

not be excelled. No audience, it appears to me, is so attentive as our Gaelic audiences, when addressed by a good and well qualified Highlander.

The people of Goshen and South River deserve great credit for their church. True it is written in Hosea, "Israel hath forgotten his Maker and buildeth temples," but it is not so with this people, for they love the services of the sanctuary. They have continued steadfast under many trials, and the cause of religion has greatly revived among them during the last two years.

The English services were conducted by Rev. J. Campbell of Sherbrooke, who preached, and evidently with great freedom and effect, from Psalm 26, 8, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thine house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth," and though many could very imperfectly understand the English tongue, yet all remained.

Before separating, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed by the people to their pastor, for his zealous and persevering efforts for their spiritual welfare, and specially for his aid in the work which they now saw crowned with success. Mr. Forbes has indeed laboured in season and out of season for his people, and his work evidently is not in vain in the Lord. May he and his people be more signally blessed. The prayer of Moses—Psalm 90: 13-17—has not been offered by them in vain. May richer blessings be yet experienced.

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Was opened on the day following, which was also exceedingly cold, but as on the previous day old and young turned out and filled the large church which bears the name of the great Scottish preacher; Rev. Mr. Ross, having read portions of Scripture suited to the occasion, preached from Zech. 4: 6, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." Mr. Ross is not so perfectly at home in the Gaelic as Mr. B., but when he warmed with his subject, which he did in a few minutes, he spoke with great power to an earnest and attentive people. Mr. Blair followed with an excellent address on the erection of the tabernacle under Moses. Rev. Mr. Murray, of Antigonish, preached from Eph. 2: 20-22, pleasing and profiting his hearers by a beautiful description of the manner in which the spiritual temple is built. Rev. Mr. Pitblado followed in an address at once fervent and powerful, and the people retired thankful and edified.

Mr. Forbes's labours in this part of the congregation have also been great and highly appreciated alike by the aged and the youth. During the last two years the whole settlement has made decided progress in spiritual energy and activity.

Many have found that those who honour God are honoured by Him.

In both churches the seats are nearly all disposed of, and the amount realized will secure them against any incubus of debt. These places of worship will be habitually filled with worshippers. May they be filled with the Divine Presence, and many, very many trained in them to serve the Lord.

COMMUNICATED.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met on the 23rd ult., in Sharon Church, Albion Mines, and was constituted by the Rev. George Walker, Moderator, *pro tem.*, with whom were present the Revs. David Roy, John Stewort, James Bayne, D. D., Geo. Patterson, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, R. J. Grant, A. J. Mowitt, A. McL. Sinclair and J. B. Watt, ministers, and Messrs. Roderick McGregor, James Macdonald, Robert Dunbar, Anthony Callie, William Morton, Alexander Grant, and James Jamieson, Ruling Elders.

A commission from the session of Sherbrooke, appointing Mr. Henry McLean to be their representative elder in both Presbyteries and Synod during the ensuing year, was read, sustained, and his name added to the roll.

The congregation of Earltown and West Branch applied to the Presbytery to have Mr. Samuel Gunn, student of Divinity, located among them as a Catechist during the summer months. In accordance with this request, it was agreed to apply for Mr. Gunn.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to Wine Harbour and Goldenville. His report was approved.

The Presbytery, in accordance with the Synod's remit, entered upon the consideration of the appointment of a professor to the vacant chair in the Theological Hall; whereupon it was agreed to nominate Professor McKnight to that chair, and leave to Synod to determine whether the duties of the third chair may not be discharged by the occupants of the other chairs, or by the appointment of a Hebrew Tutor. The Presbytery would still further agree that neither the funds of the church, now at the disposal of Synod, nor the probable number of students, would justify the appointment of a third professor.

After Mr. Chase had preached from Mark xiv. 2, the moderator proceeded to put the questions of the formula in the usual manner to the minister, elders, session and managers of Sharon Church, all of which they satisfactorily answered.

The minister, elders and managers appear