

berry; Mr. Black, Unionville; Mr. Skinner, Churchhill; Mr. Robertson, Cowansville; Mr. Bolton, Inverness. We suppose that Mr. McKinnon is at Manila and will be at Kincardine, and Mr. Currie at Don Mount mission.

HENRY WILKES.

May 6th, 1880.

### OBITUARY.

HONOURABLE FREEMAN TUPPER, M.L.C.

In the death of the Honourable Freeman Tupper, the province of Nova Scotia has lost a true patriot, the Legislative Council one of its oldest and most respected members, Queen's County its chief magistrate, and the Congregational church of Milton one of its most esteemed and influential members. Mr. Tupper's death which took place at his own home, at Milton, on Monday, the 19th of April, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, was preceded by an illness of several months, during the latter part of which he suffered great distress at times, all of which was borne by him with remarkable patience and Christian resignation. At no time did his trust in Jesus for acceptance with God waver, and the last words he was heard to utter were the Saviour's promise to His afflicted apostle, "My grace is sufficient for thee." As a public man Mr. Tupper will long be remembered as a man of singular uprightness and integrity, as seen by his choosing to suffer pecuniary loss to a large extent on more than one occasion, rather than sacrifice principle and honesty. In politics he was ever the firm and earnest supporter of the Liberal party, although in the treatment of political opponents free from that bitterness and rancour which is by far too common a fault with our provincial politicians. Mr. Tupper made no pretensions to eloquence, although when he spoke in the Legislative Council his singularly fine presence and sound practical sense gained for him a more respectful hearing than was accorded to many more loquacious speakers. In Queen's County, of which he was Custos, he was universally respected and very widely known, enjoying his own share of the prosperity of the county in early days, and suffering much more than his own share of the pecuniary disasters that have overtaken that county of late years. In private life Mr. Tupper was much beloved by his friends, to all of whom he was ever ready to extend the most cordial hospitality. In the church at Milton, of which he was a member ever since its commencement, he was a most constant attendant on all the means of grace—Sabbath and week day—the warm friend of the minister, and most courteous in his treatment of his brethren. To all charitable and denominational objects he was ever a most willing contributor. To his family circle, by whom he was much beloved, his loss is irreparable. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. By a letter from Milton we learn that the deceased was buried in the Milton cemetery, on the 22nd April, the day being one of the loveliest, awakening nature's dormant powers into life by the balmy breath of spring, quickening, too, our faith in the assurance "that our dead men shall live, yea, that they who dwell in dust shall awake and sing." The attendance at the funeral was very large, representing the whole country-side. The services were conducted by the Rev. A. McGregor, of Yarmouth, in which he was assisted by resident ministers of various denominations. Mr. McGregor preached from Rev. xiv. 13, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," etc., in the course of which he dwelt upon the character of those spoken of as "blessed," wherein this blessedness is described as consisting, and the means to realize it. The occasion was a solemn one, and it is to be hoped that purposes were then formed and resolutions made which will yield fruit to the praise and glory of God.

R. K. B.

### News of the Churches.

BELLEVILLE.—One of the largest and most enjoyable parlour socials ever held in this city was that given in honour of Rev. Mr. Cossar and wife at the residence of J. J. B. Drewry last night. The rooms were all full, and the programme of entertainment was an excellent one.—*Daily Ontario*.

STONEYVILLE. Rev. J. B. Silcox gave his lecture on "Grip and Grip" on Tuesday, 27th ult. Rev. H. D. Powis lectured on "John Bunyan" on the 4th inst. Rev. B. W. Day preached last Sunday. On Tuesday last the pastor buried Mr. Jas. Mair (Presbyterian), aged ninety-six years less three months.

WINNIPEG.—The communion season this month was an unusually happy time. Three were received into the fellowship of the church on profession of their faith, and five by letter. The pastor of the church was pleased to receive a visit from our old friend, Rev. J. Brown, who reports an open door and urgent need in the Pembina Mountain district.

SARNIA.—The anniversary tea meeting of the church here was held on the 28th ult. The house was comfortably filled, the pastor in the chair. After tea was served an interesting programme was enjoyed, which consisted of music by the choir and several amateurs, an address by Rev. J. W. Cuthbertson, and a reading from Mr. J. Mitchell. The last item of interest was a presentation to Miss L. Mitchell of an address and a handsome gold locket as a slight token of appreciation for services rendered as organist.

NEWMARKET.—Living as I do so far (fourteen miles) from the Congregational church at Newmarket, I have not the pleasure of meeting with them but seldom. I had the privilege last Sabbath, and felt truly thankful to see the congregations both morning and evening, and to feel that the Master was present. It was good to be there. I am glad to say that there is steady progress, several additions, more expected soon, pastor working steadily and faithfully, people giving liberally, and peace and harmony prevailing.—T. S.

SPEEDSIDE.—The pastor has for some time been holding a monthly meeting on a Sabbath evening at Drumhill. On Friday evening, the 16th ult., a deputation of two young men, Mr. Peter and Mr. James McDonald, armed with an address, arrived at the parsonage and read it to the Rev. C. Duff, presenting him at the same time a fine buffalo robe and a beautiful silver mounted whalebone carriage whip, with the name of the reverend gentleman engraved on the second ring of the handle, as a small appreciation of his services in their behalf.

