

understand that those have not been removed by death, and that several may yet return. We would here remember with gratitude, the liberal and timely assistance given us by the Students of Knox's College, especially in our time of need.

In our financial department we have had a fair measure of success, having collected for the Bible Jubilee Fund, over £15; Sabbath day Collections for Missionary purposes £6 2 6, which is laid aside; to be given to the City of Toronto Mission £2 1 3, to the French Canadian Mission, £2 1 3; and to the Indian Mission, £2. By this it will be seen that the children of this Sabbath School have not been wanting in zeal for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. May their zeal be increased—may it be accompanied with a blessing—and may their be the blessing that maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow. A large addition has been made to our Library of over 500 volumes, the cost of which amounted to £25, but by the aid of the Rev. John Black, of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Board of Publication (for whose interest this school will ever feel grateful) we got a reduction of 50 per cent.—the 500 volumes, with two large maps, costing us only £12 10. Along with this we have distributed among the pupils, 40 Bibles, 40 New Testaments, 30 Psalm Books, 200 Shorter Catechisms, and over 200 religious Tracts. To meet this, we raised by loan £12 10, received a few pounds, part of proceeds of Soiree, got up by the Ladies, teachers in this school, about two years ago for the Sabbath School, also a few pounds subscribed by several of the teachers, leaving us yet in debt over £10. Our stock of Bibles, &c., is exhausted, and the demand increasing. We have therefore to throw ourselves once more on our friends for aid, hoping that they may find that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

There are also forty of the pupils subscribers to the *Child's Paper*, and ten to the *American Messenger*, two useful and interesting monthly publications, published by the American Tract Society.

In bringing this Report to a close, we would earnestly call upon all those connected with, or interested in the welfare of this congregation, to give us your countenance and co-operation, especially in gathering into the fold many of those young ones, who may be seen, Sabbath after Sabbath, wandering in our streets and lanes, on the broad way to destruction, and no one having a care for their souls.

OPENING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN EAST PUSLINC.

Divine Service was held in this Church, for the first time, on Sabbath the 11th ultimo. The Rev. Dr. Willis was expected to open the church, and I was requested to accompany him, so as to address a few words to the Highlanders in their native language. The Doctor, however, was prevented from going to Puslinch, on account of the inclemency of the weather, which was no less a disappointment to himself, than to the immense crowd which expected him on that day. The disappointment will be so far lessened, as Dr. Willis has kindly promised to give them a day at his earliest convenience. The church is a good stone building, intended to accommodate 600 people when the gallery is put in. The completion of the building will take no less than £700, and it is very creditable to them that they have never applied for the least assistance beyond their own congregation, more especially as they are prepared to pay the last farthing before this year closes.

It is due to the Trustees, viz., Messrs. Cockburn, Marshall, McRobie, Morrison, and McKenzie, to mention here, that the congregation is much indebted to them for their liberality, taste, and unwearied exertions in bringing this edifice to completion.

The Collection on this occasion amounted to the handsome sum of £32, and it would have been far more had the church been large enough to accommodate many who had to return home without getting as much as to the door of the church, but it is to be hoped that as soon as the gallery is put in, the house will be large enough for the present demand. It is believed that no less than 600 people came to the church on this occasion. It is to be remarked that another Presbyterian Church, a frame building, was erected in Puslinch this season, and the distance between the two is only three miles. This is also a very large and commodious house. It will take near £300 to cover all the expenses in connection with it. The Presbyterians are a strong body in Puslinch. Perhaps there is no other Township in Upper Canada in which they are more numerous. Not only are they Presbyterians, but they are Presbyterians in connection with our church. They are to build a Manse, also, at the earliest convenience. I might enlarge on the great pleasure I had in laboring in the Missionary work amongst this people last summer, as well as on their unmerited liberality and kindness to me then and since, but I forbear for the present.

I cannot forbear stating, that the Presbyterians in Puslinch are under great obligations to the Rev. Mr. Young, of Guelph, who has kindly visited them and supplied them, so far as he was able, with the means of grace.

Yours, respectfully,
A. McLEAN.

KNOX'S COLLEGE.

OPENING OF BLUE MOUNTAIN FREE CHURCH, NOVA SCOTIA.

