

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

**St. Matthew's, Halifax.**—Mr. James F. Campbell has entered on his duties as Assistant Minister of this large and flourishing congregation. There will be, in future, three services: morning at 11, afternoon at 3, and evening at 7, thus giving to the large number of the congregation engaged as Teachers in the District Sunday Schools an opportunity to worship in their own Church in the evening. We understand that Mr. Campbell's duties will be chiefly to take the spiritual oversight of the soldiers in the garrison. We wish our promising young friend every possible success.

**Bazaar.**—The scholars of St. Andrew's Sunday School intend to hold their Bazaar in Mason Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 12th of the present month. We hope that all who can possibly attend will endeavour to do so. The articles for sale will be found to comprise a large assortment, both useful and fancy. By the kindness of Colonel Mackenzie and the officers, the band of the 78th Highlanders will be in attendance.

**Roger's Hill.**—Our attention has been called to the fact that the name of this congregation should be added to the list, published last month, of those who support the *Record*. We were unable to decide with positive correctness in reference to it, the parcel being addressed to "Millville." Eighteen copies are subscribed and paid for in advance, and the agent, Mr. John McKay, is one of the most prompt and satisfactory we have. The credit of the eighteen was given to Salt-springs. We have no agent, however, for Cape John on our list, and, as far as we know, no *Records* are taken there.

**Presbytery Home Mission Meetings in Canada.**—An excellent practice has sprung up, of late years, in several of the most important Presbyteries of our Church in the Upper Provinces, of having annual missionary meetings in the various charges within the bounds, at which detailed statements are read of what the various congregations have done during the past year, and speeches are given on various subjects connected with the work on hand. Such meetings have an excellent effect. A congregation that has collected \$252½ for Home Missions, when its neighbour has collected \$100, does not like, at first, to have attention called to the fact; but when that is done, it asks why should the state of the case be so? The next step is to endeavour to effect a reformation somehow. Probably the "schedule system" is then adopted, and it invariably doubles or quadruples the old amount. But as some people dislike this system, we recommend to them a substitute adopted by St. Andrew's Church, Perth, which raised last year for missions \$309, in addition to \$3,666 subscribed towards the Endowment Fund of Queen's College. As they found it difficult to keep up a regular succession of collectors, especially in the country sections, the members of the congregation were requested to hand in, enclosed in an envelope, on certain specified Sabbaths, whatever sum they chose, "according as the Lord prospered them," and to state, if they thought proper, the schemes to which the money was to be given. The success that has attended this plan is very great. We only wonder that since they have evidently gone on the Scripture mode of giving, they didn't carry it out in its entirety. Why not let the plan take effect on "every Lord's day?" But as to a course of Presbytery Home Mission meetings, why shouldn't our Presbyteries take up such an excellent idea? The meetings need not be confined to Home Missions, but should also tell what is done within the Presbytery for Foreign Missions, circulation of the *Record*, &c. Such meetings would greatly stimulate the liberality of the people.

**Halifax Sabbath School Association.**—A public meeting of this body was held in St. Andrew's Church on the evening of the 14th ult. Rev.