

build the school houses at the Highlands ; additional rooms were provided in the old Academy grounds. In 1889, it was decided to purchase the present site of the Academy from Senator Dickey. In 1890, the Act of Incorporation of the Town took matters out of the hands of the old Trustees and vested them in the Board of School Commissioners for the Town ; and in 1891 \$25,000 was voted for the erection of the present building. In 1892, the corner stone was laid, and in 1893, Aug. 18, it was opened for teaching. It cost altogether about \$32,000. It is built of brick and stone, contains thirteen rooms, assembly hall, laboratory, office, and rooms in basement for lavatories, etc. There are now fourteen teachers in the town, with a registered attendance of 900. The appropriation this year is \$4,500.

The late Thos. Lusby, Esq., was the efficient Secretary of Trustees for nearly thirty years.

The Inspectors of School in the county from the beginning of the School Act are : Messrs. Christie, George, Darragh, Mackenzie, Lay and Craig.

The Religious Interests



THE NEW LIGHT MOVEMENT.

I find that Henry Alline, called a New Light minister, and who made a distinct religious impression on the Province in his travels, paid Amherst two visits, in 1781 and '82. [The late Luther Lusby, whom I buried in 1870, told me that he remembered seeing this Evangelist in his father's house, near the marsh, Mr. L. being then a mere child.] July 11, 1781, his journal records that "he crossed the river to Amherst Point, and preached there in the evening." "At Fort Lawrence on the 13th and 18th"; "Near the garrison on the 19th." Again, on the 3rd of August, "preached with some success to some of the capital men of the place, * * * and some of the officers of the garrison were very attentive." The commander invited him to dine, and treated him with great civility. This would be at Fort Cumberland. He speaks of "the church gathering together, without any bars or separation about different sects," etc. But where the church worshipped he does not indicate. He goes to Bay Verte, and returns on the 9th August to Cumberland, where some notable conversions took place. At the same time, 1772, Rev. Wm. Black's congregation suffered the loss of seventy, who went over to Mr. Alline.

METHODISM.

The gentleman just named, was born in Huddersfield, England, in 1760, and removed to Amherst with his father, also William Black, in 1775. The family of Mr. Black shared in the blessing of a religious revival in Amherst in 1779. There