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## New Church at Andover, N. B.

A new church was opened for public worship at Andover recently and a special sermon preached by Rev. Scovil Neales, M. A., rector of Sussex. We clip the following from the St. John Sun:—

The new church stands back from the main street a short distance, and is most centrally located in respect to the village itself, standing as it does very close to Curry's corner, on a lot formerly owned by the Freemasons. The design is of an order commonly used of late years in the erection of houses of worship in the Church of England, having the high pitched roof with drooping eaves. The details are carried out in strictly Gothic. The late rector, the Rev. Mr. Neales, did the designing, and superintended the construction, the whole making an architectural success, especially in regard to interior decoration and chancel finishing. The basement, which is of stone, extends under all, with head room of seven feet, and is intended to receive a furnace, which will be put in during the coming fall. In dimensions, the nave is 45x26, having a vestibule at the back 6 feet deep; the choir is 25x26, with a sanctuary of 15x20, a vestry adjoining one side and the tower standing on the other, making the general plan cruciform. The seating capacity is for 206. The tower stands 70 feet in height, and is surmounted by a handsome gilded cross 7 feet high, which was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hanford, late of St. John, who had charge of the parish between 1850 and 1860.

The inside of the church is finished entirely in hard woods, ash predominating. The ceiling is of open wood work of trussed timbers. The choir is double arched between the sanctuary, and the nave and all the chancel is ceiled up with ash to a height of nine feet, a heavy, rich moulding running down the sides of the chancel and nave at the base of the rafters. The interior framework of the windows and doors is especially noticeable in completeness of design, while the general tone in all the woodwork and tracery is one of harmony. The ash woodwork is noticeable for its richness of coloring and fineness of grain, being of a quality seldom to be found. It was supplied by Pinder's mills, Temperance Vale, York Co. and was put up by Kendall & Sons of

this town in a manner reflecting much credit.

The communion table, which is also of ash, with butternut relief, and of handsome design, was a gift to the church by Geo. A. Schofield of the Bank of New Brunswick in memory of the late Judge Peters. Being presented about two years ago, it was then placed in old Trinity until the completion of the new church. It is ornamented with the Trinity and Christian symbols, and the words, "Holy, Holy, Holy," in relief.

A valuable acquisition to the church furniture is expected by presentation from Oldham Bros., stone and marble workers of Southampton, York Co., in the shape of a freestone font, made in fac-simile of one in the Temperance Vale church, being octagonal in shape, with panelled shafts, the bowl bearing representations of the lion, eagle and ox in bas-relief. Its completion will represent months of skilled labor and will make a gift of great value.

The large east window in the chancel is one of extremely rich and handsome coloring, of a design furnished by Spence & Son of Montreal. The centre figure represents our Saviour, with the inscription beneath, "Salvator Mundi," and St. Andrew's and St. George's crosses below. In the side lights are medallions with the royal lilies, inscribed, one with "I arose a mother in Israel," the other, "Queen shall be thy nursing mother." Crowns are above and below the side medallions, all on a field of smaller crowns and fleur-de-lis, bordered with roses, thistles, and shamrocks. In the tracery of the window arch is a large quatre-foil bearing the royal arms, and two tre-foils, bearing oak leaves about the dates 1837, 1897, and also sacred monograms, Alpha and Omega, and I. H. S. At the base is the inscription: "To the glory of God, in commemoration of the sexagenary of the reign of her majesty Queen Victoria, erected by the Woman's Aid Association of this parish, 1897." The window fittingly commemorates not only the jubilee, but the indefatigable efforts of the ladies in the congregation, who during the three years past have raised in the neighbourhood of \$1,000, which has gone towards the improvements to the rectory and in aid of the new church. The south window in the chancel represents the figure of St. John the Evangelist, and bears the inscription, "To the

glory of God and in loving memory of Wm. Watson, born 1810, died 1883, and his wife, born 1823, died 1874, two founders of this parish." It is also done in rich coloring and was put in by the Misses Watson, daughters of those whom the window commemorates. On the opposite side of the chancel is another handsome window, representing our Saviour with child in arms, which was put in by Mr. and Mrs. C. LeB. Miles, the inscription reading, "In loving memory of Vera Constance Miles, died Jan. 1895, aged 14 years." The windows down the nave are of plain cathedral glass, with colored border, each one bearing colored emblems, which were inserted free by Spence & Sons, from whom all the glass was purchased.

The western window, also commemorative, is of large size, having three lights with tracery above. The centre light bears the head of St. Andrew, the side lights have crossed sheaves of wheat on the one side and chalice, patten and cluster of grapes on the other, while above in the quatre-foil is the Holy Bible on a ground work of the cross. The inscription is: "In loving memory of Lewis Pickett, for many years warden of this parish. Died Feb. 1890, aged 62."

The belfry is already supplied with a bell, the one from old Trinity, which was originally brought out from England, having been removed to its new position. The pews are also those from the old church, with additions, and are of modern finish, having been put in but a few years ago.

- Among the many gifts to the church should be mentioned:
- Young Woman's Guild of Trinity church, St. John \$ 15.00
  - Girls Branch of Fredericton..... 80.00
  - Woman's Aid Association of Fredericton..... 25.00
  - Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge.... 200.00
  - Asa Dow of Eel River, York county..... 100.00
  - Mrs. Andrew Rainsford of Grand Falls..... 100.00
  - Mrs. Medley of Fredericton 25.00
- and other valuable gifts.

It is now but a little over a year since ground was broken for the foundation of the nearly completed house of worship, which stands as a monument to the energy and will of a congregation which has worked with a whole-heartedness and power seldom excelled. As it stands the church has but a small

debt remaining, and the prospects are good for the balance being paid off this fall. It is hoped that consecration will take place in a few months after the return of Bishop Kingdon from England. Two other new churches in the county, the one at Four Falls and one at Glenburne, will be consecrated at the same time.

A new rector is soon to be selected to take Mr. Neales place, who in leaving so take up his Sussex duties, carries with him the love and esteem of the congregation among whom he had labored during the three years past.

The old church, which is now dismantled, was built when the Upper St. John was in its infancy and Andover was non-existent, the settlement which was then forming being known as Tobique. It was about 1840 when the Rev. Mr. Thompson, the first clergyman of the mission, came to the village. Before he left the church was built and nearly completed. The Rev. Mr. McGivern was in charge from 1845 to 1849, after whom came Rev. S. Jones Hanford, who was incumbent until Rev. W. Henry Street's coming in 1859. In 1870 Rev. Leo A. Hoyt took charge and for 23 years, until a short time before Mr. Neales' coming, he performed the duties of what was one of the hardest parishes of the province. Good results have followed the efforts of these "laborers in the vineyard," and the Church of England in Victoria county is now in a thriving condition.

Bishop Penick writes in the *Southern Churchman*: "Amid all of the deeds of heroism done, none perhaps stands more glorious than the story of our great hero, 'Schereschewsky,' as it was told by one of the oldest and most honored members of the Missionary Union. He is pictured as unable to speak plainly from a stroke of paralysis, unable to walk save by leaning his hands upon the shoulders of his wife; unable to write, save with one finger, on a typewriter; and yet laboring on through long years thus afflicted, this man has given the Bible to the Chinese, perhaps in one of the best translations that has yet appeared and is there now supervising its publication."

Don't be more careful about the foundation that is under your house than about the foundation that is under your life.