

its vicinity; and it is a matter of no small moment to have some in whom both inclination and ability are combined. (Mr. Smith here refers specially to the kindness and attention of R. McKinnon, Esq., to whom all our Missionaries are under great obligations.) I preached again at Caledonia on Sabbath 19th. The number in attendance on this day would amount, at the lowest calculation, to 150. Had the weather been less stormy, and the roads leading from the woods more passable, it was stated the audience would have been upwards of 200. After public worship was over at Caledonia, I rode down the river and preached again at York in the afternoon, and was there again accommodated with the Methodist Chapel. The number of hearers would be about 60. Mr. Farish, who lives in this neighbourhood, and is strongly attached to Free Church principles, kindly volunteered his services to accompany me in visiting the settlers on the South side of the River, which, to me, were equally acceptable and necessary. Accordingly, on Monday, the 20th, after breakfast we crossed the River, in a cutter, on the ice, but we had not travelled above a couple of miles, till we found the roads so deep y covered with snow, partially frozen, that we found it impossible to proceed, and were forced to return without accomplishing the object in view. On Tuesday morning I started for Dunnville and the Narrows of the Chippewa; in the course of the week visited a number of Presbyterian families in both these Stations, and, as formerly, found them firm in their attachment and adherence to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. I preached at the Narrows, at 7 o'clock, on the evening of Friday, the 24th January. Though it rained heavily and incessantly the whole day, and the roads were in a dreadful state, yet a very considerable number of Presbyterians attended. I preached on the Sabbath following in Dunnville, to a crowded congregation, consisting, I believe, of all the different denominations, with the exception of Catholics, perhaps, residing in the place. Some of them had travelled in waggon as far as 10 or 11 miles. On returning from Dunnville I preached at Cayuga at 11 o'clock, A. M.; but the Meeting was very thin. Some, it appeared, had not got notice of the Meeting at all. I preached on Sabbath, 9th February, at Nelson, forenoon, and at Oakville in the evening. The distance between these Stations is about 14 miles. At the latter place the house was crowded; at the former it was full. On Sabbath, 16th, I preached at Wellington Square in the forenoon, and at Waterdown in the afternoon. The distance between these Stations is about 7 or 8 miles. At the former place the number of hearers would be about 60; at the latter place, when I preached in a Methodist Chapel, about 200, consisting, it was said, of various denominations. The Presbyterians in this latter Station are exceedingly desirous that a Deputation of the Presbytery would visit them, as they have done in other localities, that so they might have a better opportunity of more accurately ascertaining their strength, of hearing the principles of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the causes that led to the disruption, more largely and clearly explained, and also that their hands may be strengthened, and their hearts encouraged in the good cause which they have espoused. I trust the Presbytery will see the propriety of responding to their wishes, and will feel it to be their duty, on some early day, to gratify desires so laudable in themselves, and so refreshing to the hearts of the Ministers of our Church.

The Rev. Mr. Steele has recently left his field of labour in the West, to visit Darlington, at the earnest request of the Congregation there, who are disposed to call him to the Pastoral office amongst them.

The Rev. Angus Mackintosh, of Thorold, preceded some weeks ago, at the request of the

Presbytery of Hamilton, to visit the new settlements at Owen's Sound.

The Rev. Mr. Leaman still prosecutes his labours in the Presbytery of Montreal.

### Miscellaneous RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. CANADA.

**HAMILTON.**—The congregation of the Presbyterian Church here, are taking active measures for the erection of a place of worship. At a Congregational Meeting on the 24th inst., the site was chosen, being a most desirable lot on the N. E. corner of James and Cannon streets, between the Post office and the Episcopal Church. A large building committee was appointed, and it was resolved that the Church should be of stone, and that it should be styled Knox's Church. A sum of £650 was subscribed on the spot, which has since increased to upwards of £900. It is receiving daily additions.

**GALT.**—The congregation of the Presbyterian Church here, under the ministry of the Rev. John Bayne, have voluntarily withdrawn from the place of worship which they have occupied for some years past. A considerable amount of debt (nearly £100) remains due on this Church, payment of which, we understand, was tendered to the proprietor, on condition of his granting a satisfactory deed for the property—for which the Trustees hold a bond—containing no reference to the Scotch Establishment. But on finding there was a disposition to frame the deed in an unsatisfactory way, the Trustees, with the concurrence of the congregation, declined completing the transaction. The place of worship thus left untenanted is a wooden building, and had become quite too small for the congregation, who have already taken effectual steps for the erection of a stone Church of suitable dimensions.

