

Fortieth Anniversary of Knox Church, Elora.

The fortieth anniversary of the origin of Knox Church, Elora, was celebrated on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., by a social, which in every respect was a most successful affair.

The following members of the congregation at the time it was formed occupied seats on the platform, or were present at the service:—Mr. and Mrs. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. John Keith, Mr. John Calder, and Mr. John A. Davidson.

After an introductory prayer by Mr. Torrance, Mr. Macdonald, the chairman, made an appropriate speech, and read the following brief sketch of the history of the congregation.

A few individuals having, in the Providence of God, left Scotland, their native country, and settled on the 11th and 12th concessions of the Township of Nichol, in the Province of Upper Canada, feeling deeply the value of Gospel ordinances from their being deprived of them and now completely destitute, met and unanimously resolved to use every means that might obtain from time to time, a supply of Sermon and a dispensation of sealing ordinances as frequently as possible.

The Presbytery having heard the petition, came to the resolution contained in the following abstract from the Minute of Presbytery:

"Read and received from nine persons residing on the 11th and 12th concessions of the Township of Nichol, a petition bearing that they belong to the U. A. Church in Scotland; that they wish to receive a supply of sermons; and as soon as possible to be formed into a church and to have sealing ordinances dispensed amongst them.

West Flamboro, 8th Feb., 1837. Agreeably to the above appointment of Presbytery, Mr. Christie visited the petitioners upon the 18th day of May following, and having met with them in Mr. Watt's Barn, and preached to them, he, after Sermon, converted them into a congregation.

Mr. Alex. Watt and Mr. John Alexander Davidson were then appointed and ordained Elders.

Sabbath January 1st, 1842, Mr. Watt, by order of Presbytery, read the edict for the induction of the Rev. William Barrie to the pastoral charge of the congregation on Thursday, 5th January, upon which day the event occurred.

On the 27th July, the same year of Mr. Barrie's induction, he received a call from the congregation at Hamilton, which call was sustained by the Presbytery, and the Rev. Dr. Coult appointed to declare the church vacant. The nine members protested against the decision of the Missionary Presbytery to dissolve the connexion between them and their pastor, declaring the action to be unconstitutional and illegal.

At a meeting of the congregation held in Elora on the 19th of February, 1849, it was resolved to build a church in Elora in connection with the United Presbyterian Synod. The late Charles Allan granted the congregation a free lot, and the old frame church was erected. The history of the congregation has been one of steady progress, and its membership now numbers 315.

Interesting addresses were then given by Mr. John A. Davidson, Dr. Barry, Mr. Torrance, Mr. Duff, and others, and altogether a pleasant evening was spent.—Guelph Mercury.

An exchange tells of a man who said in prayer meeting: "Why, my dear friends, before I would stand up here and tell of my colic," I would hide in shame under the seats. We should not come here to tell of our coldness and indifference, and thus chill each others' hearts. This is not an ice-house. We come here to warm each other. We should come warm from our closets." This was deserved reproof and sensible advice.

The Spanish Armada.

About three hundred years ago, Philip, King of Spain, was as much elated as Haman with the grand prospect he had of crushing those whom he esteemed his enemies. The English nation had some time previously cast off the Pope's supremacy. The Protestant religion had then been established in the realm, and the Roman Catholics deprived of place and power. Instigated by the Pope, the monarch of Spain, at that time a very powerful kingdom, resolved to invade England. During many months, immense preparations were made; and in May, 1588, the Invincible Armada, as it was called, set sail for the purpose of laying low the arrogant people whom Queen Elizabeth ruled.

One of the Spanish nobility commanded a ship, which was taken in battle by Sir Francis Drake, the English admiral. The nobleman, being brought as a prisoner before the Privy Council for examination, was asked, "What was your object in invading England?" He replied, "To subdue the nation and root it out." The next question was, "What did you mean to do with the Roman Catholics of England?" "To send them, good men, directly to heaven," answered the Spanish lord; "and you heretics to hell." In his ship were found many whips made of intertwined cord and wire, and these he declared were intended to scourge the heretics (the Protestants) to death.

Miscellaneous.

Nothing is more easy than to grow rich. It is only to trust nobody, to befriend none, to get everything and save all you get; to stint ourselves and everybody belonging to us; to be the friend of no man, and to have no man for our friend; to heap interest upon interest, cent upon cent; to be mean, miserably and despised, for some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come as sure as disease and disappointment. And when pretty near enough wealth is collected by a disregard of all the charities of the human heart, at the expense of every enjoyment, save that of wallowing in filthy meanness, death comes to finish the work—the body is buried in a hole, the heirs dance over it, and the spirit goes—where? To gain obedience, you must first set yourselves to deserve it. Whatever you promise your little one, however small the thing seems to you, and whatever trouble it costs you, perform it. Never let the doubt once enter that innocent mind that you say what you do not mean, or will not act up to what you say.

No good man will willingly speak evil of another. If circumstances will compel him to accuse, he will show that he does so reluctantly, and for the sake of justice, and that he scorns the thought of self-gratification in such an act. If therefore any accusation appears to be grounded in a mean, wanton, or malignant spirit; if the occasion to make it appear to be sought; if the accuser speak not to the face of the accused, but behind his back, then it may be set down as certain that, at least the truth is distorted, and that, in all probability, it is corruptly falsified. For where a revengeful and malignant spirit is, there the truth cannot dwell. The angel will not abide with the demon. The common perception of this fact is the reason why slanders are so little credited and do so little harm.

The two most engaging powers of an author are to make new things familiar and familiar things new.—Thackeray. THE Emperor Alexander has issued a manifesto thanking the Holy Synod for finishing the translation of the Bible into the Russian vernacular, after twenty years of labor. This is the first translation approved by the Czar and the church. Good singing is a great help towards good preaching. A minister who begins his sermon upborne and stimulated by the praise which has filled his soul, starts with a double advantage over him who has listened to discords. But the praise, to be effective, ought to be that of the whole congregation. It is the sympathy in religious song that gives it its power, and the pastor gets his joy from it because it is the rolling in upon him of the soul of his people.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. QUEBEC.—At Three Rivers, on the first Wednesday of July, at ten o'clock a.m. PARIS.—Within Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on the first Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m. CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS to the Presbytery fund are payable at this meeting. KINGSTON.—In St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on 10th of July, at 3 p.m. BROOKVILLE.—At Prescott, on Tuesday, 13rd of July, at 7 p.m. PETERBORO.—At Millbrook, on the second Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m. CHATHAM.—In St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock, a.m. OTTAWA.—Bank street Church, Tuesday, Aug. 7th, at 3 p.m. BARRIE.—at Bracebridge, 1st Tuesday of August, at 7 o'clock. WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on the third Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m. TORONTO.—In the lecture-room of Knox Church Toronto, on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.

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