

preached at Jerusalem every five weeks. During Mr. Stirling's pastorate, a very neat and commodious church was built, which is capable of seating at least 300 people, and reflects much credit upon those who contributed so largely towards its erection. Within a short period they have been disjoined from Fredericton, united with Nerepis, and form a separate congregation. They are now between 25 and 30 Presbyterian families here, besides others who would be favourably disposed toward us. No Sabbath school is at present in existence, and but little has as yet been done in the way of raising funds for a supply of preaching. There are three preaching stations in connection with this section, viz., Jerusalem, Summer Hill, and Colonus; and if a collection was taken each Sabbath that service is held, and each one contributed as God had prospered them, but small drafts would be made upon the funds of the Home Mission. Five cents from each one attending church on the Lord's day, at each of these stations, would pay for their share of a Probationer's time. We trust that this system will hereafter be adopted.

NEREPIS.

Nerepis is situated about 20 miles below Jerusalem, and about 18 from St. John. It is also a farming district, and being now intersected by the Western Extension Railway, must inevitably make progress. At one time this section was within the bounds of the St. John Presbytery, and received an occasional supply in connection with Carleton and other settlements. The Rev. Mr. Brown also laboured among them for a lengthened period. After his removal they received but a meagre supply. Being of late transferred to the York Presbytery, they have been frequently visited by the Rev. Mr. Stirling, to whom they are fondly attached. There are about 35 Presbyterian families here, including Lower Nerepis, Welsford, and Nerepis Valley. They have a small church, which, on the Sabbath is well filled by an attentive audience. A flourishing Sabbath school also exists, which is well conducted, and a goodly number of the children attend. There are however, no elders in this part of the congregation, and but two in the Jerusalem section.

CLARENDON.

This is a new settlement, some miles distant from Nerepis, and contains about 40 families, nine of whom are Presbyterian. Having settled here a few years ago, they are clearing away the forest, endeavouring to make farms in their new home. The road leading to this locality is as yet very rough, scarcely passable with a waggon. They have no schoolhouse or school, no

way office; and seldom see the face of a minister of any religious denomination. Mr. Charles Frazer, Catechist, who has been labouring in Jerusalem and Nerepis since the close of the Hall, with indefatigable zeal, has been visiting them, and will doubtless bring their case before the York Presbytery. In the event of a minister being settled in this congregation, they are quite willing to contribute something and receive an occasional supply. It is truly mission ground, and calls loudly for evangelistic labour. Let the readers of the *Record* who are favoured with a regular dispensation of Gospel ordinances, remember those who are less highly favoured. Let such facts as are here stated draw forth our contributions to the Home Mission Fund, in order that the church may be enabled to cultivate these waste places in our provinces. But above all, forget not in your prayers the toiling missionary as he wends his weary way to such localities as these carrying to perishing souls the Bread of Life.

Within the bounds of this congregation, including mission ground, there are upwards of 70 families. The field is wide and very much scattered, involving a great deal of labour in the way of travel. The congregation is suffering for the want of a pastor, and demands increased activity on the part of the people. The Nerepis section is especially hopeful, and with the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, under the nurturing care of the York Presbytery, accompanied by the settlement of an acceptable minister, we feel confident the whole charge will make rapid progress. The people should be united and harmonious, put forth a determined effort, and not be too select in the choice of a minister. Not being called upon heretofore to contribute much for the support of ordinances, they will require some educating on this point. They are all comfortable farmers, and could easily raise 500 dollars per year. If supplemented for a time they would soon reach the Synod's minimum, and eventually become a flourishing congregation. May the Lord hasten it in his time.

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Germany.

We rejoice to note that there is progress in North Germany with regard to evangelical religion. Under the leadership of Prussia, the whole country is awaking to a sense of its great influence in European politics. National consolidation occupies