

in St. John, New Brunswick, are to be replaced next month by a detachment of the 84th, the full strength will be stationed in Halifax as long as they are in the Dominion. The sum allowed by Government for Chaplain's services to them is very trifling, but whatever it amounts to, the Congregation receives it as part of its revenue from seat rents. Mr. Grant proposed an arrangement by which he himself would have to pay about half of the salary of the assistant; but the Congregation unanimously refused to allow him to do so, and instead, took the entire burden on themselves. Hereafter, there will be service in St. Matthew's forenoon, afternoon, and evening. No other Presbyterian Church in the city has afternoon service. We understand that Mr. Grant has secured as his assistant, Mr. J. Fraser Campbell, of Baddeck, C. B., who returned from Scotland last December, where he had studied eight years previously, and that the new arrangement will begin next month.

### **Our Vacant Congregations, and our Prospects of Supply.—**

It is discouraging to be told that perhaps never since 1845 had we so many vacancies within our bounds as there are now, and also that we have almost as little likelihood now as then of receiving ministers from Scotland. But we are cheered when we count up the number of our own young men who are studying for the sacred office, at various schools of learning, and know that several of these are aided by the Young Mens' Scheme or bursary fund. There are Messrs. D. Campbell and S. Russell at Queen's College, Kingston; Mr. A. Nicholson at Princeton; and Messrs. Geo. Murray and J. Sutherland at Glasgow University. There are several others studying in Scotland, such as Mr. D. H. Cogswell at Edinburgh, and Mr. Aeneas Gordon at Glasgow, who we earnestly trust will return to us when they are licensed to preach the Gospel. And besides all these, there are at least three or four young gentlemen now going through their Arts course at Dalhousie College, who have the ministry in view as their life work, and who are highly esteemed by all who know them. Why should we ask Scotchmen to leave their fatherland to preach to us? Are our own young men unwilling to serve the Lord as ministers to His flock? Let the church encourage the young men, help them, treat them justly, pray for them and with them, and we believe that numbers more will come forward—and that our Zion will be built up.

**Bazaar.**—The Scholars of the Sunday School in St. Andrew's, Halifax, intend to hold a Bazaar during Easter week, for the purpose of making an addition to the number of volumes in the library. They would therefore ask the friends of the church in the city and elsewhere to give them whatever assistance, either in work or material, they may feel disposed. The following are the names of the Committee who will receive such donations as may be sent: Mrs. V. H. Bauld; Miss Mitchell; Miss Annie Thompson; Miss Kate Thompson; Miss Kerr; Miss Grant; Miss Bauld; Miss Reeves.

**Presentation.**—On the evening of the 12th ult., the S. S. Teachers in connection with St. Matthew's Church, presented their Superintendent, Mr. Murdoch M. Lindsay, with an elegant Family Bible, to mark their appreciation of his labours in the management of their school, which is the largest within the bounds of the Synod, if not the largest in the Dominion Church. This act of kindness affords us very great delight, as we know personally Mr. Lindsay's value, not only to the Sunday School, but also to the congregation. He is the Minister's right-hand man, and he has contributed in no small degree in making both the Sunday School and congregation what they are. We congratulate Mr. Lindsay in having the best staff of teachers in the city of Halifax, and on having merited their sympathy and esteem.