

from the proceeds of the Bazaar, after liquidating the present debt, to form a nucleus for a Manse building fund. By their advertisement, however, I see the ladies are afraid of professing this hope. When the proceeds of their bazaar are counted, I trust they will find that their friends have exceeded their expectations. They certainly deserve success; for the contributions to the general schemes of the Church, which distinguished this weak congregation last year, I am happy to find, have not fallen off, although they have had so much this year to do for themselves.

I am, dear Editor,

Yours, &c.,

WM. THOS. WILKINS.

## News of our Church.

### St. Andrew's, Halifax.

A lady has just made a very handsome present of a magnificent set of pulpit trimmings to this new church. The new bell, the present of another lady of the congregation, has arrived. It was the intention of the Kirk Session to have opened on Sunday last, but, owing to delay in procuring part of the furnishing, the opening day has been postponed.

### Richmond.

The new church at Richmond has its exterior nearly completed. It reflects much credit on Messrs. Sterling and Dewar, the designers, and on Mr. Lindsay, the builder. We congratulate our adherents at Richmond on their neat and beautiful structure. May they enjoy much of "the wisdom of God and the power of God" within its walls.

### St. Andrew's, St. John.

The congregation of St. Andrew's have, by a majority of votes, made choice of a successor to the late and much lamented Dr. Donald. The Rev. Robert J. Cameron, who for over a year past did duty as Assistant in the congregation, is thus declared the minister elect. The votes recorded were 126 for Mr. Cameron and 34 against him—a large number of the congregation not voting at all. The appointment came before the Presbytery of St. John, which met at Fredericton on the 21st of April,

and after a full discussion of the merits of the case, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Whereas, it appears from the documents submitted to this Court by the Elders and Trustees of St. Andrew's Church in the city of St. John, that the Rev. Robert James Cameron, resident in the city of St. John, a duly ordained preacher by a Presbytery in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, has been elected to the pastorate charge of said church by a large majority of the congregation being 'pew holders and communicants and including said Elders and Trustees,' to fill the vacancy in said Church caused by the resignation of the Rev. Wm. Donald, now deceased, in terms of the Act of Assembly by this Province, 2nd William 4th, Cap. 18, passed 9th March, 1832; and the said Rev. Robert James Cameron having signified in writing his acceptance of the said appointment;

"Therefore Resolved, That the Court do proceed to take the necessary steps for the introduction of the said Rev. R. J. Cameron as early as may be found convenient."

The great mistake committed in the matter is one too often seen in similar circumstances. Why such a congregation as St. Andrew's, an old congregation, a numerous congregation, and an endowed congregation, should go back, we cannot understand. We refer to the fact that the salary, for reasons which we cannot comprehend, is now reduced to £400. Last year \$3000 were paid to two clergymen—now Mr. Cameron is expected to do all the work alone, and he is to be paid at the rate of £400. We think that the move is one in the wrong direction. There was no necessity for the change. If a new church (much needed) were in course of erection, or if any undertaking were on hand, the matter would be different. Without a manse for their minister to live in, and with 170 families to back them up, the Trustees, in our opinion, should not have made this retrograde movement. Many members of the congregation expend thrice that sum, and would indignantly repudiate the charge of extravagance.

FROM Newfoundland we hear good news. A correspondent writes us to say