

of February, the proceeds of which were presented to the Rev. W. Wright, as a token of their kindly regard. This is one of the stations organized by Mr. Wright, and gives fair promise of future prosperity. Although the night was stormy, the attendance was very considerable. Mr. McGuire, agent of the Sabbath School Union, was present, and addressed the meeting.

COLLINGWOOD.—The annual social meeting of the congregation of Collingwood was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, 25th February, the Mayor, George Watson, Esq., in the chair. Addresses were delivered by several resident Ministers, and by Rev. R. Knowles, of Osprey. The choir performed, with good effect, a number of pieces of music. The meeting, altogether, was thoroughly and highly successful.

A communication on the subject of presents to ministers is received, and will receive attention.

A notice of the late John Redpath, Esq., an Elder of the Church, will appear in next number of the RECORD.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—An Adjourned Meeting of the Paris Presbytery was held in River Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February. The following are the more important items of business transacted:

Mr. James, on being called upon by the Moderator to state his views in reference to the call from Guelph, intimated that, after serious consideration, and while sympathising with Chalmers' Church, he had made up his mind to decline the call. The Presbytery accordingly, in terms of Mr. James' decision, set the call aside.

A report was given in by Mr. Cochrane, regarding the New Hamburg Church, which was received and adopted, and the thanks of Presbytery tendered the Committee for their diligence.

The calls from Stanley Street Church, Ayr, and Port Hope, to the Rev. Wm. Donald, of Norwichville, were then considered. After earnest speeches had been made by the representatives of the Port Hope Congregation, and Mr. Waters, of St. Mary's, for the Cobourg Presbytery, and by Commissioners from Ayr and Norwichville Congregations, Mr. Donald was heard, and intimated his acceptance of the call from Port Hope. The Presbytery thereupon loosed him from his present charge, and instructed him to await the orders of the Cobourg Presbytery.

Commissioners were heard from Erskine Church, Ingersoll, in reference to the resignation of Rev. Mr. Cross. They stated in effect, that but for the strong reasons adduced by Mr. Cross for this step, having reference specially to the delicate state of Mrs. Cross's health, they would have strenuously opposed the resignation; but in the circumstances of the case, they reluctantly acquiesced. The Presbytery, after due consideration, agreed to accept the resignation, and declared the pastoral tie dissolved.

Resolutions having reference to the regard entertained for Mr. Donald and Mr. Cross by the Presbytery, were unanimously passed, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes. Dr. Hamilton was appointed to preach Erskine Church vacant, and Mr. Peattie the churches at Norwichville. Dr. Hamilton was also appointed Moderator of Erskine Church Session during the vacancy, and Mr. Cochrane Moderator of Norwichville during the vacancy.

Mr. Richardson, of Tilsonburgh, was allowed by the Presbytery to withdraw his resignation of his charge.