

CHURCHES OPENED, &c.

LISTOWEL AND MOLESWORTH.—On Sabbath, 20th December, the new church erected by the congregation of Listowel was opened for public worship. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cochrane, of Brantford. On Tuesday, 22nd, the services in connection with the ordination and induction of the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Bell, took place, followed in the evening by a soiree, presided over by Mr. Cochrane, when addresses were given by the Members of Presbytery, and the resident clergyman of the village. In proof of the interesting nature of these meetings, and the size of the audiences, it is only necessary to state that the proceeds amounted \$270. On Sabbath, 24th January, the new church in the neighbouring congregation of Molesworth, also under the pastoral care of Mr. Bell, was opened for public worship, opening services being performed by the Rev. Mr. Ball, of Guelph. The collections and proceeds of a soiree held on the following evening amounted to \$155.

The churches are nearly of equal size, being seated for 350 and 330, and their erection is very creditable to the congregations, the church at Listowel especially being an elegant structure, built in the Gothic style, with windows of stained glass from the manufactory of McCausland & Co., Toronto, the whole costing about \$2,500.

SIMCOE.—The members of the Canada Presbyterian Church at Simcoe have erected a new church in that town. It is a handsome and commodious brick building, and was opened for public worship on Sabbath, January 31st. Dr. Ormiston conducted the services morning and evening, and the Rev. W. Craigie, pastor of the congregation, in the afternoon. Dr. Ormiston delivered a lecture to a large and delighted audience on the following evening. The collections on the Sabbath amounted to \$167, and the proceeds of the lecture to \$63, making in all \$250.

OPENING OF CHURCH AT PARKHILL.—On the 17th January, a spacious and commodious church, erected at Parkhill, was opened for public worship. The Rev. W. Cochrane, of Brantford, preached in the morning, and the Rev. G. Milligan, of London Township, in the afternoon. A lecture was delivered by Mr. Cochrane on the evening of the following Monday, on the subject of the "Scottish Covenanters." The lecture was largely attended, and the proceeds were added to the fund for the payment on the church.

BEAMSVILLE.—Steps have been taken for the erection of a suitable church at Beamsville. The ladies of the congregation recently held a bazaar, at which the sum of \$205 was realized towards the expense of the church.

HAMILTON CENTRAL CHURCH.—The following sums have been raised for missionary purposes by the congregation of Central Church, Hamilton:

<i>Home Mission</i> —From Congregation,	\$362 ;	Sabbath School,	\$88.....	\$450
<i>Foreign Mission</i> —	" "	30 ;	" "	50..... 80
<i>French Canadian Mission</i> —	" "	25 ;	" "	40..... 65
<i>Kankakee Mission</i> —				 20
<i>Knox College</i> —				 140

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For non-congregational purposes there was raised in all the sum of \$1,475, viz: by Missionary Society, \$912; Sabbath School, \$203; collections from congregation, \$360.