On the first Sabbath of November, the 5th inst., the Free Church at the Blue Mountain was opened for public worship. The inside work is not yet completed, but the congregation resolved to occupy it even as it is, because it is much more comfortable than the old place of worship. The old house is now sold and taken down. The new church is capable of holding about 440 or 450 sitters, and when finished will be a neat, comfortable, and substantial building. It is agreed that it should be called "Welsh Church." The name of Welsh is intimately associated with the history of the Church of Scotland. In the early period of its history we have the name of the celebrated John Welsh of Ayr, the son-in-law of Knox and John Welsh of Iron-Gray, grandson of the former, and one of the four hundred ministers who were ejected from their charges by Middleton's *drunken* Parliament in 1662. Latterly we have the name of the venerable Dr. David Welsh who laid the Protest of the Free Church of Scotland on the table of the General Assembly in 1843, and withdrew from the Erastianized Establishment with 470 of his brethren, the flower of the evangelical ministers of the Church of Scotland. The people of Blue Mountain, who were the first congregation in Pieton to cast in their lot with the Protestant Church of Scotland, are desirous of holding in remembrance the name of him who laid down the unanswerable and still unanswered Protest.

It may be noticed likewise that the Blue Mountain Missionary Association held a meeting lately, at which they disposed of the Sheep set apart for Missionary purposes about two years ago.—The price of these sheep is in the funds of the association, and will be applied as the association determine. The members of the Association are understood to mark off another sheep or lamb as soon as one is sold or lost, and in this manner they have always funds in reserve. It would be desirable that other country congregations should adopt a similar plan for raising Missionary Funds. It often happens in the rural districts that people have not money on hand to bestow on the cause of Missions but they have

what is equivalent, and can easily be converted into money, if they had the will, the skill and the ingenuity, to devise some such scheme as that adopted by the Blue Mountain people, for raising funds.—Where there is a will there is a way. A willing heart makes an active hand.—*Eccles. Record.*

SOCIAL MEETING AT BUXTON.

As the 20th instant was the anniversary of the formation of the Sabbath School in connexion with the Presbyterian congregation at Buxton, a social meeting was held for the encouragement of the young attending the School, to which all were freely invited. According to previous announcement the meeting was opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., and notwithstanding that the hour was early and the weather somewhat severe, the attendance of scholars, parents and persons interested in the success of Religious Education, was unusually large. After the opening exercises, the Rev. William King, Pastor of the congregation, upon being called to the chair, gave in a highly interesting speech, an historical detail of the rise and progress of the School during the past five years. In 1840, under the most discouraging circumstances, it was opened with only two pupils, and, during each succeeding year, under the superintendance of the different day-school teachers, whose services had been obtained, it continued steadily to increase, until in 1854, under an efficient staff of teachers it numbered 130 pupils. He went on further to notice its present position, and spoke of its future prospects in a manner which must have been not only very encouraging to those connected with the mission, but also most cheering to all present. He was succeeded by the Rev. George Jamieson, of the Grammar School, Chatham, who in the course of an able and appropriate address spoke of the privileges enjoyed in receiving Sabbath tuition, and mentioned several sources of encouragement to those engaged in giving such instruction. Next came refreshments, the supply of which was abundant, and of such a character as to reflect great credit on the ladies who had volunteered their services for the occasion. After ample justice had been done the good things provided, Mr. McSweeney, the late Superintendent of the School, addressed the meeting on the privileges of Gospel day, the spread of Gospel light, taken in connexion with duty to Missions, and the condemnation of those who hate the Light. Mr. G. Wilson, the Teacher, followed in a humorous and pithy speech, interspersed with anecdotes calculated to stir the young to diligence and to animate them with the laudable desire to become great and good. Mr. D. Bain, the Superintendent of the School, spoke, shortly, of God's preserving care, the duty to love and serve Him, and the required sincerity of such service. The Missionary Box containing the offerings of the scholars during the last year was then opened, and the amount of contributions, as stated by Mr. Campbell, the Treasurer of the Society, was upwards of \$9, which sum it was unanimously agreed should be given in behalf of the Calabar Mission, South Africa. The meeting broke up about 2 o'clock, P. M., every one highly gratified with the day's proceedings.

UNION WITH THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the last Meeting of the English Presbyterian Synod, a Committee of six ministers and as many Elders, was appointed "to communicate with Presbyteries or ministers of the United Presbyterian Church, or to take such other steps as are calculated, by the Divine blessing, and without any compromise of sound doctrine, to effect a union between them and this Synod." At a meeting held last October, this Committee