

place of worship. It was accordingly sold last year for a Town Hall, with the express condition, that it should be open for preaching by Congregational Ministers whenever desired. The amount obtained for the building, quite a respectable sum, will be invested by Mrs Norris, and will be available to build another place of worship, for which that lady will give a more eligible site, should it be deemed advisable to re-establish a cause there in the future. Should this not be done, the fund will, by the provisions of the trust-deed, revert to the nearest Congregational Church, which is at Manchester, where a new church edifice is much needed. We spent two days most agreeably at Cape Canso with Mrs. Norris and her amiable family, preaching both evenings to good audiences, and holding pleasant intercourse with Christian people of various denominations. On the Saturday we returned to Guysburgh, and crossed over to

MANCHESTER.

This place is not, as some might suppose from its somewhat pretentious name, either a town or a village, but a densely populated and long settled farming district. Arriving here on Saturday evening we made straight for the house of the Rev. Frederick Dairen, pastor of the Church in Manchester, and the oldest Congregational Minister in the Lower Provinces, if not in the North American Colonies. Our brother, who, though advanced in years, is still a man of majestic presence, and lively and genial disposition, is of clerical descent, being the son of a Congregational and the grandson of a Lutheran minister. He was the first minister in this place, and his church was the first church here. For half a century he has laboured on, with but few ministerial brethren to coöperate with him. A famous preacher was brother Dairen in his younger days, travelling many hundreds of miles to preach the gospel of Christ. His name and memory are cherished with deep affection in many a household, not only in the east of Nova Scotia, but in Cape Breton. He might be said to be the founder of three Congregational Churches besides that at Manchester. It was in revival seasons, the fruit of his evangelistic labors many years ago, that the Churches at Cape Canso, N. S., and Margaree and the North West Arm, Cape Breton, originated.

Our brother still preaches once every Sabbath to a small but warmly attached congregation. He complains, and we think with good cause, of the proselytizing efforts of other denominations, by which, since he has become old and feeble, large numbers of his people have been induced to join other bodies. It is, however, rather remarkable, that, for this year or two past attempts at proselytizing, though vigorous, have been quite unsuccessful, and the little church remains firm. Indeed the tables seem rather to be turning, and many persons to be enquiring after the good old path. We were informed by brother Dairen of cases in which the parents had joined other bodies, who possessed younger and attractive ministers, while their children, young people who had become men and women, refused to go with them, saying that they had always been Congregationalists and meant to remain so.

We remained with brother Dairen over the Sabbath and Monday, preaching three times on the Sabbath and again on the Monday evening, to excellent congregations. We were much struck with the large number of interesting young people in the congregation, who paid the most marked attention to the preaching. We were persuaded that many were deeply thoughtful, and one woman, who has long been in darkness and trouble of mind, testified in open meeting on Sabbath afternoon that she had found the Saviour. This was to