

a body of Divinity is to be found on one platform. We counted 7 ministers, and they all spoke.—Comm.

CONGREGATION OF BEAUHARNOIS.

It is pleasing to find a good example producing its proper results. A short time ago we noticed and commended the conduct of the managers of Martintown in printing and distributing amongst the people there a full statement of their intrusions for the year. We are confident that, wherever adopted and judiciously acted upon, this plan must, in a quiet yet effective manner, prevent mischief and directly promote the peace and prosperity of the congregation. We have perused with great interest a neatly printed and exceedingly business-like statement by the managers of Beauharnois of their affairs up to 13th ult., accompanied by a similar report from the Session. It occupies 5 pages of about the size of those used for the Synod Minutes. The printing costs but little and in many ways far more than pays itself. This congregation, though small, adopted the pew-rent system about a year ago, and with success, for the greatest amount previously raised was only about £70, whereas it immediately went to something above £100 on the new mode, exclusive of subscriptions from Chateaugay. Without good management the best of plans will be failures, but in the case of Beauharnois there seem to be an excellent spirit and sound judgement amongst the Committee, and this has the very obvious effect of drawing out the cordial support of the congregation. One page of the report is in the form of an appendix, with columns headed in the following manner, "No. of Pew," "Name of Pewholder," "No. of Sittings," "Rate per annum," "Amount received for 9 months ending 17th April, 1861," "Arrears," "Remarks." The column of arrears is one of the few instances in which the eye is pleased by gazing upon utter blankness, while the preceding and following columns show that every obligation has been implemented. The allegiance of the congregation to the Church and the Synod is pleasingly testified by the fact that all appointments for special collections have been observed, the only exception specified being the Synod Fund, for which, however, there is no Synodical appointment, and it is usually a contribution from the Session fund. We are glad to learn that there is a movement being made for the acquisition of a new Manse in room of the present one, which is considered unsuitable.—S.S.

SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING, MARTINTOWN, C.W.

The scholars attending the Sabbath School of St. Andrews, Martintown, held their annual fête on the 20th February. In the afternoon their teachers, who had kindly provided sleighs for the purpose,

took them out for a drive. The fine weather and the incidents of the ride made this part of the day's proceedings especially enjoyable. On returning they were entertained at the Manse, where tea had been prepared under the superintendence of the ladies connected with the School.

In the evening a meeting was held in the Church; addresses were delivered to a large audience by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Mair, who presided, the Rev. Mr. Watson, Williamstown, Rev. J. Black, Pointe St. Charles, Mr. McLaren, Williamstown, and James Grant, M.D.

Several Anthems were sung during the evening by the choir, whose services were kindly volunteered for the occasion, under the able leadership of Mr. Rowley, to whose careful instruction their really excellent performance does great credit.

We heartily wish the children of Martintown with their minister and their teachers many annual meetings as delightful as this of the year 1861.

PRESENTATION.—Since writing the above, we learn that Mr. Mair has been presented by Mrs. Wilson, one of the ladies of his congregation, with a handsome pulpit gown.

INDUCTION AT PICKERING.

The Presbytery of Toronto met pursuant to adjournment on the 6th day of February in the Front Church of Pickering for the Induction of the Rev. Walter R. Ross, and was constituted with prayer. The Presbytery was represented by Mr. Gordon, Moderator, Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Mackerras, Campbell (Brock) and MacLennan, Ministers; and Messrs. Barker and Madill, Elders. Of the Congregation a goodly number were present considering the severity of the weather and the blocked-up state of the roads. The Edict having been returned duly served, it was unanimously resolved to proceed to the solemn business of the day. After the usual proclamation had been made three several times and no objection to the settlement had been offered, Mr. MacLennan proceeded to the pulpit and preached a suitable and interesting discourse on the latter part of the dialogue between the rich man and Abraham in the parable of Lazarus the Beggar, as contained in Luke xvi., 27-31. After Divine Service Mr. MacLennan detailed the steps that had been taken to fill the vacancy. He then put to Mr. Ross the usual questions, to which satisfactory answers were returned; and read over to him the Act anent the Spiritual Independence of this Church, to which Mr. Ross duly signified his assent. Whereupon Mr. MacLennan did, after solemn prayer to Almighty God, in name and by authority of the Presbytery of Toronto admit Mr. Ross to be Minister of the Church and Congregation of Pickering, and the brethren present gave him the right hand of fellowship. An

eloquent and admirable address to the Minister by Dr. Barclay and very appropriate exhortations to the people by Mr. Gordon then followed. Mr. Ross's name was ordered to be added to the roll of the Presbytery; and the people, as they retired from the building, gave their newly admitted Minister a cordial welcome.

For upwards of two years Mr. Ross has laboured as a Missionary from the Colonial Committee within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto. In this capacity he has visited the various districts of Missionary labour now being cultivated by that Presbytery; and, wherever sent, has kept his appointments with scrupulous punctuality and evinced praiseworthy diligence in the discharge of the various duties of his office. He now enters upon a charge under much more promising auspices than the state of the Congregation of Pickering some months ago would have warranted the most sanguine in anticipating. The call, subscribed by 43 members and adherents, presented a feature which we hope to see imitated in all similar documents for the future. Instead of being accompanied by another and separate paper signed by a few of the Congregation and technically termed a Bond, it contains a clause embodied in itself guaranteeing the payment of a minimum annual stipend of £100. The call inviting him to be their Pastor and the promise to make suitable provision for his temporal support are thus signed conjointly by the whole Congregation, and the responsibility is equally divided. The incumbency of the charge of Pickering also entitles the Minister to the occupancy of a manse with a valuable glebe of 25 acres attached to it. An excellent scholar, an acceptable preacher, of genial temperament, Mr. Ross will (we trust) ere many years, if his life be spared, succeed by earnest and assiduous labours in gathering together a congregation as large and zealous and harmonious as there was in the days of the late lamented Mr. Lambie.

OPENING OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LONDON.

On Sunday, the 24th ult., this new and handsome edifice, which has been in the course of erection for the last 18 months, was opened for Divine service. The Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, preached morning and evening to crowded audiences. There was a well attended service also in the afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, of this city, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Bain, of Scarborough, who had been announced to preach in the afternoon and evening. We understand that Mr. Bain, coming up from the neighbourhood of Ottawa to London on Friday, was stopped on his way by the snow-storm, which to the eastward of Kingston blocked up the railway.

The congregation, which has now for its use this new and handsome edifice, had for many years no regular pastor, and only met occasionally at the Mechanics' Institute. Early in 1859 the Rev. Francis Nical came to London as a missionary, and succeeded in reorganizing the congregation, and to his efforts, and those of several friends who resolved to erect a