

The building of a handsome church in connection with the Synod of the Lower Provinces, in the south end of Halifax, is likely to be commenced at an early day and prosecuted with spirit. This is a united movement of the people of the south end of the city connected with Poplar Grove and Chalmers' churches. It has been in contemplation for several years by both congregations, but in neither was there a majority in favour of a measure which would involve its own division. Early in November last the proposal was revived under the form of a joint effort, and on inquiry it was found that in both churches those most deeply interested were of one mind. A meeting was accordingly held after notice given, in Chalmers Church Session Room, on Dec. 3rd, and a joint Committee appointed, who were authorized to select a site, raise subscriptions, procure plans, and to go on with the work. The Committee purchased a site at the head of Tobin street, near Fort Massey, the same which had been in contemplation for the last two years, and have now on their subscription list the sum of \$12,700.

About the same time a similar movement took place in St. Andrews congregation, which as a congregation, resolved to dispose of its present place of worship, and erect a new and elegant building near the lower end of Tobin street. As these projected edifices are both to be Presbyterian, and may in a few years, possibly, belong to the same body, we could wish them a little farther apart, so as to make a better territorial division; but we presume each Committee must be left free to choose the site which they deem most eligible in all respects for those whom they represent.

We trust that these two erections will be conducted in perfect harmony, with no jealousy save that which may properly exist between fellow-workers in the one great service of a common Lord.

There has, indeed, been some talk about all parties joining in the erection of one independent Presbyterian congregation, in connexion with neither Synod; but such a project cannot get beyond talk, because the difficulties which at once present themselves are insurmountable. Such an attempt might be sincerely made in the interests of union and peace, but the result would disappoint the anticipations of its advocates. Neither party should be asked, expected, or desired, to relinquish or forego connection with its own Synod; but both should heartily rejoice in the prosperity of the other, and if the city continue to increase southward, as it has done of late years, there will be room enough for both. We rejoice that the southern suburbs as well as what is called the south end, have the prospect of being so fully supplied with the ordinances of re-

ligion, and with the aggressive missionary work, which these two churches will call into action; and we therefore heartily wish success to both. That the one was necessary for the comfort and unity of our people south we know; and that it was decided on after mature deliberation we also know; and though there may be an appearance of rivalry in the simultaneous starting of the two efforts, yet we believe that there is more appearance than reality in this view, and that the movement as a whole, will tend every way to the furtherance of the Gospel.

### Dartmouth.

The congregation of Dartmouth, now under charge of Rev. A. Falconer, received last month from its sister of Poplar Grove, a gift of great value. This gift consisted not of money but of men. We refer to the transference of two elders, Messrs Robson and James, both of whom are well known to the members of the Synod of the Lower Provinces, as men of public spirit and zealous in good works.

Charles Robson was one of the founders of Poplar Grove, and no man has wrought more earnestly or more efficiently for its prosperity. For 30 years he has been equally devoted to its spiritual work, and its general management; and for 25 years Mr. James has proved himself a most valuable Coadjutor in Sabbath School, Bible Class, and other works in which zealous elders find congenial employment.

Poplar Grove bade them a formal farewell on the evening of the 24th ult., by spending some time together socially with suitable devotional exercises. Addresses were presented which elicited stirring and affectionate replies, short speeches were delivered by many, and the memories of other years and of departed and absent friends were recalled; and what with music and sacred song, and tender reminiscences and prayer, the allotted time glided away so happily that the large assembly of friends seemed unwilling at the usual hour to retire.

The meeting was one of the most interesting that we ever attended, and must have left impressions adapted to stir the young men present to follow examples leading to such happy results.

The Choir availed themselves of the opportunity of presenting Mr. Robson with a gold pencil case as a small mark of their high appreciation of his services in promoting a taste for sacred vocal music, among the youth of the congregation.

We trust that the loss of Poplar Grove church, a loss which she ought now to be able to bear, may prove a real gain to the thriving congregation of Dartmouth.