

cheese factory. A student catechist drew the attention of the Presbytery to the existing condition of the station, and at once steps were taken to re-establish services. For two or three summers a student occupied the field, but no great interest was aroused. The blame did not lie with the students, but with the indifference of the people engendered by neglect. For the past three summers Mr. C. D. McIntosh labored in Nerepis, Clarendon, and Jerusalem, and under his services a complete revolution has been effected. Many difficulties presented themselves at the outset. No sooner had some of the people begun to manifest an interest in the Church than strife also arose, and the latter end seemed for a time to be worse than the former. Mr. McIntosh bravely held the fort, and firmly and patiently persisted in preaching the Gospel of Peace.

Sabbath schools and missionary societies were organized, new elders were elected, a new board of trustees appointed, the church repaired inside and out, made comfortable and attractive, members were added to the roll, families gathered in, \$50 were contributed last year to the Schemes of the Church, and all expenses of working the field paid in full. This year there was no charge on the H. M. Board, and there was a surplus, which was paid to the student.

Results show what a faithful persevering catechist can accomplish by the blessing of God. Do we need any greater glory and joy than to succeed in overcoming difficulties, allaying strife and angry passions, in leading souls to the truth and thereby hastening the coming of the kingdom. The student who has triumphed over such difficulties is bound to succeed anywhere and everywhere.

### Chipman.

A new church was opened for service and dedicated at Gaspereaux on Dec. 27th, the last Sabbath of 1896. The day was fine and frosty, the ice on the river in excellent condition for sleighing, so a large congregation filled the church to overflowing, as many as a hundred standing in the aisles, every inch of space was occupied. The services were solemn and impressive, the singing was good, the collection liberal. Rev. McD. Clarke, the pastor, conducted the dedication service; Rev. James Ross preached the sermon. Work was begun on the building July last, and is now almost completed. It is a cosy little church, 24 x 34 feet, with a seating capacity of 250. There are now three churches in Chipman congregation, with a hall at Redbank, and Union halls at Chipman village and Coal Creek. In winter preaching services are conducted regularly in six, and in summer fourteen stations.

During a pastorate of six years, a church and hall have been built, a manse at the cost of \$1800, now clear of debt. The number of families has increased from 60 to 110. The membership from 145 to 292. The amount contributed six years ago to the Schemes of the Church was \$90, last year it was \$237.

The congregation was on the augmented list, drawing \$200 annually from the fund at the beginning of the present pastorate, now it is self-sustaining, and during the last two summers a student catechist assisted Mr. Clarke, and all the expenses were paid in full by the field, a most creditable showing.

A W. F. M. Society was organized five months ago, and \$115 have been already collected for missions. There is a very active C. E. Society in operation, a mission class is also at