

with the hope of increasing it to £200. Our brother, Mr. Dunkerley, the Bishop of the Church at Durham, has given much attention to this object. He has visited Montreal and Quebec for the purpose of raising funds, assisted in both places by certain of the Trustees who have also made highly creditable efforts, the sum of £ was collected at Montreal, and about £30 will be raised at Quebec.

The building was designed by Mr. J. H. Springle of this city, and is highly creditable to his taste. It is built of brick, the workmanship being superior to any thing we have seen in Eastern Canada.

The services at the opening are thus described in the daily journals:—

The new Congregational Church at Sorel was solemnly opened for the public worship of God, by appropriate religious services on Wednesday last, 1st November. The Rev. T. Atkinson, of Quebec, preached in the forenoon, and the Rev. H. Wilkes, A. M., of Montreal, in the evening. The Rev. R. Miles, of Abbotsford, and the Rev. D. Dunkerley, of Durham, assisted in the devotional exercises. This small but truly elegant Church has been erected under the superintendence of Mr. Springle, architect, of this city, to whose taste it does great credit. A very large portion of the British inhabitants of Sorel being non-conformists in relation to the Episcopal Church, the only one heretofore existing there, the Congregational Churches were applied to by the people for the stated supply of the means of grace and they have responded to the call by affording during nearly a year the regular ministration of the Word, and by assisting in the erection of this building;—but as members of nearly all the Evangelical denominations are benefitted by the movement, it is hoped that a general and liberal subscription in this city will be cheerfully afforded.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION AT LEEDS.

We extract from the *Patriot* the following account of this important assembly. Our extracts are necessarily brief, and the lateness of its arrival has alone prevented the insertion of the whole account. The proceedings of the Union on this interesting occasion fully justify the concluding remarks of the Editor, and cannot fail to exert a happy influence on the Congregational Churches at home. The subject of general education especially engaged the attention of the assembly—a natural result of the zealous but happily abortive effort of the government to make the whole business of popular instruction subsidiary to

the aggrandisement of the State Church. We would especially direct the attention of our readers to the extracts from the speech of Dr. Vaughan. They are every way worthy of the speaker, the audience, and the theme:

This assembly of the Ministers and Delegates of the associated Churches of the Congregational Body, had been looked forward to with more than ordinary interest, on account both of the various important subjects to be brought under the consideration of the Assembly, and of the circumstances of the times, which render every movement of the Dissenters a matter of public interest. Accordingly, the attendance both of pastors and of lay delegates has been more numerous than at any previous meeting held in the country. Besides a large proportion of the Ministers of the Congregational denomination of the West Riding and other parts of Yorkshire, there were present, from the Metropolis, the Rev. T. Binney, J. Freeman, J. Robinson, T. James, Dr. Matheson, A. Wells, W. S. Palmer, B. Ashton; the Rev. Dr. Taughan, R. Fletcher, and J. W. Maassie, of Manchester; the Rev. J. Kelly and W. Bevan, of Liverpool; Rev. J. A. James, of Birmingham; Rev. T. Stratten and E. Morley, of Hull; Rev. J. Gawthorn, of Derby; Rev. J. Reynolds, of Romsey (Chairman); Rev. J. Roberts, of Meiton Mowbray; Rev. E. Wight, of Carlisle; and other Ministers from most of the Midland Counties; also, the Mayor of Birmingham; Sir Wilfred Lawson, Baronet; George Hadfield, Esq., of Manchester; and various gentlemen from London and the larger towns.

On Tuesday evening, a public devotional service was held, preparatory to the meeting, at Belgrave Chapel, when a sermon was delivered by the Rev. T. Binney, of London, from Jer. x. 21: "The Pastors have become brutish, and have not sought the Lord; therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered."

This discourse was listened to with the deepest and most solemn interest, and we are happy to state, that Mr. Binney was unanimously and earnestly requested to publish it for the benefit of the Churches.

On Wednesday morning, the Assembly commenced its sittings at nine o'clock, in Belgrave Chapel, the Rev. J. Reynolds, of Romsey, Chairman, opening the proceedings with prayer. The first business on the paper related to a Series of Resolutions on the subject of General Education. The Rev. J. Kelly, of Liverpool, rose to move their being taken into consideration *seriatim*. After adverting to the happy defeat of the Government Education scheme, the Rev. Gentleman avowed his strong conviction, that any interference with Education on the part of Government would be found to be fraught with prejudicial results; but an increased responsibility was thrown upon those who maintain