

while they evinced considerable friendliness of feeling, manifested, as well as at Middleton, a good deal of lukewarmness and some measure of indifference about divine ordinances. Experienced much kindness, especially from Mr. Givans, one of the elders, and his family, under whose roof I spent one or two evenings with much satisfaction, and I hope profit.

Thursday 11th, returned to McNab, having some time previously written to Mr. Parn, Session Clerk, requesting him to make appointments for me at Horton on Friday morning, and at White Lake and Packenham on the Sabbath. Found, however, on meeting with him, that my letter, owing, it is probable, to the state of the roads, had not reached him, on which account I did not proceed to Horton, but visited some families two miles beyond the Madawaska, and preached to a considerable audience on Saturday, at four o'clock.

Sabbath 16th, preached in the morning, at ten o'clock, at the White Lake, and at four at Packenham. The audience at the White Lake, notwithstanding the shortness of the notice, was very large, some having come a great distance: a good congregation also assembled at Packenham.

Having understood that there was a considerable number of families at Arne Prior, ten miles to the north-west of Packenham, who were destitute of divine ordinances, and desirous of obtaining them, I made an appointment to preach there and Fitzroy Harbour, on Sabbath 23rd. The congregations were good in both places. In Arne Prior there are about 17 or 18 families of Presbyterians, which, though considerably scattered, can all conveniently enough assemble at a central school-house. Owing to the bridge which crosses the Madawaska being broken down, there were few from that quarter, though there is a considerable number of families there; but, independently of them, the meeting was well attended. The audience at Fitzroy Harbour, too, in the afternoon was considerable. An interesting congregation might at any time be collected in this quarter, if due notice be given.

Fitzroy Harbour is beautifully situated on a bay of the Ottawa river, contains 500 inhabitants, and has a Catholic Church.

Monday, 21st, preached at the school-house, Torbelton, six miles from Fitzroy Harbour. There are here a considerable number of Presbyterian families which are totally destitute of divine ordinances from the Presbyterian Church, though a proportion of them attend the minister of the establishment who preaches at the Harbour. There being so many families, however, together, and so far from the latter place, it would be well that they enjoyed divine services occasionally. I was requested by the people to state to the Presbytery that they would like to have a supply from them of divine services occasionally, and that they would contribute according to their ability. After divine service, the people in a general manner, and of their own accord, made a considerable collection for the mission fund.

The people here are generally of a superior class, and manifested much cordiality of feeling. Several families expressed a desire that I would visit and stay with them should I return. I resided while here in the house of a Mr. Smith, a gentleman of intelligence and amiable manners, who formerly followed the profession of the law in Edinburgh, from whom and his family I received considerable kindness. I have reason to believe that occasional preaching by our body would be well received, and that the people would be willing to contribute.

Sabbath 30th, preached again at Goulburn and Beckwith, having thus terminated, where I had commenced, a tour in which I experienced as much pleasure and satisfaction as in any course of missionary labour in which I ever engaged.

A. MACKINTOSH.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met at Hamilton on the 24th inst. The number of mem-

bers in attendance was unfortunately small, some being prevented from being present by unavoidable circumstances, who expected to have been there.

There were applications—1st., from the Presbytery of Cobourg, in reference to the supply of the congregations at Cobourg and Otonabee. 2nd., from the Presbytery of Perth, for the supply of the congregation at Perth. 3rd., from the Presbytery of Kingston, to have the services of Mr. Simon C. Frazer appropriated to that district. The circumstances of the Glengary settlement were also brought before the Committee, as also an application from Oakville, through Mr. Dull, elder of that congregation.

Reports of Presbyteries, on being called for, were given in from Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Perth, Cobourg, and Brockville. In reference to the latter, the Committee expressed surprise at the statement therein made, that that Presbytery have no missionary field, and that no funds have been raised for missionary purposes.

A letter from Mr. Robb was read, intimating that Mr. Dune in had been permitted by the College Committee, under certain conditions, to return to Cobourg for the winter, which arrangement the Committee approve of. The claims of the congregation at Otonabee, as stated in a letter from Mr. Wallace, were felt to be urgent; but the Committee found that with the very limited supply of missionaries at their disposal, they could only recommend the case of it to the consideration of the Presbytery of the bounds, to render what supply they can in the meantime.

It was resolved, in consideration of the vast field of usefulness opened up in Glengary, that Mr. J. Frazer be continued in that settlement.

