

chair being taken by the Rev. R. Rodgers, the exercises were commenced by music from the choir, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Drummond. The chairman spoke nearly as follows:—"Christian Friends,—We have met together this day on a most auspicious occasion. The desire of our hearts is now, in some measure fulfilled. About five years ago, the Presbyterian cause here had its origin, with one or two families. For a time, they had service only occasionally. About sixteen months ago, a pastor was settled over them. Then there were only eight names on the roll. These have now increased to forty. Aided by the liberality of friends, the building committee have proceeded thus far, amid much difficulty, in the erection of a house in which to worship the only living and true God. They have already expended about \$2000, and obtained by subscription about \$1300. Christian friends, let our hearts be filled with gratitude, that we have been enabled to accomplish so much, and let us thank God and take courage." The company was then addressed by the Rev. Mr. Rump, Methodist, who in a most earnest and happy manner, set forth the beauty of brotherly love, and of harmonious and united effort in the Church of Christ. He was followed by the Rev. G. Murray, of Blenheim, who with his wonted ability and clearness, set forth the nature, the design, and the divine appointment of the Christian Ministry; showing at the same time, its claims on the liberal support of the christian people. About half-past four, a sumptuous and elegant repast, provided solely by the liberality of friends, and the zealous efforts of the ladies, was served up in a manner highly creditable to those in attendance; and we believe with general satisfaction to the whole company. After tea, addresses were delivered. The Rev. Mr. Beardsall, in his usual pleasant and humorous style, expressed his deep interest in the prosperity of the good cause, in this place. The Rev. Mr. Bothwell, in a few remarks, expressed his high satisfaction, that the spirit of union was fast gaining ground in the church. The Rev. Mr. Drummond next appeared on the platform, and in a powerful and energetic speech, set forth concisely and pointedly the grand elements of a prosperous church. Towards the close of his remarks, he started the idea, that something should be done to finish the steeple and put a bell in it; and concluded with an earnest appeal to the Christian people, to use their means and influence for building up the cause of Christ, and doing good to those around them. In the remarks which followed from the chair, it was hinted that something might be done now, to carry out the idea started by the last speaker. The house responded with the greatest readiness and liberality, and in less than half an hour, a subscription was obtained for the purpose mentioned, to the amount of \$263. The assembly was afterwards addressed by Mr. T. P. Crandon, the Rev. Mr. Wallace of Ingersoll, and by the Rev. J. Fraser. Mr. Crandon, whose efforts in preparing for the occasion, showed the deep interest he felt in it, in a few sentences expressed his satisfaction in holding a place in such a meeting, and also his wish that it might be productive of lasting good to the community. The Rev. Mr. Wallace referred to the origin of the Presbyterian cause here, congratulated the friends most heartily on the prosperity they enjoyed, and in a short, but comprehensive and telling speech, advocated the friendly feeling between different denominations, and said it was an object for which he had long wished and labored as far as he could, that the United Presbyterians and the Free Church should not only meet together as friends in Christ, but as brethren of the same denomination. In the closing speech, the Rev. Mr. Fraser, with great power and eloquence, set forth the suitableness and excellency of the gospel, as a means of bringing peace and happiness to the world. During the intervals of speaking, the company was entertained by music from the choir, which for its richness, its variety and harmony, did ample honor to the skill of the performers. After a few observations from the chair, the benediction was pronounced, and the company separated about half-past eight, all evidently highly gratified.

The proceeds of the meeting apart from the sabbath collections, and the sub-