

good building committee, and they expected to have the frame of the church put up the following week.

Mr. William Matheson laboured here and in Huron during the summer, with acceptance. On Tuesday 24th, we proceeded to the new church in Huron, a solid, capacious building showing no small architectural knowledge, and when finished will accommodate about one thousand people. It is built on the front of one hundred acres bought by the people, on which they intend to build a Manse in due time. The zeal and forwardness of the people in Huron, have already been noticed. Let others admire Crystal Palaces with their varied contents, let us admire the magnanimity, the self denial, and the love which the poorest of our countrymen have shewn to the house and ordinances of the Lord. It is according to the plan of the Free Churches in Scotland. Mr. McKenzie opened this church by preaching in English and Gaelic; there were present from four hundred to five hundred people. Some of us noticed something celestially sweet in their Psalm singing. Ten children were baptized. This congregation and Ashfield would form a very large and important charge for an able-bodied and an able-minded Pastor. We proceeded from Huron to Kinloss having an appointment there for Thursday, Mr. McKenzie, preached in English and Gaelic, and baptized six children—the church was about full. A congregational meeting was held at the close of the services. Their position was rather unfavourable for some time past, as they have had no missionary labouring among them. They are very desirous of having the means of grace among them; and request to have the Lord's Supper dispensed to them this fall.

From Kinloss we went to Culross, having an appointment there on Friday, Mr. McKenzie, preached in both languages, the attendance was good. Here they have erected a large frame building fifty by thirty-six feet, it is shingled and they expect to enter it next spring. It is refreshing to see the people so energetic and hearty in the good cause. Mr. Fletcher, laboured in Culross and Carrick in summer, with great acceptance.

The appointment for sabbath the 29th August was at St. Helen's Wawanosh. We arrived there on Saturday afternoon. The Sabbath being a rainy day the attendance was only about seventy, six children were baptized. On Monday we held a congregational meeting. For some time back this congregation seems to have been in a stationary state; however on Monday, managers were elected, a site for the church agreed on, funds subscribed, and they are full of hope that in spring next year, their church will be ready for occupation. They earnestly request that the sacrament of our Lord's Supper should be administered to them this fall.

Leaving St. Helen's we proceeded on Monday afternoon to Manchester, where Mr. McKenzie preached on Tuesday in English. This is a new station—Mr. John McKay laboured here and in Blyth as a united charge with acceptance during the summer. The people in both stations are desirous to have the Lord's supper dispensed to them in October. Leaving Manchester we arrived at Goderich on Tuesday evening, where, as usual we were kindly entertained by Mr. Angus McKay and his family. On Wednesday Mr. McKenzie after four weeks mission work proceeded homeward, and Mr. Clark proceeded to Grey where he arrived at sunset. The following day, there was a congregational meeting held. The people are rather in a backward condition here—they intend to close in their church this fall, and desire to have the Lord's supper dispensed to them this fall. From this place Mr. C. proceeded to Wallace, and met with the people

on Sabbath and addressed them in English and Gaelic, the attendance was good. On Monday a congregational meeting was held at which five persons were appointed to ascertain the number of persons connected with our church and the amount they would give for missionary service. They promised to report to the Presbytery in October. From Wallace Mr. Clark returned by Morris, where he found that our people there built a very good frame church fifty-three by thirty-six feet, which they hope to have finished in October. The Stations at Blyth and Manchester, intend to pay their missionary in full.

From Blyth Mr. C. returned to Clinton, when he found matters there in a satisfactory state, and the people earnestly hoping to have Mr. Whyte settled among them as their pastor. After spending a night at Brucefield, Mr. C. returned to London, after an absence of five weeks and four days.

In conclusion—Moderator and Brethren:—
1. Every member of your several deputations has cause most devoutly and ardently to acknowledge the goodness of God to him in all his travels and labour.

2. It cannot but strike any one who sees the large and increasing congregations in the North that they are in a critical and dangerous condition unless speedily supplied with Gospel ordinances, also that your Presbytery, and each one of its members, as bishops or overseers of these masses of our members and adherents is under deep responsibility to God for the spiritual instruction and education of that multitudinous people committed to your care.

