

odicals to any of our schools who may not have hitherto been receiving them. Let our teachers earnestly make use of this instrumentality, and, along with the other means, it may be blessed of God in adding many lambs to the Saviour's flock, and swelling the number of those "around the throne of God in heaven"

" Whose sins are all through Christ forgiven,  
A holy, happy band "

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT McCUNN, *Convener.*

### Barney's River Church.

A good deal has been done by the public towards liquidating the debt on the Church at Barney's River, and it may be supposed that, after taking such interest in it, they will be anxious to know how it became so unfortunately involved, and what condition it is now in.

The Church is a substantial building seated for 500 or 600 people. It appears to have been rather expensive, however, for the style and quality of the work. The carpenter's contract amounted to £755; and the money paid for the site and other extra expenses swelled the sum to £780. The idea had gone abroad that when the pews were sold and the grant from the Colonial Committee was obtained, the whole sum required was secured, and the building committee had only to lay their hand on it any time they liked, and pay off the debt. There could not be a greater delusion. Though every scratch of the pen representing subscriptions, and pew sales, were convertible into good money, there would be a deficit of some £20 or £30. But the fact of the matter is, that at the time their late minister left, there was only about £350 of the money realized, leaving some £427 to be collected. For the greater part of that sum the building committee got notes-of-hand from the purchasers of seats, and from those who promised subscriptions. But for a considerable part of the sum they got no notes; and when they tried to raise the money, some of the parties disputed, and that successfully, their right to pay.

To understand the state of matters fully, it must be observed that the Church was far too large for the requirements of the congregation. When the pews were ready for being sold, it was found that there were purchasers only for about two-thirds of them; consequently, a higher price had to be set upon those sold, so as to cover the cost of the building. And the result was, that when the purchasers had time to consider their bargain, and ascertain that they offered one-half or one-third more for their pews than was the rule in other congregations, they began to grumble. And when a man begins to grumble at what he has to pay, it is far more difficult for him to part with the money. Besides, we may be sure that the congrega-

tion would not be so able nor so willing to pay when they found that the Church became vacant as soon as they got involved in the debt, and remained vacant for several years.

The state of matters being such, it is evident that the sum required to pay the building was far from being realized when the pews were sold in 1860. It turned out that after all the prosecutions and arrestment resorted to for enforcing payment, there was still £220 wanting when the Bazaar was set on foot last year. The notes-of-hand in possession of the committee, supposing them all good, would not make up the half of that sum. But a number of the notes were little better than waste paper. Some could not, and some would not, pay; some had left the country, and some were dead. And when the contractor got judgment against the acting members of the building committee for the whole sum due, they did not know where to look for the money. Fortunately, the Bazaar held last year proved a success; the whole proceeds, including contributions from neighbouring congregations, amounted to £152, exclusive of expenses. And the articles sold this summer, together with the tea-meeting, cleared £22 more. These sums, along with what was got from those in arrears, proved sufficient to pay off the whole debt, besides leaving a balance of nearly £12 in the hands of the tea-meeting committee.

It has been proposed to expend a part of that sum in decorating the pulpit. It is a pity that active steps are not taken also to fence the ground and lay it out tastefully around the Church. Let us hope that it will not be lost sight of. Such a thing would be a graceful act on the part of the congregation, to show the public their respect for the Church, and their appreciation of the sympathy and aid received from other congregations.

*Barney's River, 17th August, 1866.*

### Notes of the Month.

THE short but eventful European war has apparently terminated. Prussia has gained fame and territory; Italy has gained territory and lost some fame: whereas Austria has lost both territory and fame. Prussia becomes the head of a northern German confederation, and Austria ceases to be a German power. Protestantism gains in political influence by the success of Prussia, and Roman Catholicism loses by the defeat of Austria. This short but bloody conflict will be the means of changing the arms of infantry soldiers in all modern armies. The terms of peace are not yet finally settled. The withdrawal of French troops from Rome has been postponed.

A LARGE London demonstration in favor of the rejected reform bill produced something approaching to a riot. Lord Stanley an-