

handsome, elegantly bound Pulpit Bible. Let others go and do likewise. At church, on Sunday, in how many country congregations, do we see elegant carriages, beautiful horses, richly dressed worshippers, and, shame to say it, ragged, tattered pulpit Bibles and Psalm Books, often with some of the leaves lost. These things ought not so to be.

THE Church at New Glasgow has been undergoing extensive repairs and alterations. During the vacancy it received a new and beautiful coat of paint, giving it quite a chaste and elegant appearance. Also, for purposes connected with the heating arrangements, it has been elevated to a higher position, the foundation being built up several feet. This gives it an appearance even more commanding than ever, overlooking, as it does, the thriving and enterprising little town. It is also in contemplation, we understand, to effect some improvements upon the manse, or, perhaps, to renew it altogether.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, RIVER JOHN.—This section of Mr. McCunn's congregation held a "social" on Christmas, and from all accounts it was a very enjoyable affair. The more of these socials, held in the proper spirit, and conducted "decently and in order," the better for our congregations.

THE Rev. D. McRae, at present on a pleasure trip in Scotland, is expected to return to his congregation shortly.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, for so long a time under the distinguished ministry of the Rev. Allan Pollok, and rendered vacant by his resignation and return to Scotland, is no longer a *vacancy*. The Rev. G. Coull, M. A., was, on the 11th of Dec., inducted to the pastoral care and oversight thereof. We wish the newly appointed minister every success in his work, and every pleasure among his people.

JOHN F. McDONALD, Esq., of New Glasgow, has a Gaelic Bible in his possession, which was printed in 1690, two years after the Revolution settlement of the Church of Scotland, under William and Mary. It is, therefore, 184 years old, and is probably the oldest

Gaelic copy of the Holy Scriptures in the Lower Provinces.

PUGWASH.—Rev. M. Sutherland was agreeably surprised on New Year's day, by a number of ladies waiting upon him with the following address and accompaniments:—

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

In behalf of the Ladies of your congregation, we beg your acceptance of a Buffalo-robe, driving-gloves and railway-wrapper, wishing you, at the same time, a very happy New Year.

Although you have been but a short time amongst us, yet we feel assured that your zeal and labour of love has not been in vain; and we earnestly pray that as each year rolls round, your labours may be crowned with the success that every faithful worker in God's vineyard desires, of seeing many brought to a "knowledge of sin through Jesus Christ our Lord." Again wishing you many happy returns of the day.

We remain,

Yours, etc.,

MRS. T. A. FRASER,
MISS SARAH OULTON.

To Rev. J. M. Sutherland, Pugwash,
January 1st., 1874.

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ST. DAVID'S Church, Gardner's Crescent, Edinburgh, is likely to be endowed very shortly, and thus erected into the ecclesiastical position of a Church *quoad sacra*. It was a large, efficient and flourishing congregation, previous to the secession of 1843. The very week before the General Assembly of that year, a minister was inducted to the charge, and at the Assembly he seceded, taking with him the large proportion of the people. However, the Church has since preserved its existence, and done good work, and now, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Adams, it is likely to be endowed and put in proper working order.

A new Church has been opened in Whiting Bay, Arran, in the Parish of Kilbride.

An organ is to be built for the Cathedral Church, Glasgow. Designs are being furnished by Mr. Smart of London.