

The church at Brome, C. E., built in 1842, having suffered much by the decay which twenty-three years bring, has lately been thoroughly repaired, and made one of the neatest and most comfortable churches in the eastern townships.

On the exterior, a new roof, steeple and blinds have been put, and all neatly painted. The walls, being of stone, were in as good a state of preservation as when built. In the interior, a thorough change has been made. Its former style of architecture was ancient and inconvenient. The walls have been nicely papered, a new desk and new pews put in, and the floor carpeted.

The expense of these repairs has been met by the members of the church, aided by friends in Montreal, who kindly gave eighty-five dollars, and the Hon. A. B. Foster and Christopher Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P., who made liberal contributions, while the friends of other denominations have lent a helping hand in the good work.

The re-opening services took place on Tuesday the 19th September. The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, preached a most interesting and instructive sermon, from Rev. i., 12 and 13, to a large and attentive audience. The Rev. J. A. Farrar, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Messrs. Scales and Maiben, also took part in the services. A collection was taken up which amounted to twenty-four dollars.

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We understand that at the principal station, occupied by Rev. John McLean, at McIntyre's Corners, Osprey, a new cedar-log chapel is being erected, which is expected to be ready for use this winter. The members of the church and congregation having been favored with good crops this season, have been able to subscribe for this purpose and for the support of the minister, who also preaches in Nottawasaga and Proton, and is encouraged in his work.

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We glean the following interesting details from an examination of the last statistical returns to the Union:

The earliest church-formation ascertained (Philipsburg, C. E.) is dated 1826; two others were organized in 1829; between 1830 and 1840, twenty-three; between 1840 and 1850, twenty-seven; between 1850 and 1860, nineteen; and between 1860 and 1865, thirteen. The dates of several organizations are not given. Ten are reported as having been "reorganized."

The greatest number of *changes in the pastorate* is 9, in a church formed in 1832. Four have had 8 ministers; one, 7; two, 6; ten, 5; nine, 4; eight, 3; nineteen, 2; twenty-seven retain their first pastor. The minister first ordained is Rev. D. Dunkerley, in 1823; the next, Rev. J. Forsyth (by the Methodists), in 1826; the next, the Rev. A. J. Parker, in 1829. Twelve have been in the ministry for over a quarter of a century. The longest Canadian pastorate still retained is that of Rev. A. J. Parker, commencing in 1829; the next is that of Dr. Wilkes, dating from 1836; then follow Revs. D. Dunkerley and E. J. Sherrill, in 1837; Rev. J. Wheeler, in 1845; and Revs. W. Hay and K. M. Fenwick, in 1847. All other pastoral connections date since 1850. It should be remembered that as these returns are from *churches*, they do not include the names of such fathers in the ministry as Rev. Dr. Lillie and Rev. W. Clarke, who are not at present in the pastoral office.

One of these pastors reports 9 regular *stations*; another, 7; another, 6; three have 5; four have 4; nine have 3; and fifteen have 2.

The highest number of *adherents* returned is 1100 from one congregation. No other gives as many as 500. Two have over 400; six between 300 and 400; while seventeen have less than 100.

With the exception of one congregation of 800, there is no return of a higher number than 300 "average attendance at principal station." In seven instances there are 200 and upwards, in twenty-nine under 100. Yet six ministers are preaching to as many as 300 hearers (including other stations), and fifteen to between 200 and 300.