternal Infinite.

And sure we are in saying that the simple worship of the grand old historic church of our kindred has more character for us than tongue can tell.

We are perfectly satisfied in praising the Ever Near with the human voice, as it issued from our Great Daysman's pure lips in conjunction with his disciples.