

attempt to put everything in our history in strictly chronological order. He spoke of us as he then found us, and as he made a very good case, we thought best to allow his kindly utterances to pass. There was certainly no intentional forgetfulness of other brethren's labour.

But as Bro. H. L. has spoken of the building, of which he may well speak highly, it is but just to many that a little more be said, and one or two corrections made, which we do from original documents.

The late A. G. Hall, Esq., and Bro. W. Robertson, are entitled to all the credit given them, but many others shared the "heat and burden of the day."

Nor was the first effort to secure a church building the most trying and difficult. The most continuous strain was the liquidating of the heavy debt, nominally \$800, but really \$1200, by a membership reduced, through removals, to less than half of the number that composed the church in 1854. These remaining ones had already given largely at first. Therefore the self-denial all through the pastorate of Rev. P. Shanks was truly commendable.

The church was really organized and recognized Nov. 30th, 1853.

Membership, at the commencement of Bro. H. L.'s ministry, 72, increasing to 140 names on register at the close of his ministry, from which all the dismissals are to be deducted.

The church has had, in common with many sister churches, a hard struggle to maintain gospel ordinances; yet we are encouraged to hope that, though often and still tried by the removal of valued friends, that the "little one" may yet become, if not "a thousand," at least a much stronger church than at the present.

For all that has been accomplished, both in reference to material prosperity and souls saved, let us say, all of us:—"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to thy name give glory."

R. L.

Lanark, April 7, 1870.

News of the Churches.

The Western Association of Cong. Ministers and Churches met at Hamilton, on Tuesday, April 5th, at three o'clock p.m. After devotional services, the chairman, the Rev. T. Pullar, introduced a delegation from the Niagara Baptist Association, composed of the Revs. Messrs. Walker, of St. Catharines, Richardson, of Hamilton, and Henderson, of Paris. They briefly expressed their pleasure at being present, and hoped that we should be able to co-operate in the spread of our common Congregationalism. Rev. Messrs. Stumpf and Bone being present, also addressed the Association in congratulatory terms.

The following Pastors and Delegates reported themselves:—Revs. W. H. Allworth, Paris; J. J. Hindley, B.A., Southwold; J. Salmon, B.A., Warwick; J. A. R. Dickson, London; J. Wood, Brantford; Solomon Snider, Wroxeter; Anthony McGill, M.A., Barton; Thos. Pullar, Hamilton; Messrs. J. Jepson, London; Chas. Whitlaw, Paris; Wm. Edgar, Dr. Laing, J. Young, Thos. Bale, Hamilton.

The chairman read a letter from Rev. Wm. Hay, stating that he was unavoidably absent. Reports of the spiritual condition of the churches were then made. After prayer and the benediction, the meeting adjourned.

At seven o'clock p.m., the Association met with the church for united worship, the Rev. W. H. Allworth taking the introductory exercises, and the Rev. J. I. Hindley, B.A., preaching the sermon from Mark 15, 34, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani, which is, being interpreted, My God, my