

cadic section, well designed and finished, was opened with appropriate services. It is near the Wickwire Station, and its erection was a most creditable effort for the small community who carried it through.

On Sabbath, the 14th ult., the Central Church of Shubenacadie was opened, Divine service being conducted in the morning by the pastor, and in the evening by Rev. J. Cameron, of Elmsdale. The day was fine, the house full, and the devotional services appropriate and solemn. Mr. McLean preached a discourse combining the practical and the historic from the words, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Mr. Cameron preached from 1 Kings vii., 7,—and, alike at morn and even, the congregation, assembled from the different sections of the surrounding country, were edified and refreshed.

In design and finish, externally and internally, this place of worship is creditable to all concerned. It contains all the modern accommodations for prayer-meetings, Sabbath School and Bible Classes, in its well-furnished, well lighted, and cheerful basement rooms, and we trust that this part of the building will be frequently occupied and well filled. We would not speak of the beautiful spire, nor even name the uniform and luxuriously-lined pews, if these elegancies had been procured by what is now designated begging, or by the contraction of *debt*, to lie as an incubus on the Church; but when we add that they *neither solicited a cent nor owe a dollar* which will not be speedily paid, we feel that the ladies may occupy their lined pews, and the men gaze, as they drive along, on the fair proportions of Church and spire, not only with a good conscience, but in the spirit of the text of the opening sermon, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

We trust, however, that this spirited people will remember that the true glory of a Church consists, not in its numbers nor edifices, but in its knowledge, spirituality, unity, and good works. May many souls be there born and educated, and live and labour for the glory of Zion's King and the increase of His willing subjects!

PRESENTATION.

An interesting meeting was held on the evening of the 17th ult., at the close of the weekly prayer-meeting, in the basement of Poplar Grove Church, which was filled to overflowing. The occasion was the presentation, by the Sabbath afternoon Bible Class, of an address to Alex. James, Esq., with twelve volumes, among which were "Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus."

Mr. James had taught this class, in conjunction, first, with Rev. Mr. McGregor,

and more lately with Mr. D. Blackwood, since the departure of J. R. Forman, Esq., from Nova Scotia, and having recently withdrawn that he might organize and teach a similar class at Dartmouth (in which, we are happy to hear, he has met with gratifying success), his former pupils had requested his presence that they might give expression to their feelings of appreciation, gratitude and affection.

The address, which was carefully prepared, was well read by a young lady member of the class, and drew forth an excellent speech from Mr. James in reply, replete with stirring counsels to prosecute the study of the Scriptures, and fit themselves, at an early day, to teach similar classes themselves, and thus all do some work for the best of Masters.

Howard McLean, Esq., on the part of the class generally, and Mr. Hugh McP. Scott, on behalf of Dalhousie students who had attended, in excellent addresses showed the pleasures and advantages of the hour devoted to Biblical study, and their obligations and gratitude to Mr. James and Mr. Blackwood, by whose joint exertions the exercises of the class had proved so instructive and interesting.

WELL DONE!—A number of friends of Rev. Donald Morrison, in St. Peter's and West Bay, Cape Breton, have done honour to themselves by forwarding the handsome gift of \$102.42, through the Treasurer, to our missionary brother and his devoted wife in their affliction. We have no doubt that this timely act of generous sympathy will be welcomed by the grateful recipient as a memento of bygone days of pleasant intercourse, and prove, in a distant land, an "odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." Our pages have conveyed intimations of many benefactions and gifts to those who were worthy, but this we regard as *the gift of the season*, and the record of this will, while read with the highest satisfaction, evoke, we trust, the prayers of many for the sick missionary, and of not a few for their considerate friends.

REV. G. M. CLARK.—Rev. G. M. Clark, late of Shelburne, has accepted a call from a congregation in Boston, in connection with the "United Presbyterian Church of America"—a body with whom our Church is on the most friendly relations. Mr. Clark left Shelburne last week, and proceeded this week to Boston, to enter upon his new field of labor. He has left a deeply attached congregation amid the regrets and good wishes of the whole community.—The congregation has arranged for all arrears, and paid up nearly all. Universal regret is felt over Mr. Clark's departure.