

notwithstanding the excruciating pain which he endured; he was not only confident in the Divine call but was rejoicing in the Lord. I left him in this state of mind about midnight and saw him in the evening of the next day in the same happy frame. On the Monday, a few hours before his death, I had a most pleasant conversation with him, when he seemed not to have a single doubt upon his mind though anticipating his immediate removal from time.

From the time of his injury on Thursday, to the time of his death, the Monday following, he never ceased to commend the Saviour to those that were with him.

He often remarked to his friends that he had much reason to esteem his minister very highly in love for his work's sake for it had been the means of salvation to him. A neighbour who had been with him a great part of the time of his affliction, told me that he had never witnessed such a dying scene *so peaceful and with so much confidence on God did he fall asleep on Jesus.*

You will perceive from the above narrative that it was a scene in which I had peculiar interest. Here was a fruit of my own ministry grown up to maturity in Christian knowledge, character and useful and just when the flower was full-blown it was cut down. I feel great pleasure in the recollection that if I had reaped no other fruit of my labour yet all the self-denial and pain of a residence in this wilderness, during the last four years are amply repaid by this one event.

RUSSELLTOWN.--A young brother, Mr. David Gibbs, son of the late Rev. J. Gibbs, of Stanstead, who has recently finished his course of study, is labouring with much acceptance and with prospects of extensive usefulness in this field. A very neat and commodious place of worship will be opened in the course of the ensuing month.

BROOME.--Mr. David Connell, who has recently completed his studies at the University of Glasgow, and at the Theological Academy in that city, under the care of the Rev. Ralph Wardlaw, D. D., and the Rev. J. Morell Mackenzie, M. A.--is labouring with apparent usefulness in this township. Our young brother is much encouraged, and the people are obviously awaking to their eternal interests.-- Measures are in progress to erect a suitable place of worship.

UPPER CANADA.

It is matter for rejoicing to learn from recent communications that the cause of our Divine Master is steadily advancing amongst our Churches in the Western quarter of Canada. It may be that the good tidings we have heard are true of other Churches besides those now alluded to, and we earnestly request our esteemed brethren to afford us early local information on these points.

TORONTO.--The Church in this city has been for a few weeks engaged in a series of special meetings and efforts for the revival of the Lord's work amongst them. The results have been happy. Our informant says--"considerable good appears to be in progress amongst

this people, more in the arousing of professors, and the decided closing with Christ on the part of those who have been irresolute. Our chapel will soon need enlarging. God is good to us." Of the Theological Academy in that city, we learn that it proceeds much to the satisfaction of the respected tutor, the Rev. A. Lillie, and of all interested in its welfare. The two brethren who have finished their studies are happily settled amongst affectionate flocks. There are now eight students, and an additional one expected immediately.

BRANTFORD.--The small Church in this beautiful town, after having been long bereft of the labours of a regular pastor, is now happily supplied by the Rev. Thomas Baker. Our accounts from Brantford are highly encouraging;--it is manifest that our valued brother is much beloved, and that he is enjoying increasingly the Divine smiles upon his work. An effort at once vigorous and successful is in progress to pay off the debt on the very handsome edifice occupied by this Church.

We have no other recent information, except that, before he departs for England, whether he goes on the business of the Colonial Missionary Society, our honoured friend the Rev. J. Roof has engaged to preach at the opening of three new places of worship, and at two ordinations in connection with the Congregational Union of Upper Canada. Such facts indicate progress.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF LOWER CANADA:

This Union of Churches and Ministers was formed in the summer of 1838, with the design of bringing into closer visible fellowship the Churches in the various parts of the Province, and of inducing general cooperation in those "works of faith and labours of love" which constitute at once the privilege and the glory of the Church on earth.

The last Annual Meeting was held at Quebec in the month of September last, much to the enjoyment, and it is hoped to the improvement of the Church in that city. The Ministers and Delegates met together in the spirit of fraternal union, entering with cordiality and energy into the consideration of efforts fitted to promote the welfare of the Churches and the extension of our Lord's Kingdom. Amongst the numerous matters before the assembly the following will demand our attention in future numbers of this work; while the issue of the work itself was a subject of much anxious deliberation, and ultimately of practical decision.

The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. J. Parker, of Shipton, it produced a deep impression. The brethren requested the manuscript for publication. It is probable that our readers will hear more of it.

A declaration of faith and order, including sundry practical directions for the guidance of the Churches, having been prepared by a committee at the request of the Union, it was determined to publish the substance of them in this work, during the year unofficially, that the Churches may have an opportunity of considering them in detail, and that at the next Annual Meeting, after all suggestions have been received and considered, a document may go