**TORONTO.**—A correspondent has favoured us with the following statement—"On Sabbath afternoon, (3th ult.), Mr. King preached a very interesting sermon on the Scriptural nature of the office and duties of Deacons, exhibiting the qualifications required for that office as set forth in the Word of God, and shewing that all the funds of the Church, not merely for the poor, but also for the support of the Ministry, were at first given to the apostles, who administered them; and, that when the matter became too onerous, they directed the people, i. e. the disciples generally, to look out among themselves for seven men whom they might ordain over them for this charge, proving at the same time in the most convincing manner from passages in Corinthians, Acts, &c., that the apostles did not denote themselves of all concern in this respect, or withdraw entirely from the administration of the pecuniary affairs of the Church. On the 11th Sept., when the Presbytery of Toronto visited the Congregation of Knox's Church, Mr. King also gave a very faithful address, on the subject of the Deaconship, and on the Sustentation of the Ministry: detailing the history and working of the Sustentation Scheme in Scotland, and urging on the congregation the duty of examining into Scriptural examples and authority, and carefully to mark the bearing and application thereof in the administration of the Church's affairs at all times, informing them that in Scotland it was through much deliberation and prayerful study of the Scriptures that Bible principles in this respect were made clear to them, and that though these principles might not be carried out into practice in every respect at once, yet they kept them steadily before them as what ought to be aimed at."

**CAVAN.**—PRESBYTERY OF CONROUG.—At a visitation of the Congregation of South Cavan by the Presbytery, held on the 4th ult., the people declared their approbation of the Sustentation Scheme, and their intention to take immediate steps for carrying it into effect.

**PERTH.**—PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—We understand the Congregation of Perth have intimated an unanimous desire to give a call to the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, to become their pastor. It will be recollected that Mr. Hamilton was recently sent out as a Missionary to Canada by the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. We learn that he must return home for his family before he can accept a permanent charge here, and we trust he will see it to be his duty to extend his visit to the bounds of all our Presbyteries, that he may see with his own eyes the extensive destitution of religious ordinances, and be prepared to report fully on this subject to our brethren in Ireland.

**WELLINGTON SQUARE.**—The Presbyterians of this village and vicinity, are also bestirring themselves for the erection of a Church, and for obtaining the stated ministrations of the Gospel. They have recently had a public Meeting, at which their adherence to the Presbyterian Church of Canada was unanimously declared, and nearly £100 subscribed for Church building. This Station is connected with those of Nelson and Flamborough East—which, unitedly, will soon form a compact, and important pastoral charge.

**ASKEW.**—The Presbyterians here, under the Ministry of the Rev. M. Y. Stark, finding that they can make no satisfactory arrangement, in regard to the Church property—where they have hitherto met for worship—have resolutely set to work to erect a place of worship, and are getting out the timber necessary for that purpose.

**DUNSMILL.**—A Correspondent gives the following information respecting the recent proceedings of the Presbyterian Community at this important and interesting Station.—"I have great satisfaction in informing you of the result of a Meeting of the Presbyterian inhabitants of this place—this was proposed at the time we had the pleasure of the presence of the Rev. Messrs. Bayne and Snellie among us. The Meeting took place about a fortnight thereafter—when the desirableness of erecting a place for public worship was fully discussed and allowed—and a resolution was passed that the proposed Church and Congregation should be in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Subscriptions amounted to £210 on the spot, and various sums have been added since, so that we may anticipate £300 in the neighbourhood, and a free site in a favourable situation."

**BIRNBROOK AND SALTFLEET.**—The congregation in these townships, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Geo. Cheyne, was visited on the 19th and 20th ult., under the direction of the Sustentation Board, by Mr. Walker, the Secretary, and the Rev. A. Gale. The congregation had previously adopted the Sustentation Scheme with cordiality and unanimity, so that the object of the visit was merely to render such counsel and encouragement to the congregation, and especially the Deacons thereof, as their circumstances seemed to require, in order to their full participation in the benefits of the Scheme. The spirit manifested by the congregation and office-bearers, was in every respect most satisfactory, a warm attachment to their worthy minister, an exemplary readiness to contribute according to their utmost ability for the support of the Gospel, and a firm attachment to the great and sacred principles for which the Presbyterian Church of Canada is a witness. The most persevering and unscrupulous efforts have been used to distract and divide them, which, though unhappily not without some success, will not accomplish, what at one period might have been feared, the utter removal of a Presbyterian Ministry from that corner of the vineyard. The portion of the congregation residing in Birnbrook have commenced the erection of a place of worship, in a central part of the Township.

**TORONTO—CHRISTIAN UNION, &c.,—LECTURE.**—During the October meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, a conference was held between Members of the Synod, and Ministers of several other Christian denominations,