

Bazaar instead. As it is intended that the Bazaar shall be held about the middle of July, there is but little time left for preparation, especially when we consider that, for some weeks during that time, all hands are required to get the seed into the ground. It is to be hoped, therefore, that they will set to work with more energy when they commence, and that those able and willing to aid will come forward with a cheerful readiness that shall encourage those in charge of the undertaking. In this case it is true, as the Latin adage has it, that "he who gives quickly gives doubly." A debt left unpaid is always increasing, and when prosecution is resorted to for payment of a debt on a Church, it is sure to give rise to bitter feelings, make some lukewarm, and drive some away. When a man begins to regret that he had been too soft, and promised too much in aid of either Kirk or minister, he will be glad of an excuse to cut connexion with him and get rid of the burden. It is according to reason, therefore, to expect that, unless something be quickly done to remedy the present state of things, some will be dropping off, leaving fewer to bear the burden. Though a man have a warm attachment to the Kirk, we need not wonder that his love should be cooled a little when he has to experience the tender mercies of bailiffs, lawyers and imprisonment before he reaches her door. All should make a combined and immediate effort, therefore, to put the Kirk in a position in which her adherents shall not run the risk of such a trying ordeal.

It may be said that a man has himself to blame if he exposes himself to prosecution for Kirk or minister, that it is a voluntary offering, and that he ought not to come under obligation unless he intended to pay. We cannot gainsay that statement. A man ought to pay his just debts; and I trust that such of the members of the congregation of Barney's River as have not done so yet, will ere long make a strong effort to wipe out the old scores against them.

The congregation at Barney's River enjoyed the stated services of a pastor only for the brief space of 3 or 4 years during the last 20. While they had a pastor, they did as much, considering their ability, as any congregation in the County of Pictou. Along with the help they got from other quarters, they built a Church which cost well on to £800. By the time it was finished, the contributions and pew-sales amounted to a sum nearly, if not altogether, sufficient to cover the expenses; but for the most of the pew-rents, and for some of the contributions, they had only notes of hand and promises to pay. This burden, which they undertook, was a heavy tax upon a poor congregation like that of Barney's River; and it would take them some years to pay it, even in the most favorable circumstances. But, losing their minister at the time, they got disheartened. Some dropped off by death, some by removals. Of those remaining, some were unable and others were unwilling to pay. And the result now is, that after adding law expenses, money borrowed and sum due to the contractor, the debt amounts to somewhere about £200; and no one need expect that the one-half of that sum can be realized from the notes in possession of the Building Committee.

There is a number who are willing to do all they can, but they are not able to meet the whole demand. They are the very men who have paid most already, and who have always to bear the heaviest part of every burden upon the congregation. It would be mistaken policy to ask them to pay the whole of the present debt. If the tree be tapped in too many places, and drained of all the sap at once, there will be no vigour left to make it yield in future years.

I trust, then, the friends of the Kirk through-

out the Province will liberally aid and counter-
ance the bazaar, and that the desirable object it
is intended for will be realized. The gain will
not be solely to one congregation; the whole
Church shall in time reap the benefit. The
assistance expected to be rendered in this case
by the Church at large, may be looked upon as
given on the same principle as that on which old
pumps are managed,—a little given now that it
may bring more back some other time. When
the machinery of a pump gets out of gear, some
water is poured in to make it work. That water
is not thrown away; one bucketful poured in will
be the means of bringing out an unlimited sup-
ply. In like manner, we regard the aid that may
be given now as the means of putting the con-
gregation in a good working condition; and once
in that state, they will regularly give their mite
in support of the schemes and any other chari-
table object countenanced by the Kirk.

J. McD.

Barney's River, 18th May, 1865.

THE first Protestant Church at Naples was
inaugurated on the 8th of April. The ground
upon which the church is built was given by
Garibaldi to the Protestant residents of that
city. The Bishop of Gibraltar officiated at
the ceremony.

Lay Association, W. B. East River.

CASH RECEIVED FROM COLLECTIONS.

Section No. 1—Miss Margaret McLeod and Miss Jane Gray, £0 11 0	
2—Miss I. McDonald and Miss Sarah McLean, 0 5 0	
3—Miss Annie J. Gordon and Miss Elizabeth McArthur, 0 17 6	
4—Miss Mary Fraser and Miss Isabella Fraser, 0 16 3	
5—Miss Annie J. Gordon and Miss Jane Chisholm, 0 9 0	
6—Miss Annie Dunbar and Miss Marg. J. Fraser, 0 8 9	
7—Miss Annie Fraser and Miss Margaret Fraser, 0 12 6	

Total, £4 0 0

DANIEL GRAY.

Hopewell, W. Branch, May 20th, 1865.

Acknowledgment.

Pictou, April 27th, 1865.

To the Editor of the Monthly Record:

SIR.—I beg through the *Monthly Record* to ac-
knowledge the receipt of fifty-six dollars, as a
donation from the Rev. S. McGregor's congrega-
tion, East River, for the support of the Aneiteum
Orphan School. This expression of good feeling
to our mission will, I believe, be duly appreciated
by the Church to which I belong. As regards
myself, I shall ever look back with pleasure to
the kind welcome I have received from such mis-
sioners and congregations of the Church of Scot-
land as it has been my privilege to visit. I trust
that the time is not distant when your Church will
have missionaries of her own in heathen lands,
and should God in His Providence lead your
attention to the South Sea Islands, we shall rejoice
to welcome any whom you send as brethren in
Christ and fellow-labourers in His cause.

Yours, &c.,

J. GEDDIE.