

Death of Mr. Burns.—From other sources our readers will have learned that Mr. Burns, Editor of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, died here on the 21st April—but it becomes us to notice the event, and pay our respect to the memory of the dead. Sometimes, when death interposes his stern hand between friends or foes, one feels a wish either that friendship had been more warm when there was time for it, or that variance had been less frequent, or less bitter. We feel so in regard to the former, and while sometimes meeting our lamented friend, and always forming the higher estimate of his character, we regret now, what was unintentional then, that our intimacy had not been more rapid and close. In regard to differences, we are happy to think that, editorially we lived in peace. We printed our periodicals in the same office—extracted from each other with no jealous feeling—conferred with each other on subjects affecting the two churches, and which we might discuss in our papers, and had a plan somewhat arranged by which the question of union between the churches might be fully and amicably discussed. He has not lived to work and see what he longed for here, but we doubt not has realized the union and the glory of the general assembly of the church of the first-born. We extract from the *Record* the following statement of his illness and death:—

"In the course of Monday he complained of some slight symptoms of numbness in his tongue, and of difficulty in articulating particular words and letters. About ten in the evening he repeated the same remark to a friend, who had been one of a small select party who had spent the evening at his house. About half an hour after ten, the symptoms returned, with appearance of paralysis on the right side; and by eleven o'clock Dr. Toller was beside him. It would seem that just about this time, or soon after, a blood-vessel of considerable size must have given way in his head, for he became speechless and nearly insensible. The usual remedies—bleeding, &c., were had recourse to, but without effect. He lay in a state of almost insensibility during the whole of Tuesday, moaning a good deal. His breathing became somewhat obstructed, which led to coughing, attended by short spasmodic struggles. Having the free use of his left arm and leg, he kept them much in motion. Towards Wednesday morning he became more quiet, and he lay many hours in what much resembled a gentle sleep, only occasionally raising his head to his head, as if to ease the pain. During the day his eyes were frequently opened, and he could now and then be roused from his torpor, in general, however, only to relapse almost instantaneously. He seemed, in several instances, distinctly to recognise every member of his family and some friends, intimating his recognition by embracing them with his arm, and by a look speaking affection as far as the paralysed features could express it. He even answered some questions put in a loud voice by a gentle inclination or shake of the head. In this way we learned that his soul was kept in peace. On Thursday he evidently was sinking fast; his eye, when open, had lost its expression, and he could hear nothing. He gradually became weaker, and his breathing became more feeble, till, at a quarter-past seven in the evening, his gentle spirit left the tabernacle of clay, amidst the prayers of his weeping family, and sympathising friends, many of whom were privileged to witness the solemn scene.

"On Saturday, the funeral obsequies were gone through, in the presence of a large body of friends; ministers of different denominations; the office-bearers and trustees, and many members of the church of which he was an office-bearer; the teachers and some of the pupils of the Sabbath school which he superintended; and many of the citizens—bearing this last mark of respect to a truly good man."

Statistical Report of the United Presbytery of Flamboro' West, for the Year ending on the 31st day of December, 1852.

ORGANIZED CONGREGATIONS.	EXPENDITURE ON									
	Stations within Bounds.	Average Attendance.	Members Added.	Members Removed.	Members on the Roll.	Baptisms.	Number in Religious Classes.	Attending Prayer Meetings.	Volumes in Libraries.	Number of Churches.
Flamboro'	205	427	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213
West Dunfries	300	120	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252
Paris	300	22	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Beverly	230	17	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Brantford	250	27	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Chippewa	210	19	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Calcutta	65	14	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Indianas	60	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Ancaster East	60	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Quebec	250	29	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Hamilton	140	12	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Blainford	100	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Catharines	200	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Port Dalhousie	100	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. George	100	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Glenora	80	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mount Pleasant	100	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Norwichville	100	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ancaster West	100	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eastern Branch	100	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

* None attending congregational prayer-meetings, in consequence of the indisposition of the Minister.
VACANCIES.—St. George, Glenora, Mount Pleasant, Norwichville, Eastern Branch.

JOHN HOGG, Presbytery Clerk.