

ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. JOHN.—We learn, by private letter, that a harmonious settlement has been effected. Left vacant by the father and founder of the resuscitated congregation of Old St. Stephen's, which had completely collapsed, leaving nothing but the name, it practically only remained so for a few days; for no sooner had it been perfectly understood that Mr. Caie's resignation would assuredly take place, than the congregation, with laudable promptness, set to work to procure a successor. After mature deliberation, they called the Rev. Mr. McRae of St. Columba Church, W. B. & E. B., Pictou. A better selection could not have been made; and may even greater success attend him, than attended his predecessor.

On the eve of his departure, Mr. Caie received a very affectionate parting address, accompanied by a purse containing \$800 in cash. It will be remembered that, on many previous occasions, money and other donations have been largely given. And further, it must be noted that the Sunday School on this occasion gave a donation of \$40, and the Bible Class \$26. These facts speak volumes for the good feeling with which minister and people part.

Newfoundland.

We regret to state that St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, is again on the list of vacancies. But from what we know of it, we firmly believe and trust that it will not long remain so. There are missionaries to be in the field soon, and we trust that instant action will be taken to secure one of them for this very important congregation. It will be seen, in the Minutes of Halifax Presbytery, page 151 that Mr. Robertson has been sent for a month to the charge of the congregation, in the hope that he may be retained in charge for life.

Ontario and Quebec.

The Rev. Donald Ross of Dundee introduced an overture into the Presbytery of Montreal for the restoration of the order of Deacons in the Church. The overture was transmitted to Synod.—

Presbytery is alive to its work in the mercantile metropolis of the Domin-

ion. The Rev. Wm. M. Black, of St. Mark's, gets his *Presbyterian* in Rome, and reads his friends' letters on Mount Zion. Much good may both do him.—It seems that the minister of St. Gabriel's had a "fittin'" on the first of May—the new house was furnished by the ladies of the congregation, "in the quietest manner possible." Mount Forest a purse of money; St. Andrew's, Belville, more money, gown and bands.—Such are the items we see in the *Presbyterian*. We were told once upon a time that the Canadas were bankrupt. If so, there should be no presentations to ministers.

Toronto Presbytery is vigorous—mission work prosecuted—routine work not neglected.

The Rev. Fred. Home, formerly of Bathurst, has been inducted to St. Andrew's Church, Buckingham on the 12th ult. The stipend is to be paid quarterly in advance, as all stipends ought. It just comes to this:—shall shopkeepers have to advance the minister's household supplies (on credit) till the quarterly term comes round? or shall congregations advance stipends? We say decidedly the latter, on the two grounds of honor and fairness.

Scotland.

The Rev. James Barclay has been presented by the Duke of Buccleugh to the Parish of Canonbie. St. Michael's, Dumfries, is therefore to be a vacancy. The transference of the Rev. John Cameron to Dunoon, left the Lowland charge of Campbelton vacant; the vacancy has been supplied by the appointment and induction of the Rev. George Strang. The Rev. Geo. Alpine has been appointed and inducted to the Parish of Coats. The Rev. Thomas Sommerville's removal to the College Parish of Glasgow, left St. David's, Kirkintilloch, vacant. The Rev. R. Graham has been elected as minister of the Charge.

THE Rev. Dr. Paton of St. David's, Glasgow, has celebrated his jubilee in the ministry. His friends and admirers entertained him at a public dinner, and complimented him highly upon his past life, both as a citizen and a clergyman.