

which letter the Editor had inserted without remark—and explained that he *had* sent a full report of that meeting to the *Witness*—though only a part of it was published. The Clerk stated further that he made the explanation, inasmuch as the insertion of the letter above referred to without explanation, might have the effect of doing him (the Clerk) great injustice. The Presbytery sustained this explanation, and requested that it be published in the *Witness* and the *Record*.

Other business of considerable importance was transacted.

It was agreed to hold a Conference on the State of Religion at the next meeting.

The next meeting was appointed at River John on the 4th Tuesday of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and also a meeting with the congregation in the evening of the same day for devotional exercises.

The New Fort Massey Church

Was opened by a dedicatory prayer meeting on Wednesday evening Dec. 6th, Rev. Professor Currie, Moderator of the Interim Session, presiding. The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks, read selected portions of the Divine Word, and invited the large congregation assembled to unite in praise, at the close of which service he offered special prayer for the Divine Presence, then and at all subsequent meetings to be held in that House, henceforward to be used specially for the glory of God and the progress of His cause in this city.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Simpson and Forrest, and prayers offered by Mr. R. Murray and by Rev. E. Annand and James Farquhar.

It was the evening for prayer observed by all the Presbyterian congregations in the city and Dartmouth, and brethren from the other Presbyterian body could not be present. Chalmers', Poplar Grove and St. John's were however fully represented, having agreed to meet for prayer on the auspicious occasion.

We can say it was a precious hour and a half that we there spent, or rather improved and enjoyed. The blending of fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit with devout thanksgiving for past mercies, the alternation of stirring speeches with singing of Psalms and addresses to the throne of Grace, the success so far, of this important step in church extension, combined in producing the joyful feeling that it was good to be there.

On the next Lord's day, Rev. Mr. Annand preached in the morning from the words, "Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord." In the afternoon Rev. Professor Currie preached from the words, "Built upon the foundation of

the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," and Rev. Mr. Simpson in the evening from the text "Ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual house."

The whole services were worthy of the men and of the occasion, and were highly appreciated by large, attentive and interested audiences.

On the following Wednesday evening, the ordinary weekly prayer meeting commenced. On the Lord's day Rev. A. J. Mowitt preached morning and evening. In the afternoon, the Sabbath school was opened with a good attendance, and at the close of the succeeding Wednesday prayer meeting, the congregation was organized according to the rules of the Church with a Communion Roll of about one hundred members.

THE BUILDING

Can be described only by an Architect, and as elaborate descriptions of it have appeared in the public press, we shall merely say that externally and internally it is a well designed and elaborately finished Gothic edifice, creditable to the public spirit, energy and liberality of the men who undertook and have carried it on to completion. But their work is far from finished. The building has been costly, and the debt is large, so large that it cannot be immediately paid. But there should be no contentment under it. We never liked congregational debt and our dislike increases with observation and experience.

If our people in Fort Massey Church will work together for the Lord to whom they have dedicated their building and themselves, they will enjoy in the Divine Blessing the highest of all rewards, and will have superadded a prosperity in financial matters that will carry them through present difficulties, and make them powerful for good throughout all this country.

Services Acknowledged.

On Monday evening, prior to the opening of the new Fort Massey Church, a Social and Farewell prayer meeting was held in Poplar Grove Church, Rev. Mr. Simpson presiding.

During the evening, the Sabbath School presented an affectionate Address to John S. McLean, Esq., its late Superintendent, expressive of sorrow at the loss sustained by his resignation, and thanks for his valuable services. The Address was accompanied with "Smith's Bible Dictionary," in three large volumes, a work both appropriate and valuable.

David Blackwood, Esq., was next presented with an Address, and Gold Pen and Pencil Case, by the young men and women attending the Bible Class. Grateful