

which does not stand more than two feet from the floor, but commands the whole body of the building. End gallery over hall, with stair ascending from it, and having on the other side of the building room for commodious session house. Pulpit plain but neat and well finished. Seats of equal length except on either side of the pulpit, and without doors. Aisles of good width and well-matted. A handsome tower of excellent proportion and finish, rises over the main door and provides excellent accommodation for a bell, which the enterprize of the people, will no doubt soon supply. Foundation substantial and well finished. Entire cost \$4,600. Fencing and heating apparatus not yet perfected with other small items may raise this amount to \$5000,—which may be regarded as a very moderate price for such a building. Its situation is very commanding and accessible, being but a few feet from the highway and within a few rods of the manse.

On the day of pew sale, enough, in money and good security, was realized to meet the whole cost, so that no debt remains to burden the congregation, or hinder future prosperity. The contractor was Mr. James Mitchell, merchant, one of the most active, public spirited and prosperous young men in the settlement. His performance of contract was so satisfactory that by the unanimous vote of the congregation, in public meeting assembled; and in accordance with the the recommendation of the very efficient Building Committee, who had superintended the work throughout, he was awarded \$30 as a substantial mark of the manner, in which his faithful discharge of contract terms was appreciated. The workmen employed by him, acquitted themselves also with great credit, viz.: Messrs. Ferguson, master-builder, Wm. Dewar, plasterer, and Samuel Cameron, painter.

The formal opening for public worship was effected on Sabbath, 13th November. The pastor was on this auspicious occasion, assisted by the Rev. A. Miller, Merigomish, and Dr. Bayne, Pictou. The audience filled the entire building, which now comfortably seats 600 persons. The various services seemed to be throughout deeply impressive as well as appropriate, and justified the conclusion that if, in the day when God writeth up the people, it be not found "that this and that man was born there," there were many souls deeply impressed and divinely taught to say in a higher sense than ever before, "How lovely is thy dwelling, place, O Lord of Hosts to me! The tabernacles of thy grace how pleasant, Lord they be. Specially appropriate and impressive was the Pastor's service as he presided at the Lord's Table. Many a full heart was there pouring forth

the treasures of grace divine, before the Good Master who has furnished so richly and suitably a table for his people in every age, and "that at a price, all price beyond." In the good providence God, the people in Merigomish have had his promise fulfilled: "I will give you pastors according to mine heart who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." When they are called to part with their present pastor, from whatever causes they will feel no doubt, the cross hard to bear, but the same divine Guidance they have enjoyed in the past, and the grace which is promised for time of need, will enable them to say, as they bow submissive to the will of God. "Even so Father for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Opening of a New Church in Musquodoboit.

The Middle Section of the congregation of the Rev. R. Sedgwick have erected a handsome new church, which was opened for worship on the second Sabbath of this month. Mr. Sedgwick was aided in the opening service by his son, the pastor of Tatamagouche, and by Professor McKnight. The day was fine, and the house filled with an attentive audience—many strangers having come from a distance to witness the services. The building is chaste in style, well proportioned, and neatly finished, without unnecessary ornament. The exterior is adorned with a handsome tower over the entrance. Within there is no gallery, except at the end opposite to the pulpit. And there is one feature in the architecture specially commended—it is to be free of debt, the sale of the pews having realized enough to meet the expenses of erection, which may have amounted altogether to about \$4000. Long may the "old man eloquent" be spared to occupy the desk and break, in this new sanctuary, the bread of life.

New Presbyterian Churches in Prospect.

Eighteen months from this date will probably show the opening of four Presbyterian churches, in, and near the city of Halifax. The first to be opened will be the church recently erected in Bedford. The interior of this place of worship is not yet finished, but, it is in external appearance, chaste and attractive, quite a model for a village church.

Second in order, probably, will be the church in Dartmouth, which Mr. Falconer's congregation have determined to erect without delay, and for which an eligible site has been selected, and for which plans have been prepared.