

REV. ALLAN POLLOK'S RETURN TO US.—We are happy to inform our readers that Mr. (we should rather say now Professor) Pollok has written that he proposes to leave Liverpool on May 4th, with his family, for Nova Scotia. We tender to him, by anticipation, hearty greetings from many old friends.

VACANCIES.—We regret to learn that there will probably soon be two vacancies in the Presbytery of Halifax,—the Rev. J. F. Campbell having demitted his charge of the united congregations of Richmond and North-West Arm, and Rev. D. Neish that of Musquodoboit.

OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT WALLACE.—On the 21st March last, a new Presbyterian Church was formally opened and dedicated to the worship of God, at the Stake Road, Wallace, by appropriate services; the minister of the congregation, Mr. Murray, officiating in the morning, while the services of the afternoon were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Morton, Methodist minister of Wallace. At both diets, the Church, which is comfortably seated for two hundred, was crowded to excess.

This Church, which is about five miles from Wallace, is very conveniently situated for those who reside at the Ridge and the surrounding district. It was commenced two years and a half ago, while Rev. Mr. Anderson was minister, and was erected on a site generously granted for the purpose by the late D. B. Munro, Esq., Stake Road. Much credit is due to the people who so laudably persevered in their efforts, and they have every reason to congratulate themselves on their success—as now God has so blessed their exertions that they have a comfortable place of worship where they and their families may statelyly meet for the service of God. It may be mentioned, also, that the building is entirely free of debt.

GIFTS TO REV. MR. MURRAY.—While other congregations have been, during the winter, showing their kindly feelings toward their ministers, it is but justice to the congregation at Wallace to state that they have not been behind others in thoughtful regard for the comfort of their minister, Mr. Murray. During the brief period of his residence here, they have, on more than one occasion,

given substantial tokens of their regard. On his first coming among them they supplied the manse with many useful and necessary articles of furniture, and shortly after, a cow was put into his barn. Early in March, men and teams gathered and hauled a year's fire-wood, while lately he was presented with a sleigh, along with two sets of driving harness, the one silver mounted.

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Mrs. Bauld, an old and tried friend of this congregation, has taken a step in the right direction, which we most sincerely hope may be followed by others. Taking the deep interest, which she does, in all that concerns its prosperity, and seeing that as a congregation supported on the pure and simple voluntary plan, it was liable to feel too keenly the fluctuations of trade and commerce, and wishing to see it established upon a sure foundation which would enable it to meet any crisis or emergency, she has handed over to the Trustees, for all time to come, eleven shares of bank stock, which cost her the sum of \$3344.00, which will yield an augmentation of nearly \$200 per annum to the minister for all time to come. It will be observed that the generous donor has not the object in view of relieving the congregation from their present liability to their minister; their obligations to him they are both able and willing to discharge.

We congratulate the people of St. Andrew's, on this acquisition to their congregational resources, and we are sure that it will serve as a stimulus in the work given to it to do. We believe that partially endowed Churches are best able to meet the duties of, and overcome the obstacles to, the work of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus.

This is the principle upon which the great endowment scheme of the Mother Church has been wrought. The newly-created Parishes, called Parishes *quoad sacra*, are simply congregations endowed sufficiently to meet a certain part of their revenue by money invested, and enough of the responsibility is left resting upon the people to keep them awake to their duty. It is also the principle wrought out by the Free Church, not so wisely, we believe, because not so permanently, by her Sustentation Fund. By this