

the New Year of 1857. The ability of this wealthy congregation is evinced in the fact that this place of worship cost them more than £10,000. The inaugural services were performed with an ability and impressiveness by the senior incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Scott, which have given him a fresh and stronger lease of the affections of his people.

St. Andrew's Church, in the same city, has also, we are glad to learn, been getting not only a new face, but we might also say, a new constitution—giving it fresh life, hope and vigor. During the last summer, £345 were realized by a bazaar, and this very handsome sum has been applied in renovating and improving the building, which besides adding to its comfort and general appearance affords what is still more satisfactory, a proof of progress, of a sound and healthy foundation, and that the ministrations of its excellent pastor have not been without fruit.

The church of the venerable Dr. McGillivray of McLennan's Mountain has long been in a dilapidated state, and last summer its members resolved on making an effort to procure a new one. A bazaar was accordingly held in that place in July last, and the munificent sum of £180 realised for the object. In using the word, munificent, we speak comparatively—for in our opinion, considering that this is a strictly rural and altogether farming district, we are not sure that it is not entitled to take rank even above those of St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's, Halifax. All honor to the McLennan men. We have heard it whispered that there is some difficulty in allocating a site. If we might be so bold as hazard an unasked advice, we would say, leave the matter in the hands of your venerable pastor. His sound judgment and great experience, but above all, his great fidelity at a trying and a tempting time, entitle him to this mark of your confidence and affection. In the West Branch of East River a fine church has been finished and opened, the sale of pews realizing £1580, *and this by a people without a minister*. So noble an effort is worthy of the highest praise.

The people of Barney's River, with a spirit which does them the highest credit, have also had a new church under way, and by this time probably finished. Mr. Mair, their enthusiastic minister, has been engaged, we believe, during a portion of last summer in advocating their cause, among the sister Churches of Canada and New Brunswick, with what success we have not learned. This parish, large in extent, considerable in numbers, but weak in means, is entitled to and we are sure will receive the sympathy of the friends of the Church of Scotland throughout the Province. We trust a brighter day is dawning upon it.

During the past year also, a very successful bazaar, realizing we think upwards of £240, was held at Charlottetown in aid of St. James' Church in order to wipe off an old

debt; an example worthy of the closest imitation by every Church that regards its prosperity, for there is no such fearful down-draught, to use a Scotticism, no such fatal dead weight round a Church's neck, as a load of debt. Let every Church sever the connection that values its health and safety.

Two additional missionaries have arrived, and one has left Nova Scotia during the past year. Mr. Sinclair has been located in the County of Pictou, and is laboring with great energy and acceptability among the many destitute localities of this district, dividing the word of life among the people in their beloved native tongue.

Mr. Stewart, the second missionary, has been appointed, and is laboring with much devotion and success within the Presbyterian bounds of Halifax. The Rev. Mr. Wilson, after laboring with much acceptance during three years in the same Presbytery, has gone home through failing health. The Rev. Mr. Lochead has been re-appointed by the Colonial Committee to P. E. Island.

It gives us much pleasure to have it in our power to intimate that several settlements of a most harmonious character have taken place during the past year. The Rev. Mr. Tallach, who acted during two years as a missionary in this place, has been appointed to Pugwash, where his ministrations are attended by a crowded and attached congregation.

The Rev. Mr. McLean has accepted a call to Belfast, P. E. I., and his labors, as they have been everywhere else, are highly appreciated in this extensive and important charge.

The Rev. Mr. McKay has also received a unanimous call and been placed over the two large congregations of Gairloch and Salt-springs.

In all these appointments, there is cause for congratulation and gratitude; some, at least, of our waste places are being filled, and we can look forward with hope even to a brighter day.

Four distinguished students belonging to our native land, will soon have completed their studies, and be among us, infusing fresh strength and hope and vigor. It is with a just feeling of pride we announce, that all of them, we think, three of them we know, have carried high honours in the University of Glasgow—one of them, Mr. George Grant, the highest for a succession of years. In addition to this, five students left Pictou in October last, to study in the University of Glasgow, three of whom are intended for the ministry; so that we have not fewer than nine students from Pictou alone attending one college in the mother country.

We have given our readers the fair side of the picture; we might introduce the shade, and make it dark enough, but we have neither space nor spirit to do so. We are a living church, contending amidst many and serious difficulties, yet our path of duty is plain and open, *perge et prospera*. Let us cultivate a