

build a chancel, which is much needed. Till the church is rebuilt, the congregation will meet for worship in Mr. McDougall's new hall.

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On Sunday, Nov. 22, the new Church was Consecrated. It is built of stone, 35 feet by 45, with a chancel and aisles. A high pitched roof renders the acoustic properties all that could be desired. The altar and lectern furnishings, which only arrived early on the morning of the opening, were generously presented by Mrs. Evers, of Sidmouth, Devonshire, England. The artistic arrangement of the embroidery is very effective, and feelings of gratitude go out to the donor across the sea. Chairs are used at present for the seating, but it is the intention as soon as funds permit to replace them by comfortable pews. Considering that there are barely fifty adult persons residing in the town, and these of all denominations, it is a matter of surprise to strangers how it were possible that sufficient ambition and spirit could be found to start an undertaking of this nature, much less to carry it through to a successful accomplishment. In speaking of the "townspeople" I do not for a moment wish to convey the idea that the people in the country were not equally solicitous in their endeavors, but it is readily understood that the great bulk of the work necessarily fell upon the townspeople. This district is fortunate in having in the person of the Rev. W. H. Green, their vicar, a gentleman genial, affable, and energetic, to whose activity and

perseverance the successful erection of this church is largely due. Notwithstanding that the weather was very severe for the time of year, there was a very good congregation—about one hundred. The Bishop conducted the whole of the service, giving a very instructive address, his earnestness of manner attracting and engaging all hearts. After the Consecration Service his Lordship administered the Rite of Confirmation. There were fourteen candidates (eight males and six females). Then followed the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, when thirty-two persons communicated. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. W. B. George, whose musical abilities are so well known, and who has, by getting up concerts and in other ways, been the means of greatly augmenting the funds. The combined Services lasted nearly three hours. The Bishop was the guest of Mr. Churchwarden and Mrs. Scoffham, who also entertained friends from the country at luncheon. The cost of the building so far is \$1,400. Assistance has been granted by the Synod of \$200, and a like amount loaned from the Diocesan Funds. The balance has been made up by the friends here and in the old country. As it is a rule never to consecrate a church in debt, your readers can imagine better than I can describe the efforts the committee have had to put forth in capturing enough cash to pay off the many various accounts. Much more, however, must be done to make the interior complete; the rough stone walls have a cheerless and unfinished appearance, and have yet to be