

propriety of providing their minister, the Rev. Thomas Stevenson, with a more suitably comfortable and commodious house, than can be obtained for renting; but resolved to postpone the erection of a manse till all the debt on the church is extinguished; when they hope they may be in a better condition for erecting a manse such as they wish to provide. They entered into arrangements, however, with Mr. Dougall, one of their number, to erect for him in the meantime a large two story brick house, on his own property. The ladies of the congregation resolved to celebrate the occasion of Mr. Stevenson entering his new abode, by presenting, as a token of good-will to him and Mrs. Stevenson, on the evening before Christmas, certain handsome articles of parlour and bed-room furniture, considerably exceeding in value \$200. Mr. Stevenson, on behalf of Mrs. Stevenson and himself, cordially thanked their kind friends for their gift, which had for them far more than a money value. His greatest external encouragement was this, that never was the congregation more prosperous, more numerous, more united, or composed of better material; that their missionary contributions were doubling; and that their ordinary funds were never in a better condition; so that he was glad to learn, that notwithstanding the liberal allowance they had been making for rent, their income was more fully than ever meeting the expenditure. When, however the obliging proprietor, and the gentlemen of the management made arrangements to provide him and his family such an excellent residence, he could not but be highly gratified; and certainly his sense of the treatment they were receiving was much enhanced by such a token of esteem, as they had that night received from the ladies.

BETHESDA CHURCH, BOMANTON.—The Bethesda congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at their annual meeting on the 17th January, appointed a deputation to wait on their pastor, the Rev. W. MacWilliam, B.A., and presented him with a very affectionate and complimentary address, together with a purse containing one hundred dollars, as a token of their appreciation of his services in their midst. To the address, Mr. MacWilliam made a very feeling reply, thanking them for the handsome expression of their good will and esteem.

When it is considered that this congregation is but small in number, (the average attendance being little over 100)—that the mere support of Gospel ordinances among themselves is no slight burden;—that they have within the last three years erected a commodious and beautiful manse, and purchased a Glebe for the minister, at the cost of over \$1,600; and that the debt on these is almost entirely wiped away; that they have contributed liberally to every scheme of the church for the past year, and had paid up the last farthing of stipend due to their minister, ere presenting their free-will offering, we think it will be acknowledged that this little congregation is setting an example, which should “provoke” many other congregations in the church to similar beautiful manifestations of “love and good works.”

REV. C. CHINIQUEY.—With reference to a communication from Rev. C. Chiniquy, we beg to say that in the early part of last summer we received a statement of the financial position of the mission at St. Ann’s for several years. At the time, and for some months after, we had not space in the Record for the figures, which extended over a number of years. The papers have been mislaid, but if furnished with another copy, we shall be happy to make room for the statements.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—The work of prayer, we believe has been very generally observed. In Toronto, where a branch of the Evangelical Alliance has been formed, the meetings were larger and more encouraging than in any former year.