

the labours of John McLean. The Deputation trust the house will pardon this episode. It seems that the fruit of the labours of that man remain to this day. The congregation, the largest Presbyterian congregation in the province, and worshipping in the most beautiful church in the province, and with all composed of the men and women from the various ranks in society, who have a gracious right to be numbered among the excellent of the earth,—it may well be compared to Judah among the tribes. They would believe and hope that the effects of their visit will be all for good, and tell on the piety of the people in such measure as that, distinguished as they have been oftentimes by so many and great advantages, their spiritual progress may be correspondingly great. A most interesting meeting of Mr. Fowler's congregation was held on Monday thereafter, at which both members of the Deputation were present, along with the pastor and Mr. Law. It was similar to meetings held in other congregations, but the feeling of interest and delight was intensified by the presence and the countenance of these brethren.

Your Deputation have not very much to report with respect to their work in the congregations of the Presbytery of St. Stephen. It was similar to their labours in the Presbytery of Miramichi in almost every particular. It may be proper to state that at this stage of their journeyings and labours they were joined by Rev. Mr. Morton, then missionary elect to Trinidad. Both his work, and that of the Deputation had been previously arranged by the clerk of Presbytery, and all parties fell in with the arrangement. Mr. Morton laboured in St. Stephen's in the morning of the Sabbath, and in Mr. Turnbull's congregation in the afternoon; and one of the members of the Deputation laboured in the several sections of Mr. Millan's congregation, and the other in the mission stations of Balise and Tower Hill through the day and in the evening in St. Stephen's. The Deputation exceedingly regretted that, according to these arrangements, they could not visit Mr. Turnbull's congregation, and they do so still; but it was greatly lessened by the fact that Mr. Morton was with them and supplied their lack of service.

The Presbytery of St. Stephen's met on Tuesday, and the missionary and Deputation were invited to correspond. The state and purpose of the congregation of St. Stephen's anent the use of instrumental music in public worship, were the subject of discussion in connection with Mr. Morrison's demission of his charge. About the farther action of the Presbytery and congregation in this matter the Deputation feel they have no right, as they certainly have no wish, to express an opinion; they

cannot help hoping, however, that the things that have happened to them will turn out to the furtherance of the gospel. There was a most spirited missionary meeting held in St. Stephen on Wednesday evening, when a most favourable impression was made on the audience in regard to our missionary work in general, and to the Trinidad mission specially. There are many powerful reasons why the Synod should, in every possible way consistent with its own consistency, foster the congregation of St. Stephen's. They dare not say it is a light shining in a dark place, but they do say that a living, healthy, vigorous, powerful, persuasive Presbyterian congregation, furnishing a fair type, a fair specimen to the community and the sister churches in St. Stephen's and Calais alike of what a Presbyterian church is in doctrine, discipline, worship and government, would be like the light of the moon changed into the light of the sun, and the light of the sun seven-fold like the light of seven days.

Your Deputation next proceeded to the bounds of the Presbytery of York, but on their way one of them had to tarry at and spend another communion season with the congregation of Harvey. They met, however, together with the congregation along with Mr. Morton on the fast day; and after the ordinary services were concluded the large audience were addressed on the object of the Deputation by the members, and on Missions by Mr. Morton. The other services connected with the administration of the supper were largely attended, and throughout the time, from Thursday to Monday, the deepest interest was felt in the work; and the most earnest hopes were expressed that the results would be favourable, and manifest, and abiding, and thus the welfare of the congregation be greatly increased. The Deputation are constrained to say that they found a few hot coals still remaining from the old fires, which, however, they are happy to say are not revealing their heat very extensively or fiercely, because of the want of the materials of combustion, and which they attempted to drown out by praying down on them a fresh baptism and copious showers of the Holy Ghost, as well as by other instrumentality that was brought to bear on them. On the whole they feel that their visit and their work were acceptable and profitable, and that the large share of their time and toil spent in Harvey was not only not in vain, but likely to return on the congregation a large measure of spiritual and temporal good.

And so the Deputation separated again—one of them proceeding to Florenceville and Glassville and the other to Fredericton,—Mr. Morton meanwhile visiting the several sections of Prince William congregation.