PREFACE.

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The Falmouth Street Presbyterian Congregation, Sydney, C. B., was organized in July, 1875, in accordance with the action of Synod, which met at Montreal the month previous.

The Rev. J. D. McGillivray, of Newport, preached the first sermon to the new congregation in the Temperance Hall on the second Sabbath of July. On the first day of January of the present year, the Rev. J. Murray, formerly of New London, P. E. I., after a cordial and unanimous call, assumed the pastoral superintendence. On that day, he preached a sermon from the words of Nehemiah—"The God of Heaven, He will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build."

After the sermon, with the confidence of faith in the first clause of the text, the second clause was adopted as a congregational resolution. A Building Committee was appointed, a subscription list opened, and the preliminary steps taken to erect a place of worship.

The congregation, which was composed of but twenty-five families at the start, had thirty members added, principally by profession, at the Communion in March. The very eligible site on Falmouth Street was secured, and early in May building operations were commenced. The Church is 56 by 39 feet and 21 feet joist, with a roof of 32 feet rafter. The tower is 47 feet high, the belfry 9 feet, the spire, including ball and vane, 44 feet, in all 100 feet.

The first floor contains 54 seats in addition to a large circular seat for the choir.

There is a basement 9 feet high under the entire building, and a Gallery in front, capable of seating seventy. There is a commodious platform pulpit.

The painting and gilding, the partial staining of the windows, and the upholstery work which is uniform in all the seats, lend an air of elegance and comfort to the whole building, which proves quite an ornament to the town. The cost including site about $5,500.

The church was opened for public worship on Sabbath the 19th November, by Dr. Burns, who preached from Rev. xxii. "I saw no Temple therein."