

The opening services were attended with great success. On Sabbath three excellent sermons were preached by the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Montreal, to congregations as large as could be crowded into the church—in fact, a very large number had to turn away from the evening service, unable to gain admission. The collections on Sabbath amounted to \$390.

The church was filled with an attentive audience on Monday evening, to hear the Rev. Dr. Burns' lecture on Russia. The lecture was very interesting, and was listened to with great attention throughout. One hundred and three dollars were realized therefrom in aid of the building fund.

The opening services were resumed on Sabbath, the 5th February. The Rev. J. Laing, of Cobourg, preached morning and evening, and the Rev. R. M. Thornton preached to the children in the afternoon. The services were interesting, and were listened to by large and attentive audiences.

On Monday evening there was a large attendance of friends of all denominations at the tea, which was served in the basement of the church. After tea, the chair was taken by John McLeod, Esq., M.P.P., and the Rev. Messrs. Laing, Thornton, Smith, Reikie, Boyle, Thom, Edmondson and Cross occupied seats on the platform. The greater part of the time was occupied by the Rev. J. Laing in reading his "Original Composition on the death of Judas Iscariot." In well chosen and expressive language, Mr. Laing drew a most vivid picture of the awful scenes that closed the life of the betrayer of our Lord. The production was well received by the audience. Short speeches were also made by Dr. Thornton and the Rev. Messrs. Cross, Thom and Edmondson. At intervals during the evening some excellent pieces were sung by the choir. Near the close of the exercises, the Rev. J. Smith, on behalf of the congregation, presented Thomas Johnston, Esq., architect, with a splendid gold watch, as an acknowledgment of his valuable services in the erection of the building. F. F. McArthur, Esq., Treasurer of the Building Committee, read a financial statement, in which it was shown that a small debt of \$560 still remained on the church. In a few minutes the amount was subscribed, leaving the church, except a small amount on the site, entirely free from debt. More than \$1500 were realized at the opening services.

The next week, the congregation met and passed a resolution increasing their minister's salary to \$1000. The congregation have done nobly, and are now in a very prosperous state.

It is now nearly twenty years since Mr. Smith was settled over the united congregations of Bowmanville and Enniskillen. The congregations, however, grew so strong as each to be self-sustaining; accordingly, in April, 1869, Mr. Smith resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Enniskillen. Shortly after, the Rev. James Thom was settled; and, under his efficient management, the congregation is now large, united, and prosperous. Since the separation, the congregation of Bowmanville have given the whole amount of salary given by both congregations before, have built a new church, costing \$9000, and have added \$200 to their minister's salary. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

PROGRESS OF CONGREGATIONS, &c.

ZION CHURCH, BRANTFORD (Rev. Wm. Cochrane's).—The congregation of Zion Church, Brantford, have, during the past two weeks, subscribed nearly \$6,000 to sweep away the remaining debt on the church building. The church is now out of all its financial difficulties. At the induction