

ple moved to the Temperance Hall, to enjoy an ample feast prepared for the occasion. The Hall presented a most refreshing appearance,—fair and tasteful hands having festooned it with evergreens, and mottoed the walls with appropriate devices.

Seven o'clock in the evening found the Church again crowded. After the *Ein feste burg ist unser Gott* by the excellent choir, the Rev. Mr. Duff read the first chapter of Hebrews, and called on Mr. Morrison to offer prayer. Music succeeded. Mr. Duff then, pithily and delicately touched the springs of the past—ordering in rapid review before the audience the troops of events connected with our Church in this locality, which have shaped our present position. As facts, he stated that the Government having made provision for the religious wants of the people, only so far as they were willing to adopt the English Episcopal services, a great body of the people somewhere about 1760—5 declared themselves a Presbyterian congregation, and, after applying in vain to Philadelphia for a German pastor, called, in the beginning of the year 1770, Mr Bruin Romcas Commingo, a devout man of their own faith and nation, then residing at Chester, to be their minister, who, having expressed his consent, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Lunenburg Congregation on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1770, and immediately commenced his labours, which were prosecuted with great zeal, and no little success, till the very close of his life, upwards of forty years afterwards:—that his successor was an accomplished scholar and gentleman, from the University of Heidelberg; but that, owing to causes over which charity draws its veil, his ministry was far less successful;—that to him succeeded Mr. Fraser, who laboured ably and with great acceptance for five years;—that he himself followed, in A. D. 1842; and that, during his own ministry of 28 years, amidst much that was discouraging, the good cause had steadily progressed; three new congregations had been formed, and five or six new churches built, either wholly or in part belonging to the body. He closed by an appeal to the audience to realize the great object and mission of the Church, the adding of living stones to the great spiritual temple, and called upon each and all to lend to this a willing heart and hand. Then came the *treat* of the evening,—the singing, by choir and congregation, of an original hymn, composed expressly for the occasion, by one of the ladies.

Mr. Morrison then spoke briefly, on the principles of liberty, order and unity involved in the Presbyterian system; and showed how it was well adapted to the

development and extension of christianity. Mr. McMillan dwelt briefly on the benefit of recalling by such meetings, "the days of old;" and after highly complimenting the ladies on the success of all their arrangements, bore emphatic testimony to his own enjoyment. The choir again did duty, followed by Mr. Abraham Hebb, Elder, of Bridgewater, who entertained the audience by contrasting the present Christian aspect of Lunenburg with what he himself had often witnessed of drunkenness and revelry, concluded by enforcing appropriate lessons. More singing, the Doxology, and the Benediction concluded the services.

It was matter of regret that no ministers or members of the Church from a distance found it convenient to be present, and that Mr. McNab was detained at home by sickness—the more so as hopes had been raised that the presence of some of the ministerial brethren especially, would give a richer variety, and a deeper interest to the gathering. Notwithstanding this great drawback, the day will be long remembered as an epoch in the history of Lunenburg Presbyterianism. And all present seemed to feel what one of the speakers—not an Irishman, but fond of perpetrating an occasional Irish bull declared, that "the day was to him the happiest holiday he had spent for the last hundred years." One deeply pleasing feature of the whole, was the evident interest and sympathy of sister churches, a number of their ministers and members being present. May christian harmony, sympathy, and co-operation, with just enough of denominationalism to keep the churches from falling asleep, ever prevail in Lunenburg.

New Brunswick Bible Society.

The New Brunswick Auxiliary of the B. and F. Bible Society held its anniversary in St. John last month. The Report read by Mr. A. Russell shewed 57 branches connected with the Central Society, five of which was formed during the year. The Ladies Bible Society of St. John had raised \$600. The speeches were excellent, and the meeting enthusiastic.—Collection \$44.

Baptist Foreign Missions.

The Baptists of the Lower Provinces have taken steps toward an independent Foreign Mission in Burmah, but in strictest harmony with the Missions of their American brethren. Miss Norris, who left our Province last autumn, writes in excellent spirits from the Mediterranean, *en route* for Burmah to join Miss DeWolfe and Rev. A. R. Crawley.

All the additional funds required will be