

making a vigorous attempt to become entirely independent of aid from the Home Church. She had begun to do this before the reception of the minute of the Standing Committee on your side of the ocean. It remains to be seen whether that effort will be successful—it is earnestly hoped that it will. The season through which we have passed has been a very unfavourable one—a decided reaction to the spirit of speculation that had raged for a time having set in—a commercial crisis has prevailed—money is exceedingly scarce—and it is much to be feared that the funds of the church will suffer. Around this part of the country—and the remark applies to a great part of the province—the wheat crop, both fall and spring, is almost a complete failure; most of the farmers will have little if anything more than will keep their families in bread, so that there will be scarcely anything for sale; while, owing to the want of money and the scarcity of labour, parties are restrained from purchasing more than what is required for subsistence. It may be that God will pour out the spirit of liberality in the midst of this depression, but it is anticipated that there will be great difficulty experienced by the church in sustaining her present position. Your Board will therefore act wisely and kindly in not sending out more missionaries until requested again to do so; and in justice allow me to state, that those who come out from Scotland may find themselves disappointed in the amount of pecuniary emolument given. So long as the church here could apply to the church at home to supplement her deficiency, and could consider herself as a missionary church, she was ready to carry the gospel into parts whose inhabitants, so far from being able to contribute to its support, could scarcely supply themselves with the necessaries of life; but, in consequence of the resolution adopted by your Board—and in regard to it we have no desire to say anything that could be construed into complaint—she must, for some time, at any rate, be cramped in her efforts, and her future operations must be regulated by the manner in which a response is made to an appeal that has been prepared by the direction of the Mission Committee, and sent down to presbytery clerks for circulation in the congregations and stations in their bounds. Since an application was made some time ago for twelve additional preachers, and published, ministers and preachers may still think of offering themselves for Canada, and the Board may still consider itself warranted in accepting them; but as the aforesaid resolution has brought on a critical period in our history, it will be well to consider that application fallen from, until those already in the field have obtained a settlement, and the necessity again presents itself to apply afresh with the prospect that a suitable maintenance can be afforded.”

#### LESKEY, KING—CHURCH OPENING.

The members and friends of the U. P. Church on the 6th Concession of the Township of King, and in that vicinity, having built a very neat Church in the Village of Leskey, had it opened for the public worship of God on the 21st ult. The Rev. Dr. Taylor, from Toronto, preached in the forenoon, and Mr. Dick, of Richmondhill, in the afternoon. The congregation was large and, to all appearance, earnestly attentive to the services. “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee, Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions’ sake, I will say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.”

SOIREE.—In connection with the opening services of the preceding Sabbath, a Soiree was held in the Church on the Thursday following. The proceedings began about two o’clock, at which hour Tea was served in a style that reflected great credit on the ladies of the congregation. After tea the Rev. James Dick, of Richmondhill, the highly esteemed Minister by whom the Station has been chiefly supplied, took the chair, and spoke briefly, but happily, on some points connected with the erection and opening of this new place of worship. The Reverends Mr. Milney and Dr. Ellsworth made a few congratulatory remarks, which were well received. In addition to which, four of the U. P. Divinity Students delivered interesting and instructive addresses, viz.: Mr. Hall, on “Temperance;” Mr. Hume, on “The Elements of Congregational Prosperity;” Mr. Goodfellow, on “Christianity as a Civilizer;” and Mr. Donald, on “John Howard—the Lessons of his Life.” The addresses were listened to with marked interest by an