

"In reference to our own congregation, we have reason to thank God and take courage—since our present Pastor has been inducted, something short of two years, the congregation has been gradually increasing, and about fifty have been added to the membership of the Church as communicants, yet we see great need of more spirituality, and an increase of real religious life. Through the zeal and devotion of our ladies in getting up the means, the church has been pewed, and the desk furnished. Last week they presented our late Precentor with a gold chain worth \$28, as a token of their appreciation of his services, which office he had to give up on account of ill health. In the same week, we had another soiree, which was a great success—the proceeds amounted to about \$140—the conduct of the ladies in particular was above all praise. Several ministers addressed the meeting with their usual ability, and the vocal music was excellent. We hope the time will come when we shall have no need for those expedients, when the people will act more from principle, will support the ordinances of the Church from love to God, and because it is right." Com.

WALLACETOWN.—The progress of the Church at Wallacetown and Duff's Church, since the settlement of the present Pastor, about a year ago, has been highly encouraging. Then there were three elders in the two congregations, now there are ten elders. During the year, twenty-six additions have been made to the communion roll. Then there was no manse, now there is a commodious manse, with four and a half acres of land, purchased at \$60 per acre. The Pastor has received, at various times, substantial tokens of affection and regard from the congregation, and was recently waited on by a large number of the young people of Duff's Church, who, after spending a time in agreeable social intercourse, presented Mr. McDiarmid with an address and a well-filled purse of money.

ERSKINE CHURCH, INGERSOLL.—The Rev. A. Cross having resigned the Pastorate of this congregation, which he has held for full fourteen years, and having assigned such reasons for doing so as to justify the Presbytery in dissolving the pastoral tie, we deem it proper to publish the following facts in reference to the present state of the congregation, from which it will appear that it never was in a stronger condition than it is at this date. The claims of the minister have been fully discharged up to the date of separation. The contributions for the Schemes of the Synod are \$4.60 in excess of what they were last year, and are as follows: For Knox College, \$23.60; Home Mission, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$10; Widows' Fund, \$10; Synod Fund, \$10; F. Canadian Mission, \$15. There is no debt on the Church-Building, and a debt of only \$400 on the Manse Property, which, at the very least, is worth \$1,800. From these facts it will at once appear that Mr. Cross has sought and obtained separation from a people among whom he has not, for such a lengthened term, laboured, nor spent his strength for "nought and in vain." The congregation would have strenuously opposed the acceptance of his resignation at the bar of the Presbytery, had it not been for the very strong reasons which Mr. C. advanced—the chief of which was the state of Mrs. Cross's health, which has been sorely tried of late, and for whose benefit the doctor recommends a change.

Mr. Cross, before leaving Ingersoll was waited upon by a number of the members and adherents of the Church, who presented him with various tokens of their regard. An address was read expressive of the kindly