TORONTO—DON MOUNT.—A very pleasant social was held Tuesday evening, 4th inst., at the Don Mount Congregational mission. The occasion was the welcoming of Mr. Currie to that field of labour for the summer months. Over two hundred, of all ages, were present. Tea was served. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Burton and Warriner of the Northern and Yorkville churches, some kind words were spoken by Messrs. H. J. Clark and J. Adams, a humorous address and kind from Rev. J. E. Sanderson of a neighbouring Methodist church, then a few well chosen remarks by Mr. Currie, and the friends separated for home with deepened sympathy for a mission where a few earnest friends, in faith and lowliness, have perseveringly sowed "beside all waters."

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.—On the evening of April 8th, the members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association in connection with the Congregational church of this city were entertained at the manse by the President, Rev. Thomas Hall. At half-past six o'clock the guests assembled and were cordially received by the pastor and his amiable wife. After an hour had been spent in tea, etc., the members returned to the drawing-room, where an address was delivered by the President, in the course of which he briefly reviewed the career of the Association since its inception, and congratulated the members on their progress in the pursuit of intellectual acquirements. At the close of the reverend gentleman's remarks two of the guests withdrew, and shortly after returned, one bearing a beautifully wrought silver tea service, the other holding in his hand an address. The address and reply are annexed. "Address to Rev. Thomas Hall, President of the Young's Men's Mutual Improvement Association. Rev. and dear Sir,—We, the members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, desirous of testifying in some hum-

ble way our appreciation of the untiring zeal and unflagging interest always manifested towards us as individuals and as an association; and feeling at the same time deeply conscious that we are utterly unable to recompense you for all the trouble which you have gratuitously imposed upon yourself, beg your acceptance of the accompanying tea service as a slight token of the respect and esteem we entertain for you. Praying that you and your family may be speedily in health for many years, and that the choicest blessings of a kind Providence may be your heritage both here and hereafter, we remain, on behalf of Y.M.M.I.A., L. T. Chancey, A. A. Parsons, Robt. Barnes, A. Linstrom, D. A. McLaren, John Cowan." "Reply to the members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. Gentlemen, I am utterly unable to command words on the present occasion to thank you for this unexpected testimony of your appreciation of my poor services. During the five years I have had the honour to preside over your Association, I have thought of no other reward than your advancement, and without hesitation I can say, I have not been disappointed. I accept your handsome and valuable gift with profound gratitude. No doubt it will keep alive in years to come the memory of the delightful hours we have spent together. I thank you for your kind wishes for my family, and I earnestly reciprocate your prayer that Providence may bestow upon you present and eternal blessing. I assure you so long as the Almighty permits me to labour in your midst, nothing will be omitted on my part to promote the noble object for which we are associated. I remain, gentlemen, gratefully yours, T. Hall Parsonage, St. John's, April 8th, 1880."—*St. John's Telegram*.

### NEWFOUNDLAND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The tenth annual meeting of the above Society was held in the lecture room of the Congregational church, St. John's, on Wednesday 17th of March. The President, Rev. J. Hall, occupied the chair, and was surrounded on the platform by the officers and committee. A large audience testified their devotion to the important work in which the Society is engaged. The President briefly reviewed the history of the Home Mission; shewing how from year to year the income of the Society had been increasing, and that the past year was no exception. He referred to the precious fruit that had appeared on the various stations even during the past year; and regarded the conversion of sinners to Christ as the very best proof that our agents were not labouring in vain. He had no doubt but there was a prosperous future before the Society. "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy."

The Secretary's report being read, and the Treasurer's account submitted, the following resolutions were introduced by the gentlemen named, all of whom not only evinced thorough acquaintance with the work, but sincere devotion to the cause of missions.

The choir was in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings by several missionary hymns and anthems. For three hours the audience manifested no signs of weariness. We have no hesitation in saying that no former meeting of the Society was so enthusiastic. The church's watchword for the year 1880, is the motto engraved on our missionary banner, "Work for the night cometh."

The following are the resolutions passed.—

(1) Moved by Mr. J. Hadden, seconded by Mr. Wm. J. Barnes, "That the reports now read, with the statement of account, be adopted, printed, and circulated, under the direction of the Committee."

(2) Moved by Mr. L. T. Chancey, seconded by Mr. J. H. Martin, "That this meeting acknowledge with devout thankfulness the continued manifestations of Divine favour during the past year, and pledge itself to more prayerful effort during the ensuing year."

(3) Moved by Mr. J. Beer, seconded by Mr. Robt. Barnes, "That the most cordial thanks of this meeting are due and hereby given to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their valuable assistance and co-operation during the past year."

(4) Moved by Mr. A. Linstrom, seconded by Mr. J. Shepherd, "That the best thanks of this meeting are due and hereby given to the Juvenile Missionary Society for the remarkable zeal displayed by them in the past year, resulting in such substantial assistance to the funds of this Society, and also to Miss Chancey and her little band for giving their usual concert for the benefit of this Society."

(5) Moved by Mr. H. W. Seymour, seconded by Mr. P. D. Knight, "That this meeting is profoundly thankful to the Colonial Missionary Society for their assistance during the past year, and would earnestly solicit from them increased help in our important work."

(6) Moved by Mr. L. Garland, seconded by Mr. T. Davis, "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Officers and Committee for the past year, and that the following be the Officers and Committee for the present year: President, Rev. T. Hall; Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Beer;