

BETHEL CHURCH—PROOF LINE.

On Sabbath 2nd, November 1862, the Canada Presbyterian Congregation occupied their new church, when it was set apart for the public worship of God. The Rev. James Skinner, the pastor, after leading the congregation in the usual devotional exercises and the reading of the Scriptures, preached the first sermon. The Rev. William Inglis, of Woodstock, followed, and preached an excellent discourse to a large and solemnly attentive audience. The church, which seats comfortably about 340 persons, and the session room were crowded; accommodation was also furnished for others outside. The forenoon was pleasant. Mr. Inglis preached also in the evening; but as a severe thunder and rain storm visited the locality, the audience did not exceed one hundred persons.

On Monday evening a public meeting was held, when, although the weather and roads were unfavourable, the house was filled. After devotional services, admirable addresses were delivered on important specified subjects by the following brethren: Mr. Caven, St. Marys; Mr. Inglis, Woodstock; Mr. Scott, New Connexion Methodist Church, London Township; Mr. Proudfoot, London; Mr. Fletcher, Carlisle; and Mr. Scott, London. Between the addresses some of the young people sang in good style appropriate anthems.

In the course of the evening the chairman announced that after the liberal collection the Sabbath and the proceeds of the evening, the debt on the church would be somewhat under one hundred and fifty dollars. At the close, it was suggested and most cordially responded to, that now is a favourable time to cancel the debt. In a little time one hundred and thirty-six dollars were subscribed and mostly paid. This will liquidate the debt. Throughout, the congregation has been most liberal and unanimous in their efforts. In this last subscription they were generously aided by friends present from all the neighbouring denominations. This was one of the spontaneous evolutions of christian feeling, and of the power of the true voluntary principle, which, when regulated by christian intelligence, are destined to do so much for the cause of Christ in Canada and throughout all the nations of the earth.

What need we more, but the presence and blessing of the Lord Jesus, that we may constantly abound more and more in the exercise of every christian grace; and exemplify to all that we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich.

The church is a plain, substantial edifice, of durable white brick with slated roof. Its dimensions, exclusive of the porch, are sixty feet by forty, having attached a session room twenty feet square. With its furnishings and fences it will cost about thirty-one hundred dollars.—*Communicated.*

HESPELER—OPENING OF NEW CHURCH.

The efforts of small congregations to obtain decent and comfortable accommodation for public worship are always worthy of commendation and encouragement; and among such efforts, those of the Presbyterian congregation of Hespeler village deserve to be noticed with approbation. This con-