

former preached in the forenoon from the words, "And Enosh walked with God," and was out, for God took him;" the latter in the afternoon from the words, "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."—*Ps. 87.* Both of which excellent discourses were listened to by the large and respectable audiences with marked attention and deep interest.

The occasion was one of deep interest to us all; this being the first edifice set apart in the township to the service of God. But more especially was it one of deep interest to those aged disciples who had expatriated themselves from their fatherland many years since, and settled with their families in these then backwoods of this province. Here they had many hardships to endure, not the least of which was, that they were deprived of the ordinances of God's house. Many times the cry was wrong from them— "When shall I come and appear before God? My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord." But the Lord has heard their cry, and exceeded their desires; not only has he given them the stated ordinances of his house, but has enabled them to erect a house where they can assemble to worship him according to the dictates of their own consciences; and now the feeling of their hearts can be expressed in the words of the Psalmist, "I was glad when it was said unto me, let us go up into the house of the Lord."

The people showed the deep interest they felt on this occasion, for, notwithstanding the rain continued to fall throughout the day, not a few came many miles in order that they might be present, until the church was filled to its utmost dimensions. The collection on that day amounted to £30. I trust that this may be but the beginning of blessings to this people.

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OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT RICHMOND.

The new church at Richmond was opened for public worship on Sabbath, the 29th of October. The Rev. David Inglis preached in the morning and evening, and the Rev. R. C. Swinton in the afternoon. At all the three services the church was filled with an attentive and deeply interested congregation.

On the evening of the Monday following a service was held in the church, Thomas Tait, Esq. in the chair. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Bayne and Swinton, and Mr. Stuart Armstrong.

At these meetings about ninety dollars were collected to aid in paying off the debt. The new church is a substantial frame building, furnished and fitted up with great taste. The prospects of the congregation are exceedingly promising; and the opening of their new church was to them an occasion of overflowing gratitude to God, who has crowned their efforts to erect a house for his worship with such abundant success.—*Com.*

OPENING OF NEW CHURCH AT WALLACEBURGH.

Wallaceburgh is a settlement at the mouth of the Sydenham river, and it may be said to belong both to the County of Kent and to the County of Lambton. The district around is particularly adapted to the purposes of lumbering, and the village, although not a large one at present, is very likely to increase in population and wealth. The business intercourse which it carries on with the United States, is already very considerable. For some years Wallaceburgh has been a mission station of our church, and in the autumn of 1853, a neat church on the north bank of the river was commenced. In the course of the present season it was completed; and on the 15th of October last

it was opened for public worship, by Dr. Burns of Toronto. The attendance in the forenoon was about 300; and in the evening about 200. Considering all things, this was looked on as a good beginning. The subjects of discourse were appropriate, and a collection was taken up at both diets. The Presbytery of London has taken this station under their charge, and partial supply will be afforded. Among the places where a fixed ministry would be specially desirable, or, at all events, where a regular mission effort should be kept up, this assuredly is one of the most likely. If one of the young men expected from Scotland on the "Mackay Fund," would have his steps directed to this spot, he would soon find that, although seemingly out of the world, and remote from the more teeming haunts of human beings, he would soon gather from a range of ten miles, in three directions, a flourishing Presbyterian congregation. We say in "three directions," for the west side is circumscribed by Lake St. Clair, and two islands possessed wholly by Indians. Even here, nevertheless, a man of enterprise would look on it as very interesting, that his labours might be brought to bear successfully on at least a thousand sons of the forest, clinging to their original Paganism, or assuming the cognate features of Popery.

Dr. Burns was accompanied and aided on this occasion by the Rev. Wm. King of Buxton, to whom the friends at Wallaceburgh are under many obligations for his prompt and disinterested efforts in behalf of the cause of the Church, which might otherwise have yielded to circumstances of an adverse description. The settlement over which that gentleman presides, was afterwards visited by Dr. Burns, and with its school, and church, and whole organisation, was found to exhibit all the symptoms of healthy and vigorous progress.—*Com.*

ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATION AT SAINT CATHERINES.—For several months past the Presbytery of Hamilton has been supplying with preaching the adherents to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in the growing town of St. Catharines. The use of the town-hall has been obtained in the meantime for public worship, and in compliance with a petition numerously signed by Presbyterians resident in and around St. Catharines, the Presbytery of Hamilton at its last ordinary meeting appointed to meet on the 24th September, at St. Catharines, for the purpose of organizing a new church in this growing town.

