

majority decided in favor of the Church of Scotland. The minority acquiesced in the decision; and the affairs of the congregation have proceeded with much harmony ever since. The Rev. William Murray laboured there for over three years most successfully; and the neat and commodious Church is at once a monument of his energy, a credit to the congregation, and an ornament to the town.

The Rev. James Mackie is now labouring there, and in the surrounding outstations. Lately a Free Church missionary has come to Shediac (an outstation), and he also visits some of the surrounding districts. The station is not capable of sustaining two, perhaps not one comfortably. Why should they interfere with one another, when there are so many unoccupied fields to till?

A Bazaar was held by our adherents, in St. Andrew's, in September, to raise means to pay off some congregational debt. It was quite successful as far as it went. Whether or not the whole amount required was raised I have not learnt. Bazaars and soirees have become very popular modes of raising money for religious and charitable purposes. How far they are desirable modes may be questioned. They have not been generally adopted in our Church; but on the contrary discountenanced. It is true that people more readily give money in these ways. But when given, from what motive is it? Is it charity? Religion? I must confess to a decided preference to direct religious or charitable giving, where other and less worthy motives are less likely to intervene. A systematic benevolence is unquestionably the best; but this is only to be expected from truly religious men whose hearts are filled with the spirit of Christ.

The Rev. Peter Keay of Nashwaak craved leave from the presbytery at its last sitting to pay a short visit to Scotland. It was granted; and I understand that he is now on his way thither.

II.

### Our Church in Prince Edward Island.

WE are glad to record the erection of several new Churches in this part of our field. Four new buildings are being prepared for use. One at Cardigan—begun in Mr. Lochhead's time—is now nearly completed. It is a commodious little building, about five miles from Georgetown, capable of accommodating about 200 people, and is generally full when service is held there. This station will yet, it is hoped, be of valuable assistance to Georgetown in the support of a minister.

There is another at Little Sand's District, belonging to the Belfast congregation. It is moving slowly towards completion. It is situated about fifteen miles from the Church at Belfast, and about as far from Georgetown. Could that station be linked to Georgetown—and I dare say the Belfast Church could spare it—then in a short time the three places—

Georgetown, Cardigan, and Little Sand's might be able to support a minister.

There is a third Church erected at Orwell, about six miles from the Belfast Church. It was begun about eighteen months ago, and is now so far advanced that service is held in it every third Sabbath. On these occasions it is crowded to overflowing—by persons, too, the most of whom were able to go very seldom to Belfast Church.

The credit of this building is due, principally, to the energy and zeal of R. S. Finlay, Esq., of Orwell. At his suggestion it was commenced, and by his unwearied labours, chiefly, it has reached its present condition.

The site—a very excellent one, with an acre of land attached—was given by Mr. Nicholson, one of the elders of Belfast. This promises to be a very flourishing part of Mr. McLean's congregation.

The Church on the Brackley Point Road is up, and we expect to have sermon in it before long, although a good way from being fully finished yet. Its dimensions are 42 feet by 36. It is very creditable to the settlement, however.

I am happy to say that the Manse in Georgetown is getting on very well, too, and we hope to see the minister settled in it before this time next year.

Mr. Duncan begs to acknowledge the receipt of a very handsome Pulpit Bible and Psalm Book from James Robertson, Esq., Brackley Point Road—presented by him to the new Church on that road.

### THE MANSE, WEST BRANCH.

19th December, 1862.

MY DEAR MR. COSTLEY,—

WE hope our friends throughout the country are, as usual, mindful of the "Young Men's Scheme." When advocating the claims of that scheme in the pages of the *Record* of last year, we expressed our conviction of its vast importance to us as a Church in this Province. And nothing has since transpired to lessen its importance, or in any degree weaken its claims. It is true, indeed, that at last meeting of Synod a committee was appointed to confer with other religious bodies with respect to the desirableness of attempting to form a Provincial University—that this committee met and agreed, with others, upon the desirableness of such an undertaking—that they also met the trustees of Dalhousie College, and found them very ready to enter upon the views of the committee—and that it is confidently expected we shall have Legislative enactment upon the matter during the approaching session of the House, resulting in the establishment of Dalhousie College as a Provincial University. And we certainly think this is a move in the right direction. The scheme is thoroughly sound in theory, and, if realized, will, we hope, prove highly beneficial in its practical effects. Indeed we believe