

December was fixed for its dedication to the service of God. None of the Ministers invited from a distance were able to be present, and the Rev. W. Wright, (who resides in the neighbourhood, and who is applying for re-admission to our Church), was asked to conduct the services, and preached to large and attentive audiences. On Christmas day a very successful soiree was held in the church, and a considerable sum raised for its completion. It was a pleasant and agreeable meeting. This makes the *third* church erected in connection with our Muskoka Mission. An earnest and devoted missionary is urgently required to superintend the whole field, and attend, by personal supervision, to its great and growing wants.

WAUBASHENE.—At the distance of 22 miles northwest of Orillia is situated, on an inlet of Georgian Bay, the pretty and picturesque-looking village of Waubashene. It, along with the mills at Port Severn, having lately passed into the hands of a wealthy American lumberer, Mr. A. G. P. Dodge, he, as his practice is, has erected churches at his own expense, at Port Severn and Waubashene. Though these buildings are open to all evangelical denominations, yet as both places had enjoyed for some time as their only resident missionaries, students of Knox College, sent out by its Missionary Society, a desire was expressed that both churches should be formally opened for Divine worship by a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. On the 24th December last, the Waubashene church was set apart for the worship of God, by the Rev. J. Gray, of Orillia, by means of appropriate services, both in the forenoon and evening. Almost every family in the village was represented in the sacred edifice, several Roman Catholics being present; and in the evening the church was well filled, though one-half of the population was absent in the woods. In the summer, Waubashene is the centre of an extensive lumber business, and contains about 600 inhabitants. The manager of the establishment, Mr. T. W. Buck, is very anxious to get a Presbyterian minister settled in the place. The people and the Company together promise a stipend of \$700 per annum, and would strengthen the hands of a zealous laborer. On Christmas evening, an interesting meeting of the young was held in the church, and, by means of a Christmas Tree, books and other suitable gifts were given away to the children attending the Sunday School. Owing to providential circumstances, it was found necessary to defer the opening of the Port Severn church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS, &c.

KNOX CHURCH WOODSTOCK.—The annual meeting of Knox Church was held on Wednesday evening, the 3rd of January, and was well attended. The retiring board of trustees reported that the revenue for the past year amounted to \$2355.93. The ordinary collections amounted to an average of \$15 a Sabbath. During the past year the congregation have built a spacious and handsome brick manse, for their minister, and on the occasion of his moving into it at the new year, a company of ladies and gentlemen called on him, and, in the name of the congregation, presented him and Mrs. McMullen with a very beautiful tapestry carpet for the drawing-room, together with sets of curtains, window cornices, hall lamp, &c., towards the furnishing of the new home. Mr. McMullen replied in grateful terms, and after a short time of pleasant congratulation and kind wishes, the company separated. The building improvements of the present year, and those under contract, in connection with the enlargement of the church, will cost the congregation about \$10,000; a large proportion of which is already secured.