

recollections will be cherished with thankfulness to the great Head of the Church who hath crowned with success their humble exertions in building a house to his honour.  
—*Communicated.*

### PROPOSED "CHURCH OF ST. AGNES," GREENBANK.

Quite an enthusiastic meeting of Churchmen, belonging to the Greenbank congregation, was held upon the 5th instant, in the Temperance Hall, for the purpose of taking measures for the erection of a church.

The Rev. Mr. Forneri began the proceedings by a few remarks upon the religious nature of the undertaking in which they were about to be engaged. His address was followed by a prayer and a hymn. Mr. Brown, of Uxbridge, then addressed the meeting in an eloquent speech. Mr. Ganton followed. Dr. Knowllys executed a successful manoeuvre, from speaking to acting, by moving "that a subscription list be opened forthwith," which resolution was unanimously carried, and then forthwith "carried out." Mr. Janson rose and said that he would give a lot upon which to build the church. This, however, was not the extent of his liberality, for stopping up to the table he put down his name for the handsome sum of 200 dollars. Messrs. Ganton and Tait and Dr. Knowllys followed with liberal subscriptions—others put down lesser amounts. The whole when added up showed nearly \$400, exclusive of the ground, which is valued at \$100.

Designs which had been previously prepared by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Forneri, were looked at with much interest and favour. The structure will be of frame, boarded perpendicularly. The pointed window, roof and belfry, sufficiently indicate the character of the building. The dimensions are—nave 40 ft. by 28ft., chancel 14 ft. by 14 ft.

This is one of the best starts which has been made in this direction of which we are cognizant, and we trust soon to hear of the completion of the "Church of St. Agnes," as we believe it is to be named—bell and all, in the enterprising village of Greenbank.—*Port Perry Standard.*

A SURPRISE.—We have been requested to acknowledge, on the part of the Rev. R. S. Forneri, the receipt of thirty dollars in money, having been unexpectedly received by that gentleman last week from a number of the inhabitants of Port Perry, thus affording him (as was no doubt intended by his friends) a very agreeable surprise, and for which he returns his sincere thanks.—*Id.*

### IMPORTANT CHURCH QUESTION.

*To the Editor of the Leader.*

SIR,—There is a question now before the Courts in your city, the solution of which is of great interest to the Church of England and the other religious bodies throughout the Province. I refer to the fact that the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto lately married a couple without license or the proclamation of banns, by an alleged power, vested in himself. I have it also, on undoubted authority, that marriages are of very frequent occurrence in Romish churches throughout Canada West, where the banns are only published once, instead of "three times on separate Sundays." This is done by means of a "dispensation," for which I suppose a charge is made. Now, it has long been the opinion of many members of the English Church in this Province that "the license system" at present in vogue is a gross imposition on the community, and as regards its absolute necessity would not bear a legal test if such were applied. Its practical effects are very bad also, as, on account of the expense of procuring a license, hundreds of couples every year who reside near the frontier go to the States and are married by some magistrate or minister, regardless of the fact that in many cases it would be almost impossible to prove the validity of such marriages after a few years had gone by.

There is a still worse aspect of the case. Any designing scoundrel might very easily get a sham marriage performed by some unqualified scamp for a dollar or two. One of the most melancholy events that ever came under my notice was a