

are still largely, and it is to be feared, increasingly prevalent; that existing organizations have proved altogether insufficient to remedy these evils; that professors of religion have ceased to co-operate with these organizations to the same extent as formerly; and that it appeared to belong to the church to deal with Intemperance as with other forms of sinning. It was accordingly overtured the Presbytery to take the subject into their serious consideration, and, by the institution and encouragement of congregational Temperance societies, or in such other way as might be thought fit, endeavour to meet the necessities of the case. The subject was sent to the committee on revival to come up in their report for farther consideration.

Appointed next meeting to be at Truro, on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

A. L. WYLLIE, *Clerk.*

Statistics of the Church for 1870.

The last Synod directed the Committee on Statistics to publish the Tables in the June *Record*. Now, in order that this may be accomplished, Clerks of Presbyteries will please send their Returns without delay to Professor MACKNIGHT, Dartmouth. The Tables must be in the Printer's hands early in May.—Such Tables occupy a great deal of time in setting up, and hence the necessity of having them early in the Printer's hands.—The Synod attaches great importance to a complete *exhibit* of the Statistics of all the congregations within the bounds. It is desired that all the information contained in the Tables shall be accessible to the members of Synod when they assemble at St. John.—The matter must now rest mainly with the Clerks of Presbyteries. They have no time to spare in sending along their returns. Let there be no blanks, if they can possibly be avoided.

THE first two numbers of the *Record* for this year are now exhausted. Orders should now begin with March, and a proportionate deduction (one-sixth) should be made from the price for the year. We are happy to say that the circulation of the *Record* is on the increase.

Opening of Bridgetown Presbyterian Church.

The new Presbyterian Church in Bridgetown was opened on the 19th ult., Rev. P. G. McGregor preaching in the morning, and Rev. D. S. Gordon, the Pastor of the congregation, conducting the Sacramental services, which followed the opening. Rev. Mr. Falconer, of Dartmouth, preached in the afternoon and evening; Rev. S. T.

Rand gave a brief address and the closing prayer in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Henrtz, Wesleyan, offered the closing prayer in the evening. Five members were received in the morning, two by certificate and three by public profession. Three children were baptized in the afternoon. In the morning the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and at the second and third services was well filled. The portions of Scripture read were carefully selected, the devotional services were solemn and appropriate, the singing grave, sweet and chaste, and the discourses heard with rapt attention by a sympathizing and most attentive people.

The following figures will give an idea of the building:—Length 51 feet; breadth 31 ft. Tower at the end 9 feet additional, making the front 40 feet. Session Room at the back, from which there is convenient entrance to the pulpit, 18 feet by 12; Height of spire, 65 feet. Material of building, pressed brick; number of seats 48; sittings, 300. Windows length, 10 by 2 feet in breadth, gothic, with lead sashes and Cathedral tint glass.—One large window being in front of the minister.

The Ladies have done their part well in furnishing the interior with a handsome Chandelier, containing twelve lamps, by which the whole is lighted, in covering the aisles with Cocoa matting, the platform with neat carpeting, and in providing a walnut and hair-cloth safe, on front of which stands a desk, in style suitable to the building. A Bible was presented by Mr. William Bishop, of the Halifax Wesley Marble Works.

The building taken as a whole is substantial, well proportioned and elegant, but not in any respect extravagant; and the site of our church in Bridgetown is all that could be desired, being on the north bank of the Annapolis River; the building being the first and most striking object that meets the eye between the Railway station and the town, and the lot is large and must grow in value.

We were happy to see a sprinkling of our Annapolis friends present, rejoicing in the progress and success of this newer section of the congregation; and it was equally pleasing to mark the good will of the other denominations alike by their attendance on the Lord's day, and by applying for sittings on Monday, when 38 out of the 48 Pews were allotted to applicants; the proceeds to meet interest and debt, while the minister's support is to be provided for by free contribution.

What the building has cost and what debt remains we cannot say, but feel that there are congregations in the body that might well give them some aid. To those that have contributed, much gratitude is