

The Presbytery of Halifax recently separated St. Croix and Ellershous from Newport congregation, and formed them into a separate charge, and Mr. James T. Smith, student at Pine Hill, has been laboring there during the summer. The present arrangement was adopted years ago and the writer has some pleasant memories of his first summer's work as catechist in that field. Afterward it was united with the Newport congregation, but has now returned to its old status. May peace be within its walls, and prosperity within its palaces.

Rev. T. H. Murray was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Lower Musquodoboit on the 22nd ult. The congregation has been vacant for several years. They have been successful, however, at the expense of Lawrencetown congregation. There are more men wanted, more of our own young men, the best of them, wanted to study for the ministry so that one congregation need not have to get a minister at the expense of another.

The Colonial Committee of the Established Church of Scotland evidently approves of the Presbyterians of the Dominion of Canada being one. Some time since, the congregation of Comox, British Columbia, in connection with the Church of Scotland, asked to be transferred to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Colonial Committee not only granted permission but expressed their approbation of the proposed step, and, as a token of their approval, sent a grant of fifty pounds for one year to aid the congregation in getting started in its new departure. Such deed shew more plainly than words can do the wish of the Colonial Committee that in Canada they (the Presbyterians) all may be one. When the day comes that the Presbyterianism of these Maritime Provinces is one, we may be assured of this, that the "Auld Kirk" in Scotland will give her benediction.

TRINIDAD.

Letter from the first Presbyterian Missionary to Trinidad, who is now more than four score years old.

The following was a private note recently received from an aged minister in Ontario. On being specially requested, he has kindly given permission to use it,

which we gladly do, knowing that it will be of deep interest to the many friends of our work in Trinidad.—Ed.

WELLAND, ONTARIO.

My Dear Sir:

I thank you for the copies of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN which you have been so kind as to send me. I am much pleased with the periodical, because of the great amount of Missionary intelligence which it contains. It is cheering to read of the great progress the cause of Christ is making in almost every land. I enjoy the good news from all the far countries, but the intelligence from Trinidad has for me a peculiar zest.

Nor is this at all wonderful, as it was in that physical paradise but moral and spiritual desert, that I began mission work on the 25th of January, 1836—51 years ago, and continued to labor there for upwards of 14 years. I was the first Presbyterian missionary sent to that beautiful and fertile island, which was enveloped in a "darkness that could be felt"—a compound of heathenism and Romanism. The coolies were just beginning to come from India when I left. The Lord is greatly blessing the labors of our worthy missionaries among these children from the east. Let the Church in Canada continue to hold up their hands and cheer their hearts by liberal support and earnest prayers.

I dare not promise myself the pleasure of being long a reader of your excellent periodical, as I am within a few days' of closing my 83 years. The Lord's work will proceed, though the successive laborers continue only for a day.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and all who take part in the great work of having the gospel preached to every creature.

Yours very truly,

ALEXR. KENNEDY.

From a hand book of Trinidad just published we copy the following item which, strangely enough, comes to us just as we give the above letter from Mr. Kennedy.

"The Presbyterian Church has flourished in Trinidad since 1836. . . . The first minister, Rev. Alexr. Kennedy, who came to labor in Trinidad, arrived in Jan. 1836. A building in Cambridge St. which had been used as a Theatre was fitted up as a place of worship. This building