Mr. Simon C. Frazer was appointed to the Presbytery of Kingston.

Mr. McColl and Mr. Sutherland were continued within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. Mackintosh, of Thorold, agreed, at the desire of the Committee, subject to the sanction of the Presbytery of Hamilton, to visit Perth so soon as possible after the 20th of December, and give his services for a short period to that congregation.

The application from Oakville, that Mr. Cameron, missionary, be appointed for a time to that and the adjoining stations, was considered, but the Committee felt that as Mr. Cameron had not as yet been reported to them as a missionary by the Presbytery of Toronto, within whose bounds he is, that they could only refer the case to that Presbytery, and report it to them for their favourable consideration.

John Burns, Esq., laid before the Committee the agreement entered into by the publishers of the *Missionary Record* with the printer, for printing it monthly, during the current year, which was approved of; and the Committee resolved to request all ministers, missionaries, and other office-bearers within the bounds of the Synod, to take such measures for procuring subscribers as may be deemed advisable, and to endeavour to secure the appointment of active agents in their respective localities.

The Committee desire to impress the necessity of more active and vigorous measures being taken throughout the congregations and mission stations of the Synod, for raising funds for the Home Mission,—the contributions heretofore procured for his object being in general insufficient to afford even the inadequate amount of missionary services which has been supplied, and would earnestly entreat ministers and missionaries not only to give the congregations under their care an opportunity of contributing to this important fund, on the first Sabbath of January next, as appointed by the Synod, but to urge upon them both the duty and the privilege of doing this to the utmost of their power, as the missionary operations of the church must necessarily be proportioned to the amount of funds placed at its disposal by the Christian feeling and liberality of its members.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

OPENING OF KING'S CHURCH, GUELPH.

This neat and substantial place of worship, erected by the congregation under the charge of the Rev. John G. Macgregor, was opened for divine service, for the first time, on Friday, the 5th Nov. The pastor of the congregation commenced the services of the day with the usual devotional exercises of praise and prayer, when fervent supplications were offered up for the blessing of God to rest upon all the labours of Christian love, in which the congregation assembling within its walls might hereafter be engaged; after which, a very suitable, excellent, and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. George Snodice, of Fergus, from Zech. vi. 13.—“Even he shall build the temple of the Lord, and he shall bear the glory.” The building, which is of stone, and tastefully finished, is highly creditable to the zeal and exertions of this congregation, considering the disorganized state in which they so long previously remained; and their credit was fully maintained by the liberal contribution on the occasion of the sum of £17 currency, to assist in defraying the expenses of the building. The attendance was good, and the interest in the solemn services of the day was enhanced by the ordination of five additional elders, to countenance the minister and strengthen his hands in cultivating his extensive field of labour. The day was also observed as a day of humiliation and prayer preparatory to the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, for the first time since the minister's settlement among them, in June. This solemn ordinance was accordingly dispensed on the Sabbath following, to a goodly number of communicants, and the aspect which affairs have already assumed in this congregation gives promise that the cause of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in this locality will yet, at no distant day, be strong and flourishing.

Foreign Missions.

CONVERSION OF THE JEWS.

The Free Church of Scotland is prosecuting her labours in the missionary field with unabated vigour, and is not without manifest tokens of the divine favour, and cheering evidence that the labours of her devoted missionaries are “not in vain to the Lord.” We have pleasure in transferring to our columns, from the October number of the *Free Church Record*, a letter from the Rev. Mr. Schwartz, who labours among the Jews in Berlin, giving an interesting account of the admission by baptism into the visible church, of two of the sons of Abraham,—another instance of the Lord's grace to the lost sheep of the house of Israel:

BERLIN, September 3, 1847.

MY DEAR SIR,—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who doth wondrous things: he has once more been nigh unto us, and has vouchsafed to us a Father's blessing, and made our hearts to sing with gladness, and has fulfilled even unto us his gracious promise, that those that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Two sons of Abraham we have had the privilege of baptizing on the 29th of August, and I do trust that they have also been added to the number of such as shall be saved. Their whole life has been more simple, and the process they had to undergo was not of such complicated a nature as that of the young men about whom I have written you lately; still I hope the impression made upon their hearts is as deep and solemn, and, by the upholding grace and kindness of our faithful Jehovah, will be as effectual and lasting as in the first case. The name of the one is Adolphe R.—He was a cubman, knew very little of Judaism, and has not lived much with Jews all his life. When a child he was sent to the Christian school of his native place, and has