

Induction.—The induction of the Rev. Mr. Devine to the United Presbyterian Church, Goderich, took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

The Introductory discourse was preached by the Rev. Mr. Barr of McKillop. The usual questions were put and the Dedication prayer was offered by the Rev. Jas. Skinner, Moderator of the Presbytery, who also delivered a most appropriate and impressive charge to the newly ordained Minister. The charge to the Congregation was given by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot of London. In the evening a Soiree was held, and was numerously attended. The proceeds are to be applied towards the formation of a Sabbath-School Library.

On the evening of Wednesday, 10th inst., a Soiree, under the management of a Committee of Ladies connected with the United Presbyterian Congregation of Goderich, was kept up to a late hour with unabated interest.

The refreshment Tables were laid out in the Girls' School adjoining the Church. The numerous guests who seated themselves, in succession, at the sumptuously covered board, expressed themselves, as well they might, delighted with the preparations made for their comfort.

After tea, the whole party re-assembled in the Church. The Rev. Mr. Devine occupied the Chair, surrounded by the members of the Presbytery, and some other ministers and friends. Besides devotional services, a variety of addresses, interspersed with the very creditable performances of the Congregational Choir, were delivered in the following order:—1st. On novel reading, by Rev. Mr. Skinner. 2nd. The Bible, by Rev. Mr. Sylvester, Woolseyan. 3rd. The Sabbath, by Rev. Mr. Proudfoot.

At the close of Mr. Proudfoot's address, the Rev. Mr. McKid made a few remarks on the profanation of the Lord's Day caused by the loading and unloading of the steamboat at Goderich. He was followed in the same style by Mr. Sylvester.

His Worship the Mayor having been requested by the Chairman to express his sentiments on this subject, declared his readiness to take whatever action the law might allow in suppressing the evil complained of.

The concluding address on education was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Cavan. On motion of the Moderator, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, it was unanimously resolved, the whole assembly standing in attestation of their hearty concurrence, "That the thanks of this congregation are due, and hereby most cordially tendered to Mrs. James Sloan, Mrs. John Arthur, Miss Brace, and Miss McMahon, for their kind and successful exertions as the Committee of Management of this Soiree." A similar vote of thanks, Moved by the Rev. Mr. Barr, and seconded by Robert Gibbons, Esq., Mayor of Goderich, passed in favor of the Choir, who well merited the compliment. The Chairman acknowledged the valuable services of Miss McMillan who had so tastefully decorated the confectionary with wreaths of artificial flowers.

The young Lady, as a member of Mr. Devine's Bible-Class, read, in a very distinct voice, a composition of her own which did her great credit, on "The relation between a Pastor and the Young Members of his flock." It ought not to be omitted to notice that, after the Ordination Service, the Presbytery and several members of the congregation sat down to a most excellent dinner, provided at his own residence, by the considerate hospitality of Harvey Brace, Esq., a very active member of the congregation.

JUVENILE TEA PARTY.—A very numerous assemblage of boys and girls congregated, in the School Room on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Tea, cakes, music, speechifying on the part of several gentlemen present, were the order of the evening. It seemed to be a season of unimixed enjoyment, an occasion to be long and profitably remembered both by old and young, having been the very first of the kind, as remarked by some of the speakers, ever known in Goderich.—Com.

DEMISSESIONS.—In last number it was intimated that the Rev. W. Scott, Lachute, had demitted his pastoral charge. This was a mistake. We have made it a rule never to give any statement, touching our ecclesiastical relations, unless duly authenticated; but in this, the first instance, it was departed from because the rumour was so general that we never doubted its correctness. It is with no small measure of regret that we have in this number to announce still more pastoral demissions, viz.:—The Rev. P. D. Main, of Huntington, Canada East, who has accepted of the mastership of the Grammar School at Paris; the Rev. John McClure, of St. Catharines, who has accepted of the mastership of the Grammar School at Streetsville, and the Rev. J. F. A. S. Fayette, of Ancaster, West.

