

good results, and it is with no small degree of confidence and pleasure that I can say that some were led to embrace Christ, others were revived and encouraged. Some wrote me letters, saying they wished to turn to God, and asked to be prayed for; others sent word, saying that they wished to be spoken to personally about their souls salvation.

I have already referred to the unfinished state of our church at Loch Lomond. It would not be so if the people could help it, for never have I seen a body of men strive so hard to finish their place of worship. When any work can be done, they do it like men, but the loss they sustained from the great gale of the 24th August, 1873, was so great, that they could not subscribe any money this year. Under these circumstances, it was with grateful hearts the trustees received the handsome sum of sixty dollars from their friends in Halifax. I may say that all the materials required to finish the church are on the ground; and, if the trustees had about one hundred dollars more added to their funds, they could go on with the work.

All that the people were expected to contribute towards the support of the Gospel, they gave without being once asked for it. But we must remember that what they gave, in many instances, was not what they could spare, but what they very much needed themselves.

JOHN McLEAN.

**EXPLANATION.**—In some unaccountable manner, an interrogation mark (?) on the proof-sheet of our last issue, got into the wrong place, and made a very awkward impression. In his Report on Cape Breton, Mr. Gordon referred to the well-known hospitality and kindness of Mr. D. M. Sutherland at Port Hastings; but the unfortunate interrogation mark insinuated a doubt either about Mr. Sutherland's kindness, or the testimony of the ministers, or both, which of course, surprised and annoyed both Mr. Gordon and ourselves. We feel that this explanation is due to all concerned.

#### P. E. Island.

The congregation of Orwell Head, part of the congregation of the late Rev. D. McDonald, lately presented the Rev. P. Melville, M. A., B. D., with a purse containing Forty-eight Dollars, accompanied with a most friendly and enthusiastic address, showing that Mr. Mel-

ville's labours among them have been productive of much good. In Mr. Melville's reply, reference is made to the pleasure he enjoys from time to time, as the duties of his own parish permit, of going among this flock so long without a shepherd. We use Mr. Melville's own words when we say that it is not the first nor the second time the same people have shown their liberality within the past year. Mr. Melville promises a Report of his labours in his own parish for next *Record*. As usual, we shall hold space at his disposal.

#### New Brunswick.

**CHRISTMAS IN NEW ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.**—The managers of this church, under the genial influence of the season, took it into their head to add \$500 to the salary of their pastor, the Rev. D. Macrae, who was settled in the church in July last. They not only raised \$500 from willing contributors, but \$262 in addition, which, with the former sum, they handed over to the pastor, the latter sum being a Christmas box, and the former a permanent addition to his salary, which becomes now \$2000 a year. These facts are most creditable to this thriving church, and also to the pastor. Since Mr. Macrae's settlement, the attendance, membership, collections, etc., have greatly increased. His sermons have fully sustained the excellent reputation which he brought to St. John, both as regards their elevated style and their solid contents, while as a pastor, Mr. Macrae is a general favorite. We congratulate pastor and people on their progress.—*St. John Telegraph*.

#### Upper Provinces.

**LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO UNION.**—Legislation is required by our Church in old Canada preparatory to Union, because our Church there is an incorporated body, and holds half a million dollars as a Temporalities' Fund, besides other property. With us, legislation is only required to protect the existing rights of congregations.

The small minority opposed to Union in old Canada resolved to oppose the legislation. They did so last month in On-