

their pastor, whose first year of ministerial labour has just terminated, the handsome sum of \$800. We shall assume that this is paid. Then the following sums have been raised during the year for religious objects:—

#### HOME MISSIONS.

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| Paid to Presbytery for missionary service prior to the settlement of the present pastor..... | \$54.64  |
| Paid to Treasurer of Home Mission Board.....                                                 | 4.50½    |
|                                                                                              | \$59.14½ |
| Foreign Missions.....                                                                        | 17.85    |
| "Dayspring".....                                                                             | 34.39½   |
| Synod Fund.....                                                                              | 8.31     |
| Chiniquy Fund.....                                                                           | 35.81    |

\$155.51

Never, in any previous year of its history, has this congregation paid one-half that sum for general religious objects. We trust that having thus begun well they will not become weary in well doing.

For the next year or two, however, their chief enterprise will be Church-building, as they are about to engage in the erection of two houses of public worship. This is truly a great work, in the prosecution of which we wish them God-speed.

#### Progress in St. David's.

The readers of the *Record* are familiar with St. David's Church in St. John, as that in which the Union between the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick branches of our Church was consummated. Its pastor, Rev. N. McKay, is also well and favourably known, having proved his energy and zeal as a public servant of the Church in P. E. Island and in Nova Scotia, as well as in New Brunswick.

We noticed with much pleasure that there was considerable increase to the membership of the Church about the commencement of winter, and we have just learned that at a large and very cordial meeting of the congregation, they unanimously resolved to add \$200 to the salary of their pastor.

Now, we are not going to laud this as a remarkable example of liberality, for we regard it simply as an act of justice to an able, earnest, and devoted pastor. But this movement is highly creditable to the congregation, because they have been, and still are, steadily diminishing their debt, and yet, while thus engaged, have unanimously agreed to this handsome increase. This unanimity will make this just enlargement of salary all the more refreshing to the minister and his family, while it promotes their comfort and independence.

It is but justice to St. David's to add that it is also taking a high place among the

Churches, in the liberality of its contributions to the schemes of the Church; in proof of which we subjoin a statement of receipts within the last nine or ten months.

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| Synod Fund                        | \$28.60 and \$14.62.... | \$43.22 |
| Sustentation or Home Mission Fund | 41.92½                  |         |
| Foreign Missions.....             |                         | 37.92   |
| Dayspring.....                    |                         | 71.50   |

\$194.56½

Wealthier congregations there may be in New Brunswick, but none has contributed more largely during the year to the schemes of the united body. Query—Has any other done as much?

#### Opening of a New Church at Little Ridge, N.B., on April 12, 1868.

On this interesting occasion a large and attentive congregation assembled, when the Rev. John Turnbull officiated. It was well that the pious design was in the heart of the people to build the house of God. The Rev. Dr. Thompson, Rev. Alexr. Smith, Rev. Wm. Elder, Rev. P. M. Morrison and other ministers, at early periods, had helped to foster the nucleus of a fold here for gathering the scattered flock to Jesus. But the field had been chiefly wrought and was mainly dependent on the pastoral labours of the Rev. J. Turnbull for thirteen years. It was through Mr. Turnbull's instrumentality that the late revival of religion took place. Not a few could say from sweet experience, "Come here all ye that fear God and I will declare what He hath done for my soul;" and the melody of joy and health was in many a dwelling place of the righteous. After this set time to favour Zion, an anxious desire was expressed by the people for Mr. Turnbull's increased services, with which he complied as much as possible; and we see much cause for thankfulness to God and rejoicing before Him for the good fruits. A new song was sung for the countenance of Heaven in the completion of the building. It presents a fine appearance. Formerly there were only temporary pews, but during last winter new ones were erected and beautifully painted, affording comfortable accommodation.—The congregational singing is also much improved. A singing school is taught in the settlement, and several members of the Church take a deep interest in conducting the exercises of the Sabbath School.

#### Bedeque.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the annual meeting of the Bible and Missionary Society, connected with the Presbyterian congregation of Bedeque, was held at the Church. A report of proceedings which had taken place during the past year was