

uary, and February, the climate is clear cold, and good in every way, and one can be in the open air all day. He adds, Before I left, in the end of 1851, we had established Government schools and I believe there is now a college, with a Principal and one or two English masters. There are also plenty of

village schools in all the districts, where Hindostani is taught. There is also at Ajmere a civil surgeon, and the military station of Nusserabad is only twelve miles distant. The town of Ajmere has about 25,000 inhabitants, and the people are flourishing and independent.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

RE-OPENING OF POPLAR GROVE CHURCH.

This building was re-opened for public worship on the last Sabbath of the year. As it is not yet quite finished inside, we omit all description of the change which it has undergone, farther than to say that while it presents an improved appearance *externally*, it is so *completely re-modelled internally*, that no one would recognize, in the large and handsome interior, any similarity, to what the Church formerly was.

The opening services were conducted by the pastor, and by the Rev. R. Sedgewick Musquodoboit. In the morning the Rev. Mr. McGregor, after invoking the Divine Presence during the day, and after the congregation had sung the 100th Psalm to the venerable Old Hundred,—read the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the temple, and also the 84th Psalm; and then led the devotions of the congregation, entreating that they might be largely blessed with spiritual influences, and be enabled to enter on an enlarged sphere of usefulness: that there many sinners might be led to ask the way to Zion, many anxious inquirers directed to Christ, and God's people be continually refreshed and strengthened. The sermon was from Lev. ch. 26th. v. 2d. "*Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord;*" and while the Divine Institution of the Lord's Day and of the Sanctuary were being proved, and the privileges and blessings of those who use them according to Divine appointment, were being illustrated from scripture and human experience, the deepest solemnity and attention prevailed the large and intelligent assembly.

The Rev. Mr. Sedgewick preached in the afternoon and evening to a large and most attentive audience,—choosing, in the afternoon, the closing verses of the 103th Psalm, and in the evening, Eph.

ch. v. 19th. 22nd. These discourses were replete with vitally important truths, well timed, and in all respects appropriate.

The collection taken at the door amounted to £54, and on the next evening the competition for Pews (although there was *no sale* of property) amounted to about £100.

We are happy to learn that the Ladies of the same Church realized £60, as the results of their half-yearly sale of useful and fancy articles, on the Monday afternoon and evening after the re-opening.—*P. Witness.*

MEETING OF HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Halifax in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met in Halifax on the 27th and 29th ult. Present—Rev. P. G. McGregor, Moderator, Rev. J. L. Murdoch, Rev. J. Cameron, Rev. R. Sedgewick and Rev. J. A. Murray, ministers.

The Moderator reported that he had presided according to appointment of Presbytery at the moderating in of a call in the month of November, at Newport, and that the congregation were unanimous in addressing the call to the Rev. John M. McLeod of St. Eleanora. The call, after being signed by those present at the meeting, was left in the hands of the Elders to receive additional signatures, and had not yet been forwarded. The Clerk was directed to write to the parties having charge of the call to see and have it forwarded to next meeting of Presbytery, which will be held in Halifax on the 2nd Tuesday of March.

The chief business of Presbytery was the receiving of the exercises of Mr. Thomas Sedgewick, prescribed as trials for license. These consisted of a lecture from Luke ix. 28—37, a popular sermon from Epistle to Phil. ch. 4, v. 19, and