PRESENTATION.—The congregation of St. Marys and Downie, presented their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Cavan, with a Horse, Saddle and Bridle, as a token of their estimation of his valuable pastoral services.

ORDINATION OF CHURCHES.—On the 21st of May, the new church at Dundas, in connection with the lately organised congrega-

tions of Dunbarton and Canton, was opened by the Rev. Professor Taylor; the church is a conspicuous brick building, capable of holding about 250 persons.

On the 29th of May, the new church, erected by the congregation of Pickering, was opened by the Rev. Mr. Jennings. It is a commodious frame building, completely and well finished, and can accommodate 250 persons.

On the 18th inst., the church erected by the congregation of Vaughan, was opened by the Rev. D. Coult, and Rev. Mr. Gordon of Gananoque. Though that congregation has now been organised for at least thirteen years, and never had a place of worship belonging to them till now, it is highly gratifying that, at last, they have not only got up a good church, but (what is a rare thing, too rare in our communion,) also a respectable manse.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS FOR JUNE AND JULY.

PROBATIONERS.	JUNE, 4 SABBATHS.	JULY, 5 SABBATHS.
J. G. Carruthers,.....	B. 1, 2, F. 3, D. 4,.....	D. 1, 2, T. 3, 4, L. 5.
William Dickson,....	F. 1, 2, D. 3, 4,.....	D. 1, F. 2, 3, 4, 5.
J. F. A. S. Fayette,....	B. 4,.....	B. 1, W. 2, 3, 4, 5.
Alex. Kennedy,.....	L. 1, 2, 3, 4,.....	W. 1, 2, 3, T. 4, 5.
Robert Monteath,....	T. 2, 3, 4,.....	T. 1, D. 2, 3, 4, T. 5.
Joseph Scott,.....	W. 1, 2, 3, 4,.....	L. 1, 2, 3, F. 4, 5.
J. C. Young,.....	B. 1, W. 2, 3, 4,.....	W. 1, F. 2, 3, L. 4, 5.
Alex. W. Waddell,....	D. 1, C. E. 2, 3, 4,.....	C. E. 1, D. T. 3, 4, F. 5.

The proportion of supply to the demands of Presbyteries is as follows:—Brant, 3; Canada East, 3; Durham 3; Flamboro' 1½; London, 1½; Toronto, 1½; Wellington, 2.

The Probationers and Presbytery Clerks are respectfully requested to regard the above as the official notice in the meantime.

JAMES DICK, C. C.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met in Hamilton, on the evening of the 6th inst. There was a pretty full attendance of members. The business before the Court, with one exception, was not of public interest, having reference chiefly to the oversight of existing schemes. We give the following brief outline:—

The Moderator, Rev. Wm. Barrie, preached from Ephesians i. 22, 23, and Colossians i. 18, first clause of the verse.

For the new Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Skinner, seconded by Dr. Ferrier, proposed the Rev. Professor Taylor; and Rev. John Fraser, seconded by Rev. R. Thornton, proposed the Rev. James Dick. Professor Taylor was chosen by a majority of four, but declined to act. The Rev. Mr. Dick was again proposed; and the Rev. John Morrison, by Rev. Mr. Aitken, seconded by Dr. Wm. Taylor, when Mr. Dick was chosen and took the chair.

A Committee of the whole house was held on the state of religion in our congregations, but came to no definite result.

The Rev. Martin W. Livingstone, formerly of Mussellburgh, Scotland, forwarded his testimonials, that he might be received as a minister of this Church. Mr. Livingstone was received.

An overture from the Presbytery of Flamboro' was read, respecting the better support of the ministry. A Committee was appointed to prepare an address to be read to congregations on the subject.

Overtures on Union, or for taking steps to promote Union with any evangelical denomination, and especially with the Free Church, were read from the congregations of Hamilton, Bethel, English Settlement, Warrensville, Bayfield, from the Session of Paris, and the Presbytery of Brant. After hearing several members express their sentiments, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to draft resolutions on the subject. That Committee afterwards presented a draft, which, after some amendments, was adopted. It is the following:—

With reference to the Overtures and Petitions presented to the Synod in favor of union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada:—