

On the Monday evening a public meeting was held, when very interesting addresses were given, on subjects suggested by the Session to the following Ministers. Viz:—Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot.—Subject, “The principal characters who figured in the Reformation in Scotland,” by special request. Rev. T. R. Owen, of Carlisle.—Subject, “The influence of Nonconformity in England and Wales.” Rev. James Ferguson, of Lobo.—Subject, “The causes which led to the disruption of the Church of Scotland in 1843.” Rev. Robert Hall, Nissouri.—Subject, “Christian Union.” Rev. William Fletcher.—Subject, “The anticipated social and religious future of Canada.” The welcome, though unlooked for, visit of the Rev. William Walker, afforded an opportunity to hear a short address from him. Every available foot of room was occupied by an audience, who, though many of them had to stand in the heavy press, maintained an unremitted attention for about four hours. The exercises were also enlivened by select pieces of vocal music delightfully performed.

The Church itself is a substantial, brick structure, with slated roof. No expenditure has been spared to secure comfort. A plain elegance beautifies it throughout. It is an excellent country church, highly creditable to the congregation, every family of which, I understand, has contributed to its erection. The only difficulty which was feared has been graciously averted from us—that of selecting a site three miles from the old church and the grave-yard.

As to the finances.—The subscription list was well sustained,—payable in three annual instalments,—the third now nearly due. The building with its furnishings costs \$2070 which is met thus:—By cash \$1612,25; teaming and other voluntary labour considered worth \$830,00; by collections on Sabbath last, \$68,73, and on Monday evening \$19,50, which make in all \$2025 48, which leaves our debt somewhat less than *fifty dollars*.

The office bearers and members of the Church are not unmindful of Him to whom all the praise is due, to Him they have unitedly offered of His own; in this, as in many other instances, the Lord has crowned their effort with success. They now wait hopefully for all further blessings according to the faithful promise.

J. S.

FUND FOR AIDING AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN DIVINITY.

For this Fund we have received, from the U. P. Congregation of Kinecardine, \$5; and from the U. P. Congregation of Paris, \$15.

TILSONBURG.

The U. P. Congregation here, have, on the 22nd ult., given a cordial and unanimous call to the Rev. Gilbert Tweedie, M.D., to be their pastor. The Rev. Arch. Cross, Ingersol, preached and presided on the occasion.—*Com.*

KIRKWALL.

On the evening of the 7th of January, a deputation of the Bible Class, taught by the Rev. John Porteous, Kirkwall, consisting of Mr. James McQueen and Mr. James McMillan, waited upon their teacher and pastor, and in the name of the class, presented him with a purse containing \$16 25.

Also, a few days previously, a small Sabbath school class of boys, presented

their minister and teacher, with a handsome pocket Bible. The Rev. gentleman gratefully acknowledged the two gifts, and expressed the hope that the Saviour would bless his intercourse with the lambs of the flock, and prepare them for a worthy profession of His glorious name.—*Communicated.*

RICHMONDHILL AND THORNHILL.

At a social meeting of the members and friends of the United Presbyterian congregations of Richmondhill and Thornhill, held on the 31st December last, over which Robert Marsh, Esq., presided as Chairman, George P. Dickson Esq., in the name of the congregation, presented the Rev. James Dick, their minister, with a purse containing \$100, also a short address, intimating that “those who contributed the gift, desirous of expressing their esteem for the Rev. J. Dick, and their appreciation of his faithful services as a minister of the Gospel, gave the purse as a New Year’s gift.”—*Communicated.*