

that there was wrestling at a throne of grace, especially for us on Wednesday evening, and joyfully could we also bend our knees, and raise up our hearts in prayer to God, in unison with your petitions for blessings upon you all and us,—so much desired and needed for weak perishing creatures as we are. We have heard lately that the natives around one Station at Cape Lisbourne have been fighting ever since we left, and that many have been killed. They always said that the reason they did not fight while we were there was that “*Missi speak no fight, and we no fight.*” They used to say that they did not like to hurt our feelings or vex us; but now we are away, “because man-bush no good fellow-man, and wantum killin Missionaries, therefore, we plenty vexed and plenty fight man-bush, and plenty man dead and plenty cry *Missionary*, come no more, house belong a him stop, no man breakum, all man dead.”

News of the Church.

Manse in the Presbytery of Halifax

Quite a “Manse Movement” has, of late, been inaugurated within this Presbytery, which, under the head of “news of the church,” we decidedly designate “good news.” We believe to St. Paul’s Congregation, Truro, belongs the honour of being farthest advanced in the course of construction. It is situated in a convenient and beautiful part of the thriving little town, and is, we understand, to be ready for occupation in the month of September. It is to be of the double cottage form, with stable and large garden in rear. Like all “wise men’s” houses, it is to stand upon a “good foundation,” and when completed will be an ornament to the town as well as a home for the minister. We believe a small debt is to remain upon it when finished; but, judging from the past history of St. Paul’s Congregation, and the present success of the ministry of the Rev. John McMillan, whose fame is in all the churches, we feel confident

that the debt will remain only a very short time.

St. Andrew’s, Halifax, is also literally “in the field.” A beautiful structure, judging from the plans designed by the firm of Elliott & Busch, is in course of erection on a lot purchased, adjoining the Church on Tobin Street. It is to be built with special reference to the needs and requirements of a minister’s work. The architecture is of the same order as that of the Church, and will thus harmonize therewith. It is in the hands of one of the best builders of Halifax, and under the supervision of the vigilant Committee of the Church. We can congratulate the Church at large, and the congregation in particular, on the early acquisition of a valuable, appropriate and beautiful addition to the property of the Church. It is to be ready for occupation on the first day of October; and in the meantime the Rev. John Campbell is to reside at Grand Lake for the intervening months, returning on the date mentioned, to enter upon the possession of that which will then add a new word to our Ecclesiastical Vocabulary, the St. Andrew’s Manse, Halifax.

Not to be outstripped in good works, and they never are, the good folks of St. Matthew’s have been at work. Feeling, or rather *seeing* that the Manse occupied by the Rev. Geo. M. Grant, was neither elegant, commodious nor externally attractive, though internally always so, they felt it due to one to whom the Congregation owed so much that he should not be “behind the very chiefest,” and so the matter was taken up. Some were for preserving the associations which cling around the old Manse, and they were desirous of repairing and enlarging it, others again thought it better to sell it and erect a new one more suitable to the position of the Congregation and its Minister; and before a settlement of the question was effected, a house, suitable in every respect to the minds of some, was offered for sale. Each of these had its advocates, and finally, after friendly conference at a Congregational meeting, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Trustees.

We will publish in next issue the minutes of Synod in full, to which we refer