

is of red brick, and is one of the most tasteful, beautiful country churches in Canada, with a high and exceedingly handsome spire. The inside has that combination of elegance and simplicity which befits the house of God. The church is seated for more than three hundred; and stands upon an eminence, being seen from a considerable distance.

The whole cost was nearly \$3,700. Of this sum the congregation had already raised all except about \$1000. On Sabbath the collection amounted to \$171; at the social meeting on Monday evening, when the church was literally packed, and no standing room could be had, \$192 were procured by ticket; and during the evening, in response to an appeal by the pastor, Mr. Croll, seconded by Dr. Topp and the Rev. Mr. Aull, of Ratho, the additional sum necessary to pay off the debt was subscribed in a few minutes; so that in these two days upwards of \$1050 were raised by the congregation alone. The other speakers at the meeting were the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Baptist minister at Cheltenham; the Rev. Mr. Shaw, Episcopal Methodist minister of Brampton; the Rev. Mr. Pringle, of Brampton; and Mr. Robert Smith.

The hearty zeal and liberality of the congregation in the whole matter, are evidences of the energy, devotedness, and faithful discharge of his ministry by the Rev. Mr. Croll, and of the strong hold which he has obtained of the affections of his people. Their ready co-operation must be a great encouragement to him in his labours, and at the same time a source of gratification to their former minister, now retired—the Rev. Mr. Coutts, who came to be present at all the services, and who opened the meeting on Monday evening with prayer.

PRESENTS TO MINISTERS.

We have received at least one communication complaining of the amount of space in the RECORD occupied with notices of presents made to ministers, some of them being of trifling amount, and not worthy of being specially noticed. It is thought that the system is bad, and tends, with other things, to keep ministers' stipends far lower than they should be, many congregations being content to go on from year to year paying a stipend altogether unworthy of themselves and of their pastor, but satisfying themselves with some present, trifling it may be in amount, at the end of the year. We very much agree with these views, and have more than once expressed such sentiments. We commend the matter to the consideration of both ministers and people. We have no objection to presents to ministers, but we think the people should first give a suitable stipend. Sometimes, too, testimonials may be given, which are really worthy of being mentioned. But in general, we do not think that at the present day any good object is answered by the publication of every act of kindness on the part of a congregation or of individuals.

REV. C. CHINIQUEY.—Mr. Chiniquy having obtained from the Presbytery two months' leave of absence, will be happy to visit congregations, at the request of Pastors, for the purpose of addressing them, and receiving contributions for the re-building of the mission establishment at St. Ann's. Ministers are requested to communicate with Mr. C. without delay.