

The old building in its new dress has a very fine appearance, and notwithstanding its plain exterior, is in its internal arrangements both elegant and comfortable. It is gratifying to state that the people have carried this out in the spirit of a united and hearty liberality; the improvements cost \$500. The collections at the opening services, Monday evening included, amounted to \$75, and the congregation must be gratified to learn that all demands are met and the church free from debt.

PROGRESS OF CONGREGATIONS, &c.

ALMONTE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—We have received the annual report of the congregation at Almonte. We rejoice to observe the tokens of increase and progress. In the communion roll, the number of households and the number of individuals connected with the church, there is an increase. There is also an increase in the contributions. We may observe that the "Weekly Offering" system has been adopted, and is found to work satisfactorily. The aggregate income for 1869 was \$1505.60. The pastor, Rev. W. McKenzie, has been absent during part of the year, in consequence of impaired health. He has recently returned, in a great measure restored, and able to resume his ordinary work.

BOTHWELL.—The Bothwell section of Mr. Warden's charge has again been mindful of their pastor. Notwithstanding the difficulties they have had to contend with there, owing to the depression of the oil trade, the congregation have been able regularly to meet the Stipend Fund, have during the past year cleared off all debt on the manse, and in the end of December, some thirty or forty friends waited on Mr. Warder, and surprised him with a Christmas gift of a beautiful purse, enclosing \$60 in gold.

TECUMSETH.—The Rev. Robert Moodie, of Tecumseth, begs the "Few Presbyterian friends," who anonymously sent to him a valuable Christmas gift, to accept his sincere thanks for their kindness.

ALLISTON.—On the 30th December last, a number of the Essa Townline congregation waited upon their former pastor, the Rev. J. K. Hislop, of Alliston, and presented him with an elegant set of harness, and Mrs. Hislop with a handsome tea set, as a mark of the estimation in which they have been held by the people, among whom Mr. Hislop has labored for the last eight years.

MONTREAL—KNOX'S CHURCH.—The Rev. Dr. Irvine received from the congregation of Knox's Church, the handsome sum of \$450 as a New Year's gift.

CORNWALL.—On Wednesday, the 22th Dec., the house of the Rev. Mr. Hen de Bourck, of Cornwall, was visited by the leading members of his congregation, and a very munificent donation was made to him of various useful articles, as also a handsome purse of money. This is only a manifestation of the well-known favor and love which the reverend gentleman enjoys at the hands of his people. Cornwall has had to contend with many difficulties in maintaining the principles of our beloved Zion, and it is now to be hoped that the cause of God amongst us will enjoy much peace and prosperity in one of the oldest towns of Canada.

OSPREY.—Rev. Robt. Knowles, of Osprey, was waited upon by members of his congregation, on the evening of the 30th Dec., and presented with