

men, called and chosen and faithful, (Rev. 17: 14). The Lord has recently been saving thousands of souls. Gideon's little army going against the Midianites, has its modern counterpart in the mission of Moody and Sankey among the British masses. "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty." (1 Cor. 1: 27).

V. 3.—"Whosoever is fearful and afraid." In the laws respecting war, (Deut. 20: 8). "The officers shall speak unto the people and shall say, What man is fearful and faint hearted let him return," and the reason is given, "lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart." So, too, in Christian work and warfare, courage is contagious. Pliable will not make a good pilgrim. Our Lord calls this "counting the cost." Judges 14: 28.

V. 5.—*Every one that lappeth.* Bowing down upon the knees to drink was taken as an indication of the absence of earnest impetuosity. "Lapping water in this way was considered as a mark of sobriety and activity, and distinguished the manly and active soldier from the more dainty and feeble." This lapping is described as "throwing up water into the mouth with the hollow of the hand, as rapidly as the dog laps." With these 300 men, Gideon went forth in the spirit of King Asa, "Lord it is nothing with thee to help whether with many, or with them that have no power." Many are called, but few chosen, or "choice ones." Matt. 20: 16.

News of the Church.

Nova Scotia.

THE Manse of St. Andrew's, Halifax, has been completed, occupied and paid for. About three years ago, it will be remembered, the new Church was built, at a cost of about \$30,000; and now, in addition thereto, we have much pleasure in recording the fact that the manse is the property of the Church, without debt, claim or encumbrance of any kind upon it. It stands upon a lot of land adjoining the Church, and all together the property is second to none in the Dominion, for beauty, completeness and convenience.

We recognize the old names coming to the front again, which we noticed on the occasion of the building of the Church. For the information of those interested, we give the list of contributors:—Alex. McLeod, \$1600; John Gibson, \$1000; proceeds of Bazaar,

\$822; James Thomson, \$400; Mrs. Bauld, Senr., \$400; Capt. J. Taylor, \$250; Mrs. Taylor, \$250; Wm. Bauld, \$200; John T. Fraser, \$100; Philip Thompson, \$50; John Taylor, Elder, \$25; John Dilworth, \$25; Jas. Reeves, \$20; William Hampton, \$5; William Trail, \$5; Robert McFadden, \$1—Total, \$5153.

But when the transaction came to be finally wound up, it was found that the cost of the building (\$6566) exceeded the contributions by the sum of \$1413. It was a somewhat serious position for the Trustees to be landed in; nevertheless one of them, the Chairman, JOHN GIBSON, Esq., proved equal to the occasion, and gave, in addition to his original contribution of \$1000, a cheque for the sum required (\$1413), in order to free the Manse of debt, thus making his contribution toward the Manse amount to the handsome total of \$2413. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

May there be much good done in and around the new Manse of St. Andrew's, and may the good work be prosecuted with vigour corresponding to each mark of material progress which of late we have had the pleasure, from time to time, to chronicle.

THE Female Benevolent Society of St. Andrew's, Halifax, has published its annual report for 1874. The Treasurer's account shows the following figures:

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| Received for Garments sold | \$59 20 |
| " in Subscriptions | 55 00 |
| Balance from 1873 | 16 06 |
| | <hr/> \$130 26 |
| DR. | |
| Paid Women for work | \$27 90 |
| " Discount for selling work | 4 50 |
| " For Cotton, &c., &c. | 41 84 |
| " Donations in money, &c. | 29 91 |
| " Printing Reports | 2 00 |
| Balance on hand | 24 11 |
| | <hr/> \$130 26 |

GARMENTS, WORK, &C.

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| Number of Garments sold | 121 |
| " " given away | 44 |
| " " made | 165 |
| Garments and material on hand | None |
| Number of Women employed | 8 |

REV. S. MCGREGOR left Halifax on the 25th ult., for Scotland, whither he