

audience which numbered about two hundred. Between each of the speeches a piece of music was performed by an excellent choir. After cordial and unanimous votes of thanks had been given to the ladies of the congregation, to the gentleman who presided at the melodeon and his assistants in the choir, to the speakers, and to the chairman, the benediction was pronounced, and the meeting broke up. Altogether, the afternoon was very delightfully spent, and the circumstances connected with the erection and opening of this neat and commodious Church were of the most gratifying and encouraging character.—*Communicated.*

FLORENCE.

On Monday, the 18th October, a large and interesting meeting of the United Presbyterian Congregation of this village, assembled to give a supper to Mr. W. T. Murdoch, on the occasion of his leaving to prosecute his studies in the Divinity Hall. Mr. M. has resided in this place about two years, during which time his good conduct, his amiable disposition, and especially his zealous efforts for the sobriety and spiritual welfare of the people, have given him a very high position in the affections of the religious community, and won for him the respect of all.

The entertainment was at once homely and dignified; the edible provision was abundant, and displayed great taste both in point of preparation and arrangement. Interesting and instructive addresses also, by strangers and members of the congregation, as well as by the guest of the evening were delivered, and altogether the meeting was one of the most interesting, comforting and encouraging, that it has been our privilege to witness. Doubtless, the remembrance of such a demonstration of attachment, will be a source of no ordinary satisfaction to Mr. Murdoch. The following resolution, amongst others, was unanimously passed and tendered to Mr. M. 1st. That while the United Presbyterian Congregation of Florence hear with regret, from *personal* considerations,—the circumstance of Mr. Murdoch's contemplated departure from among them,—they are yet, from other, higher, and more worthy considerations, prepared to commend the step he is about to take; and now resolve to tender him their warmest sympathies, and to promise him their earnest prayers, that God may speed him in his devout and laudable pursuit. And, 2dly. That in view of his departure, they acknowledge with sincere gratitude, the benefits which they have individually and congregationally received from him, and beg him to accept their united thanks and this supper as a very inadequate expression of their obligations.—[*Communicated.*]

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

Mr. F. B. Tisdell, B. A., has declined the call from the United Congregations of Norrichville and Burford, but they, with a praise-worthy spirit, have again applied for another moderation. Mount Pleasant, also, has made a similar application, both of which were granted, and Mr. Cross, of Ingersoll, was appointed to attend to the former on the 14th of December, and Mr. Young, of Brantford, to attend to the latter on the 30th of November. The next meeting of the Brant Presbytery, will be held in Paris on the first Tuesday of January, 1859 — *Communicated.*]

TO CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Clerks of Presbyteries are requested to prepare and fill up the Schedule of Statistics, as, in consequence of the arrears of the Synod Fund, the expense of printed forms cannot be incurred. They are also requested to return the names of all the congregations and stations within their bounds, whether there be reports

from these or not, that the committee may know the number under the Synod.

Congregations are reminded that by law of Synod, their books should be made up by 31st December, so that the Statistical Reports may be in the hands of Presbytery clerks by the first week in January. On the 19th of October last, blank forms for collecting congregational statistics were sent off to clerks of Presbyteries for circulation.

R. TORRANCE,

Convener of Com. on Statistics.

MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Mission Committee are to meet on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of January, 1859. All applications by probationers and congregations requiring supplement, should be in the hands of the convener, the Rev. R. Torrance, Guelph, at least a week before that date.

DUNDAS.

We have heard that the U. P. Congregation here have called the Rev. James R. Scott to be their Pastor.