

each—at Bridgewater and Lower Lallave. During my incumbency of five years, a Manse was built and paid for—a new Church on Dublin Shore, in which you yourself preached lately—free of debt—and we had a share in two other Union Church buildings in back parts of the county. The want of proper Schools is yet greatly felt, and must retard moral and spiritual improvement on the part of the people for a time. The German tongue is not spoken so generally as it was—being now confined chiefly to the aged. This will facilitate somewhat the labors of our ministers among the young. As to numbers, there are perhaps 3000 Presbyterians (young and old) in the whole county. The Lutherans are much more numerous—probably three to one. The state of Presbyterianism may be regarded as hopeful. Its adherent appear to be more warmly attached to the faith of the fathers—and have a more *intelligent* faith than formerly. It is more than likely that Lunenburg and Mahone Bay (now under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Duff) will ere long be two distinct congregations. The sooner the better.—The friends in Mahone Bay, &c., have made very considerable efforts in the erection of a handsome edifice for worship, on a prominent site near the Episcopal Church.

I believe that all the Presbyterian Churches in the County of Lunenburg are free of debt, and two of them have Manses, also free of debt. The third Congregation (Mr. McMillan's) are building a Manse now, which they expect to be completed by next June.

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

The Children of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces are at present engaged in the great and christian work of building a vessel to carry Missionaries to the distant islands of the Pacific. They have responded nobly to the invitation of the Church; and what they have done so far is but an earnest of what they may yet accomplish. Thousands of them have proved that Christ is dearer to them than silver and gold, and have done all that lay in their

power to make the children's offering a large and liberal one. May we not hope that God will accept this free-will offering and revive his work among our children, by pouring out his Spirit upon them?

The present activity of the children in the work of the Church furnishes a suitable occasion for a few remarks on the duty which the Church owes the "lambs of the flock." Dear as the little one is to its parent, it is dearer still to God; tender as is a parent's love, God's love is still more tender, and far-reaching. Jesus said, "suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." God speaking to Abraham did not overlook Abraham's seed; and under the Mosaic dispensation the amplest provision was made for the instruction of the children. The faithful church in all ages has acknowledged her duty and her privilege, and, offering her children to God, she has made such provision for their spiritual training as might fit them, by the aid of divine grace, to serve their Redeemer effectually in the Church on earth, and enjoy his blissful presence in the Church above.

Instead of the fathers must come the children. One generation cometh and another goeth. The boys and girls of to-day will soon have to bear the burthens under which our shoulders are now stooping; and there shall be no more remembrance of us, no more work for us to do on the face of the earth. We pass away, but the Church abideth, and God shall never be without a seed to serve him. Be this our stimulus to use every endeavour that when we depart the truth of God may be held lovingly in the hearts of a more intelligent, active and obedient generation than we.

How shall we secure that when we are gone to our rest, the ministers, elders, sabbath school teachers, parents and children who shall occupy our places may be far in advance of us? The only means under God, is to train our children thoroughly. If we do our duty to our offspring, and they in turn to theirs, very great and precious advantages will be gained.

The Church has a deep interest in every child in the country, in whatever relation