

Milton. The present beautiful structure at Milton was built through his influence and liberality. The attendance at public worship has improved, and during the Pastor's discourses lately given on "Evolution and a scientific gospel," large numbers were present, and expressed their pleasure and interest in the subject.

Mr. Braine is a geologist, and has had most of the teachers and masters of the public schools there, under his instruction.

Several members have been added to the church. The Ladies Missionary Society and Sewing Circle continue their noble work. The church building has been substantially and thoroughly repaired. Altogether we seem to see "a bright light in the clouds."

CHEBOGUE, N.S., Rev. J. W. Purdon, pastor. Writing in May, Mr. Purdon says :

I close the 4th year of my Canadian pastorate, thankful for undisturbed happiness among my people, and greatly encouraged as to my work in this oldest church in the county, and the oldest but three in the Province ; dating from 1767, six years after the first English settlement here. Bravely has the church battled for 130 years, through the dangers and changes of an old outpost. At present we have but one other church of our Order within 117 miles. All the trials of a country church are our's, reckoning with distance, storm, mud and snowbanks ; but the retrospect of what has been done excites grateful surprise.

KESWICK RIDGE, N.B.—Rev. Simeon Sykes, pastor. The officers of the church write :

Since our present pastor has returned to us, we have got along well. Old breaches, if not altogether healed, have been wonderfully lessened by the influence of our good Pastor, who has the unanimous goodwill of the church and congregation. By the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society our church edifice and parsonage have been much improved ; and annually a credited amount has been sent to the C.C.M.S. We sent \$60 making a special effort to help to wipe out the missionary debt. There are in the whole field 115 members ; 39 men, and 76 women. The friends are doing exceedingly well in supporting the local work.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.—Rev. G. W. Ball, pastor.

"The straitened state of our finances, resulting from losses by fire, and subsequent necessary expenditure, render it an absolute necessity that we present an application for a grant of \$150, which we do under claims of Jedidah Gorham's will." This sentence, from a communication from the trustees, dated May 7th, 1897, explains the reasons why the Liverpool Church is compelled to place itself on the list of specially aided churches.