

occasion were conducted by the Rev. William Ormiston, who preached in the morning and afternoon with his usual eloquence to overflowing and delighted audiences.

On the evening of Monday the 31st, a Soiree was held in the new Church to celebrate the auspicious event in the history of Presbyterianism in this place, and at the same time to aid the building fund of the congregation. The Church was also on this occasion filled to overflowing, and able and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Christie, of Chippawa; Laird, of the Wesleyan Church, Thorold; Burns, of the Free Church, St. Catharines; and Nelles, of the Tract Society. The Rev. W. Ormiston also gave a powerful and telling address on Christian Liberty. The collections on Sabbath, together with the proceeds of the Soiree, amounted to the very handsome sum of forty-one pounds five shillings, and, but for the monetary pressure felt severely in this part of the Province, we have no doubt that this sum would have been considerably exceeded. The new Church is a plain, neat, and comfortable building, and does much credit to all employed in its erection. The building material employed is brick, and it is seated for an audience of about two hundred and fifty. The cost of its erection, we believe, has not exceeded four hundred pounds, and the whole amount, with the exception of about seventy-five pounds, has been subscribed, so that there will be no large amount of debt to act as a drag upon the interests of the congregation. It is right to add that the whole of this sum has been subscribed in the village and its immediate neighborhood, with the exception of twenty-five pounds received as contributions from a few friends in Scotland interested in the cause.

The want which has thus been supplied is one which has long been felt, and which we have reason to believe has materially affected the interests of the congregation. We congratulate them on having surmounted the obstacles which have so long been in the way, and on their having at last attained the object of their wishes. Now that God has crowned their efforts with success, and that they have a sanctuary of their own, may they manifest the same unity and steadiness to assist others according to their ability by which, as a congregation, they have hitherto been characterized.—*Communicated.*

WESTMINSTER.

The second Annual Soiree of the U. P. Congregation here was held on the evening of the 18th of January. The attendance was very large, upwards of 300 being present.—and the whole proceedings were of the most gratifying description. The young people attending Mr. Inglis' Bible class took advantage of the meeting to present him with a very handsome Study Chair, which, though valuable in itself, must be indefinitely more so to him, considering the manner in which it was presented, and the persons by whom it was procured. Presents, in some cases, by congregations, we do not much admire. Too often, it is to be feared, they are but the very inadequate supplement of a scanty stipend, and are given as mere matters of favor, when all, and it may be a good deal more, should come to the minister yearly, as simply matters of right. In the present instance, no such objection could possibly be taken—at least, there

is not the slightest ground for it. It is better that Ministers should get presents than that they should be left in the very uncomfortable and unworthy position of "pinched gentility," or even something worse; but surely it is greatly better that there should first be a conscientious regard to what in the circumstances is *right and just*, and then, if *presents should come after that* good and well. Very insignificant ones (taking their mere market price) will then, in the estimation of the recipients, have an importance and a value which money, in any case, would very inadequately represent. The children have shown a commendable zeal and liberality during the past year, and their friends and teachers hope that when the boxes are opened next December, there will at least be no falling off. Might there not be a considerable amount of good accomplished, as well as money raised by more generally making use of the exertions of the children of our Sabbath