

swings, others to view the collection of animals, others to join in the foot races, of which there were a great number, the winner of each receiving a handsome pocket knife as a prize. Aunt Sally was on the grounds, and appeared to afford endless fun and amusement to numbers who were anxious to have a fling at the Old Lady. Foot ball, archery, &c., were also provided, and with these varied amusements the children spent a very pleasant day. The steamer made a second trip about two o'clock for the parents and friends of the children, and a very large number availed themselves of the opportunity. After tea had been served, the children sang a few hymns and embarked on board the steamer. The homeward trip was a very pleasant one, the children singing all the way and keeping excellent order, and only regretting that such a festival, like Christmas, only comes once a year.—*Citizen*.

Bazaar at Burney's River.

WE have been informed that the Bazaar held by the congregation at Burney's River, in connection with the Church of Scotland, passed off in first rate style. Large crowds assembled, notwithstanding an appearance of rain, early in the morning, which detained many who intended to go. The grounds were most tastefully laid out for the occasion, and enclosed and planted with trees, which for one day at least appeared in all the freshness of the forest. The tables on one side were covered with a delightful variety of fancy articles, to tempt the purchasers, and on the other side the delicacies of the season attracted those who might wish to satisfy the cravings of appetite. The whole arrangements and management reflect much praise upon Mr. McDonald and the Committee of ladies and gentlemen, who certainly succeeded in getting up one of the finest Bazaars ever seen in this country. If the success of it is to be estimated by the amount raised, then the result is such as should rejoice all the well-wishers of this congregation, being no less than between £140 and £150. An admirable feature in the whole affair was the cordiality with which the members of other Churches not only contributed their means, but worked all day in this good cause—a feature which must do much to disseminate a kind and brotherly feeling in the community.—*Standard*.

Arrival of Rev. Mr. Anderson.

It is with great pleasure we record the arrival of another Gaelic-speaking missionary, the Rev. Mr. Anderson, who has been sent out by the Colonial Committee to labor within the bounds of our Synod. Mr. Anderson, we believe, is at present officiating at Wallace and Pugwash.

Belfast, P. E. Island.

It is not uncommon, and perhaps not unsafe, to judge of the state of vital religion in the Church, or in individual congregations, from the contributions made by them to charitable, benevolent, or religious objects.

Taking these as our criteria, and applying them to our several congregations within the bounds of our Synod, *most* of them have *little* to boast of, *many* of them much of which to be heartily ashamed. Though in some congregations the subscription lists seem to speak well, and the contributions to the Schemes of the Church are comparatively large, yet, in not a few instances, they come far short of what might reasonably be expected. The published lists for the last year show that a few of the *willing*, if *not able*, congregations are left to bear the "heat and burden" of the efforts that are being made to "lengthen the cords, and strengthen the stakes" of our beloved Zion in this Province. There are, however, exceptional congregations, of whom the contribution lists do not speak very favorably, who are, notwithstanding, doing a good work for the Church. Of this number is Belfast congregation. No doubt many a lover of the "Kirk" and educational institutions must have felt not a little disappointed in the small sums that appear from that quarter for the Dalhousie College, but they are not chargeable with *inactivity*. Very little under £900 has been contributed and collected in that congregation since "Dalhousie" became the "watchword and reply." St. John's Church, Belfast, now second to none within the bounds of the three Presbyteries, has been made as "good as new" within the last year at a cost of between £400 and £500; we might have said even *better* than "new," for a very neat and comfortable vestry has been added to it, much to the credit of the Belfast people, and not a little to the comfort of their beloved and zealous pastor.

These enterprising people have also all but secured for themselves the advantages of a superior educational institution, in the immediate vicinity of the Church, for a young man of very high attainments has already been engaged to take charge of a grammar school about to be opened there.

There has been also a very handsome Church completed and opened for public worship at Orwell, in another part of the congregation. This cost between £300 and £400, almost all of which is already paid. With such telling facts as these, their subscription lists and general contributions, instead of appearing small, are not only creditable, but even very liberal.

Nor are their efforts for good confined to Church building alone, for they have succeeded in pulling down several "strongholds" which Satan had among them in the shape of *groggeries*, dens of iniquity, that in most of our congregations are a blot on our Christian-