

DEPARTURE OF FEMALE MISSIONARIES.—Miss Fairweather and Miss Rodgers, two young ladies, who offered their services as missionaries to the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church, and were accepted, have just sailed for India, where they are to engage in missionary labor. They will in the meantime labor in connection with the missionaries of the American Presbyterian Church. Many prayers will, we are sure, follow these devoted Christian ladies, and much interest will be felt in their future course.

OPENING OF NEW CHURCHES AT HARROWSMITH AND WILTON.—The Presbyterians of Harrowsmith and Wilton, under the pastoral care of the Rev. John Gallaher, have put forth laudable efforts in the way of erecting houses of worship. In the former village, a beautiful church of Gothic model was opened for religious service on the 4th of February last. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Montreal, in the forenoon, and by the Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Kingston, in the afternoon. The people spared no pains or expense in providing themselves with a house of worship, beautiful to the eye, and at the same time comfortable and commodious. It has a gallery at one end, and in the rear of it a tower surmounted by a lofty spire. It is heated with hot air, and evinces on the part of the projectors a commendable degree of carefulness and taste.

In Wilton, a village about six miles distant, another new church has been erected. It is pleasing to note that this building, Phoenix-like, now stands on the same site that was occupied by one of the first, if not the first of the Presbyterian Churches erected in Ontario. This village was one of the stations supplied by that pioneer Presbyterian missionary, the Rev. Robert McDowall. This building was formally opened for religious purposes on the 7th of October, current, by the Rev. Wm. McKenzie, of Almonte, who preached forenoon and afternoon. In the evening, a very successful soiree was held. The proceeds of the day were highly satisfactory. This building has also a tower and spire, and is neatly finished. Each church is provided with a bell to summon the people at the hour of prayer. When account is taken of the fewness of our people at these two places, one may, with propriety, be rejoiced in view of the liberality shown. Further, it has been decided to build a manse next year, suitable as a residence for their minister. Although the Harrowsmith Church cost about \$4,000 and the Wilton one somewhat over \$2,000, still the people are not under an oppressive burden of debt. They hope that, ere long, by their own exertions and the aid they have reason to expect from without, all outstanding liabilities will be met. It is a promising omen to see such attention paid by the people to their religious necessities. With God's blessing precious fruit may be anticipated.—(Com.)

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Lt. Governor of Ontario, has appointed Thursday, the 6th inst., as a day of thanksgiving for the abundant harvest, and for all the blessings which, as a Province, we enjoy. We regret the apparent confusion which has taken place in the matter of the appointment of a day of thanksgiving. We trust that next year there will be a better understanding, and that all parties will agree on a day which will be generally suitable. For the Province of Ontario, at any rate, the middle of October is too early. As the matter stands this year, we trust the recommendation of the Government will be duly regarded. It is certain we cannot exceed in the duty of thanksgiving.