On the 24th, accordingly, the Rev. Robert Irvine, by appointment of Presbytery, preached an appropriate sermon, in the town-hall of St. Catharines, and made a statement of his commission from the Presbytery, to declare the congregation of St. Catharines to be henceforward a regularly organized church under the care of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

The rapid growth of St. Catharines, during the last few years, its great and growing commercial importance, its geographical position, and the canal traffic of the place, combined with the fact that it has become a watering place of some importance, render this locality one of the most important fields upon which our church has been called to operate since her organization, and we augur well as to the ultimate success of our interest in St. Catharines.—*Com.*

A MONUMENT FOR REV. WM. RINTOUL.—A handsome monument has been erected at Riviere du Loup, over the grave of the late Rev. Wm. Rintoul, minister of Saint Gabriel Street church, Montreal; bearing the following inscription:—

In memory of the Rev. WILLIAM RINTOUL, Minister of the Saint Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, who died, suddenly, at Trois Pistoles, on the 13th day of September, 1851. He closed a faithful ministry and a devoted life while on a missionary tour to Meins, and thus sleeps here

among strangers, till the Lord shall come to gather his people to himself. Many friends throughout Canada who cherish his memory and desire to perpetuate his influence, have erected this stone, and inscribe on it the Gospel which he preached—"This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

The Rev. W. Macalister of Meins, desires to express his sincere thanks to all the subscribers to this monument, and more especially to the following individuals for their generous exertions to assist him in paying due respect to the memory of a worthy man, who had during life been a faithful servant to the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Mrs. J. McMurich, Toronto; Revs. E. G. W. Ross, Riviere du Loup; R. Irvine, Hamilton; R. Ure, Streetsville; R. F. Burns, Kingston, D. Inglis, Montreal; James Hossack, Esq., Quebec; Archd. Fergusson, Esq., Montreal; Peter Redpath, E.-q., Montreal.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO HOME MISSIONS, LAY AGENCY, AND A SYSTEM OF COLPORTAGE.

O how good, how sweet it is to labor for God.—*BRAINERD.*

When lately pursuing the "even tenor of our way" for the October meeting, in drawing near the metropolis of Western Canada, various objects arrested our attention. The nursery on the right hand of the road, with its profusion of fruit and ornamental trees, its log building in the centre, like "a cottage in the midst of cucumbers," a little further in advance on the opposite side, the ground which had been lately appropriated for the Provincial Exhibition, its arches going to decay, its sheds being taken down, and only one motto remaining to greet the eye of the wayfarer man—"Welcome to the Forest City;" while beyond appeared the new Methodist Church, a handsome, tasteful building, though sullied with its nightcap on, as a friend of ours would phrase it; however we trust that a goodly spire will after a time be erected to form a diadem for the brow of beauty. Let us now leave other scenes behind us, and take a peep into St. Andrew's Session room, the place where the Presbytery convenes from time to time. We never on any former occasion saw such a large attendance of ministers. Representatives were present from Amherstburgh to Woodstock, and from North Easthope to Tuckersmith. In fact, with the single exception of one minister who was absent on missionary duty, the whole of the reverend body were literally in session, along with a considerable sprinkling of the eldership. Additional sitting room had to be procured, and occasionally a member might be seen removing from the interior to pitch his tent beside the door, where, if he had not greater space for his feet, he had at least more freedom for his lungs. In the course of the proceedings there appeared the Rev. William Reid, Agent for our schemes from Toronto, who was cordially welcomed by the Moderator, and invited to take a seat in the court. There were various things before the meeting, but on none of them do we intend to touch, except those indicated in the heading of this article. Those who wish to see the points of general business submitted in order, may do so by reading the Report of the Presbytery Clerk. Our mission field in the West is extensive. In the Port Sarina quarter, where there is an old congregation without a pastor, there are missionary points to which hitherto we have been able to give but very limited supply. In the western district there are a number of missionary stations, and the laborers but few. In the north we have Kincardine, Ashfield, Saugeen, &c., besides new townships fast settling in the government lands. A deputation lately ap-