

New St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, was opened for Divine worship on sabbath, 13th inst. At the evening service, the Rev'd D. M. Gordon, B. D., of Ottawa, officiated. The *Toronto Globe* says: "at half-past six o'clock, every seat in the building was occupied, and by seven o'clock there was scarcely standing room, and many were obliged to leave. Mr. Gordon's sermon, which was remarkable for its eloquence and deep research, was listened to with much attention by the vast assemblage present."

THE LATE G. P. MITCHELL ESQ.,
OF HALIFAX.

For many years, Mr. Mitchell has been known as a most devoted member of St. Mathew's church, and, during the last few years of his life, he acted as treasurer of our Synod's Home Mission Fund. It would be difficult to find a more upright man, or exemplary christian than our late treasurer. His character combined in a remarkable degree whatsoever things are true, just, honest, pure, lovely, and of good report. Among the contributions of wealthy men to benevolent and religious societies, in the city of Halifax, you would seldom fail to find the name of G. P. Mitchell, and in many instances where no lists were published, and very few knew of the fact, he would quietly, and in the kindest manner possible forward some good cause with his cheerful giving. Those who understand what Wm. Gordon was to Pictou, can form some idea of what George P. Mitchell was in his sphere. Two such men we have not lost for a long time. Mr. Mitchell died at his residence in Halifax, on the 11th inst., in his 59th year.

SURPRISE PARTIES AT ROGER'S HILL.

We have to chronicle that a surprise party from the Roger's Hill section of this congregation lately appeared at the Munse, and as the custom of such parties is, made a very friendly donation to the Minister. In a few days surprise parties followed from different parts of the congregation and very agreeable sociables were held chopping and hauling fire wood and fencing for the Glebe which is one of the best in the country. A few days thus spent in a fine open winter like the present will not be missed off the farm and add very much to the convenience of the Glebe. In a country such as this where there is much travelling and journeys are long the Glebe should have secure and good pasturage in summer, and stabling and plenty of fodder in winter, in order that the minister can obey the command of Paul and "be given to hospitality," and entertain his wayfaring guests in a manner suited to the honor of both. From remote antiquity hospitality has been specially associated with the clergy, and it is meet and proper that this traditional grace should be extended in this western world.

We heartily commend the example of the worthy yeomen of Roger's Hill; and trust it may induce others to go and do likewise.

ROGER'S HILL AND CAPE JOHN.

(The following item was omitted in our last issue.)

The yearly business meetings of these congregations were held about the beginning of the year. The financial statements were very satisfactory. The annual stipend paid is eight hundred dollars. At Roger's Hill great improvements have been made upon the Church. The building has been repainted, a porch and vestry added, and furnaces placed below. Nearly a thousand dollars have been thus expended.

At Cape John a committee was appointed to consider some feasible scheme for improving the Church there. We understand that the ladies of that place propose to hold a tea-meeting in July next to raise funds. If the matter were once taken in hand we have no doubt that in so prosperous a community it would soon be carried into effect.