

prepared liberally to support ordinances, should they be favored with a regular dispensation of them, in connection with it. They had secured the use of the New Connexion Methodist Chapel for the Sabbath—the largest and best in the village, capable of containing upwards of 200 people. In the morning, it was filled with a most respectable and attentive audience; and in the evening, it was crowded, some being obliged to leave for want of accommodation. This confirmed the opinion which I had adopted from my private intercourse with the people, as to the propriety of *congregating* them, in terms of their petition and my own instructions. I, therefore intimated that a meeting for this purpose would be held on Monday evening, and that a short sermon would be preached introductory to the special business contemplated. The Church was again well filled, and while the mass of the audience left at the close of Divine service, from 30 to 40 persons remained to take part in the proper and important work for which the meeting had been called. These were congregated in the usual manner: and after the blessing of the Great King and Head of the Church had been invoked on the newly formed congregation, a committee of management was appointed, and other steps taken with a view to the regular and efficient transaction of business.

Determined from the first to be self-sustaining, they have begun paying \$8 per Sabbath to the officiating minister, while the lodgings provided for him are of the most respectable and comfortable description.

There are other congregations in the place,—a Wesleyan Methodist, a New Connexion Methodist, an Episcopalian, and a Free Church, which our people attended before getting supply from the Presbytery of Grey, and which they will attend still, when they have no supply of their own; and that I am sorry to say will be but too often, from the great scarcity of probationers at present. All of these Churches, however, are but small, and no one seems to have struck its roots very deeply or widely into the soil. The field in this respect seems to be yet in a great measure an open one; and the U. P. congregation enters on the candidature for occupying it, under very favorable auspices, and with the most encouraging prospects. With such a *nucleus*, if they continue to act in as harmonious, spirited, and liberal a manner as they have begun, and especially, if without undue delay, they get a minister of the right stamp—able and active I can entertain no doubt of their soon attaining, if not the leading, at least a very respectable place among the existing congregations.

Owen Sound, Nov. 10, 1857.

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U. P. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

This Presbytery met at Huntingdon on the 28th October, the Rev. Jas. Watson, Moderator. Amongst other matters, Mr. Stephen Balmer having completed his Theological studies under Prof. Taylor in Toronto, and delivered the prescribed trial discourses to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, was licensed to preach the gospel in connexion with the U. P. Church. The Presbytery also agreed to call the attention of congregations to the articles proposed as a Basis of Union between this Church, and the Presbyterian Church of Canada.—*Com.*

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery met on the 3d Nov. The committee of Presbytery appointed to examine applicants in the Village of Orangeville, and form them into a congregation gave in their report which was received, and the conduct of the committee approved. There were petitions from Caledon and Orangeville, and also

from the Tecumseth U. P. congregations praying for one to moderate in calls, and also for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper among them. The Presbytery granted their request, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Fraser to moderate in Tecumseth on the 17th November, and also Messrs. Pringle and Dick to dispense the ordinance of the Lord's Supper at Orangeville, and to moderate in calls at Orangeville and Caledon. Mr. Waters, student, read a critical exercise and delivered a popular sermon which were approved and sustained. The committee appointed to superintend the students' exercises gave in their report, which was received. The Presbytery agreed to recommend to the Hall, the following students:—Messrs. Hanran and Stewart, entering for the second year; Mr. Hall, entering for the third year; and Mr. Waters, entering for the fourth year.—*Com.*

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

At a meeting of this Presbytery, held