3. We could not but observe and feel too with much pleasure the hearty good will, the respect and genuine confidence with which they received us in every station and congregation.

4. Let me submit to this Presbytery the necessity of attending to, and watching over the temporal affairs of our young congregations and mission stations, affairs such as the obtaining of proper and legal Bonds or Deeds for Church Sites, Glebes, &c.

5. At every one of the congregations and mission stations, where your Deputation visited, they held a congregational meeting with them on a week day, when by friendly intercourse and examination into their affairs, we believe they were encouraged and directed to work more efficiently than heretofore.

6. I ought to notice the very able and efficient aid rendered by your agent, Mr. Clark, in making arrangements and appointments for our meetings and public services, and in sending notices to the several Townships beforehand, by which means we did not fail, in one instance to meet our engagements. I would especially notice the happy art which your agent possesses, of addressing meetings—his quickness in seeing through and solving difficulties—and the respectful deference with which his counsel are received by the people with gratitude to God.

The Deputations would acknowledge the vigour imparted to their hands and bodies, during their work, and the happy meeting they had with their families and flocks on their return. To God be all the praise.

D. McKENZIE.

KNOX COLLEGE—STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On Friday, 12th ult., the annual meeting of the Students' Missionary Society, was held in the College Hall, the Rev. Principal Willis in the chair. After the usual devotional services, an able report, which will be found in another column, was read by the Secretary, Mr. D. H.

McVicar. The adoption of this report was moved by the Rev. A. Topp and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Burns in impressive speeches. Thereafter the Report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Greenfield, and the adoption of this report was moved and seconded by Rev. W. Gregg and Rev. W. Reid. John McMurchie Esq., also in suitable terms expressed his interest in the operations of the Society, and he and several of the other speakers dwelt on the openings which are now being made for missionary operations in the north-west. Principal Willis concluded, as he introduced, the business of the meeting, with interesting and useful remarks.

After the public meeting was over the Students proceeded to elect office-bearers for the year, when the following were duly appointed, viz:

President, Alexander Fraser—Vice President Alexander Matheson—Recording Secretary, F. McConig—Corresponding Secretary, D. H. Fletcher—Treasurer, N. McKinnon.

Committee,—Messrs. Millican, McVicar, McEwen, Greenfield, Graham, and Thomson.

Auditors,—Messrs Wallace and Bald.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY, KNOX'S COLLEGE, TORONTO.

Your Committee in presenting their Report, would with deep gratitude acknowledge the preserving hand of God, in permitting so large a number of the members of your society to join in this anniversary meeting under circumstances in many respects pleasing.

The records of the past year are not without interest, and present events by which we ought to be both cheered and admonished.

God has granted us tokens of his favour in connection with the several branches of our missionary enterprise, but has also reminded us by the sudden removal of one of our number, Mr. Kenneth McLennan, of the frail tenure by which our life is held, and of the unknown dangers by which we are surrounded,—and his mourning over the loss which we have sustained by the removal of our departed brother, whom we highly esteemed on account of his amiable disposition, his fervent piety, and his untiring zeal in his Master's service, we would pray that this stroke may be sanctified to ourselves, and to all to whom it is specially painful.

During the past summer two missionaries, Messrs. Labelle and Paquette, were employed in your Mission Field; and your Committee have much pleasure in testifying to the faithfulness with which they prosecuted their work amid many difficulties. Their method, as hitherto, has been to go from house to house, reading God's word, and seeking to impress its lessons upon the minds of their benighted fellow countrymen. A few extracts from their Reports will afford you a tolerably definite view of the prospects of your mission, the extent of the field, its peculiar difficulties, the nature of the work carried on, and the degree of success with which it has been attended.

Mr. Labelle, writing in English, a language of which he knew nothing two years ago, thus reports:—

'The number of French Canadians in the whole field is estimated at eleven thousand; of these, fifty, including adults and children, are Protestants, leaving ten thousand nine hundred and fifty still under the rule of the "man of sin." I visited all the protestants man-