

due regard to the physical comfort of the worshippers. The pews will seat comfortably about 300, and there is room enough round the pulpit for seating a hundred more, if occasion required. The most striking piece of work in the church is the pulpit. It is extremely neat, and reflects credit on its builder. It is about 3 feet 3 from the floor, and is also constructed of butternutt wood, which is simply oiled, and left in all its native beauty variety of grain. Surrounding the pulpit is a Communion rail, and outside of this a space is left for the erection of a circular table capable of seating a large number of communicants. The congregation of St. Paul's determined, previous to the opening of the Church, to adopt the principle of free seats. Not a single pew is sold, or rented—all are free to all, and the result, so far, has been, I believe, quite satisfactory. There are no galleries, and consequently the rich and poor are not separated by that unseemly gulf that is too often observable in our places of worship. Deadheadism is also unknown for the same reason, and each worshipper being trusted to do his best towards the support of the Church, is thereby rendered trustworthy, and does it. As there are no side galleries to interfere with the light and sound, the tall ground glass windows on each side of the Church show to advantage, and afford good light and excellent ventilation.

At present there is an echo in the building, which is a little unpleasant to both speaker and hearers, but this will almost certainly be remedied by the carpeting of the aisles and pews. A small organ, and about eight singers, afford good music, and lead the congregational singing in excellent time and tune.

The outside appearance of the building is not so good. It looks a little out of proportion by being so high. The bell-tower is over the front entrance, and runs from the roof about 6 or 8 feet. It is surmounted by a Scotch Thistle, which stands out in a most conspicuous and menacing manner. This, I understand, is a very wonderful thistle. Beneath its sheltering influence a number of young Scotch thistles are growing in front of the church door. On enquiring how they came there, Mr. McDonald, who is

the most enthusiastic kirk-man I ever met, gravely pointed to the gilt thistle on the bell-tower, and said, "You see her up there; well, she seeds every year."

There are two things about my friend Mr. McDonald which no one of his acquaintance will for a moment doubt,—one is the purity of his Highland Scotch blood, and the other is his intense love for his church. There is nothing within the scope of mortals he is not prepared to do and suffer for it. He has worked, and begged, and borrowed, and fought for it for years, and now that they have what he calls one of the finest Kirks in the Province, and the best minister in the Synod, he is to-day the proudest man in the whole County of Carleton. If such enthusiastic workers could be produced as easily and rapidly as Scotch thistles, I would humbly overture the next Synod to take into its consideration the cultivation of such a desirable class. It sometimes happens, however, that, like the Scottish emblem, such men and women are not very easily handled by reason of thorns. The "nemo me impune" is now and then painfully conspicuous, and any interference with what they set their hearts or heads on is dangerous.

The cost of the church is about \$3,500, and it is highly creditable to all concerned that so small a debt as some \$200 only remains on the property. Mr. Begg's induction, by the Presbytery of St. John, will likely take place some time in September. Already he has done a great work, and the prospect for years of usefulness is very encouraging to all interested in the extension of Christ's cause.

The Sabbath School in connection with St. Paul's continues to prosper under the faithful management of Mr. Munro. We believe that the ladies of the congregation are to hold a Soiree to help to meet the remainder of the debt due on the church. We wish them every success, and as it is probable some of the members of Presbytery may be present on the occasion, an account of the proceedings will likely be forwarded in time for next Monthly Record. G. J. C.

Note the address of the Secretary of the Record—"Mayflower" Office, 45 Granville St., Halifax. Remittances are much needed.