

poses, \$385,000; average stipend of ministers, \$673; total membership, 46,271.

The C. P. Church is henceforth to have a General Assembly, embracing four Synods, each Presbytery to be represented by one-third of its members. It will meet in Toronto in 1870.

Baptist.—The Rev. Dr. Davidson, Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario, and the Rev. Thomas Baldwin, of Ingersoll, have been sent by that Convention as a deputation to the Red River Settlement for the purpose of “spying out the land,” and of preparing the way for future missionary operations in that vast region of country, so soon to become an integral part of the Dominion of Canada. Might not other Missionary Societies imitate this spirited example with advantage? The Rev. J. McLaurin is about to join Mr. Timpany among the Teloogoos. The seven Associations in connection with this body have held their annual meetings, but we have not space for a separate notice of each, and have no way of gathering up into one view the operations of the denomination as a whole.

The same remark applies to the proceedings of the several Conferences of the EPISCOPAL METHODIST body, and some others.

Obituary.

“DIED.—On Dominion Day, (July 1, 1869), at Speedside, Eramosa, James Peters, aged 68.”

The above obituary notice will be read with surprise and regret by many ministers and members of the Congregational Churches of Canada, to whom the deceased was well and widely known. His death leaves a gap, not only in the church to which he belonged, but in the denomination to which he was cordially attached.

James Peters was born near Wigan, Lancashire, England, March 14 1801. He, with his father's family, emigrated to America in the year 1819, settling at Tioga Point, Pennsylvania, where he was married to Hannah Johnson January 1, 1823, who died March 15, 1867. Mr. Peters removed to Canada in 1823 and settled in Eramosa, where he has resided ever since. He was one of the founders of the Speedside Congregational Church, and a deacon of it from its organization until his death. This event was more the result of a general decay of natural vigour, than of any particular disease. For a few months he had been failing, but not until some three weeks of his decease, was his recovery despaired of. A most exemplary and edifying acquiescence in the will of God marked his last days, he rested for all on Christ, and most emphatically his “end was peace.”

Along with some human frailties and imperfections, Mr. Peters possessed many sterling excellencies. He was a man of true piety, settled principles, strong common sense, unusual intelligence, and untiring energy. A thorough Congregationalist, he was devoid of bigotry, and always ready in any practicable way to promote Christian union. The best room in his house was the prophet's chamber, and many ministers of our own and other denominations, who have shared his generous hospitality, will remember him affectionately as “Gains mine host, and of the whole church.” His well-known face will be missed at our Union Meetings, as will his terse characteristic communications in the pages of the *Canadian Independent*. He was a man who could be ill-spared, yet “He who does all things well,” has in wisdom and love removed him. We cannot supply his place, but it is left us to pray to Him who can, “Help Lord for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men.”