

lated to make our institution as complete as possible.

The missionaries and ministers whom this land requires, and whom our College, under the blessing of God, should send forth, are men with hearts in-tinct with the spirit of the living God, and characters elevated with the virtues which he communi-cates—men conversant with the learning and knowledge of the times, and especially with the records of inspiration—men who comprehend the truths which those records teach, in their harmony and connexion with each other, and are at the same time capable of bringing them to bear on the hearts and consciences of others. And to send forth such ministers and missionaries,—devoted stu-dents, accomplished and laborious teachers, and prudent directors, must be found for our College; and, above all, the blessing of Christ himself, whose alone it is to give any spiritual increase. To the prayers of the Synod and the Church at large, for that blessing, the Committee once more commend the College.

OPENING OF KNOX'S CHURCH.

It is not much beyond a year since the temporary wooden erection occupied by the congregation of Knox's Church was consumed by fire, and now there has risen, as by magic, in its place, the new and splendid structure which was opened for public worship on the 3rd Sept. The building is in the new or later Gothic style of architecture, sur-mounted with a tower and spire of elaste and ele-gant workmanship. The situation of the Church is greatly in its favour, being in the centre of the city, and on a plain somewhat elevated. It is seen to advantage from every direction, and is confessed by all to be a great ornament to the city. Mr. Thomas, Architect, has added to his previously well-earned reputation, by the skill, the taste and judgment which he has combined in the planning and erection of Knox's Church. Nor can we avoid this opportunity of passing a deserved eulogium on the solid and substantial character of the stone and brick-work, so creditable to Mr. Thomas Aiken, builder, of this city; and on the excellent execution of the wooden part by Messrs. McBean and With-crow. When the Pulpit is covered with the in-tended canopy, the *tout ensemble* will be exquisite. The Church will accommodate without difficulty 1500 sitters; and the provision for Lecture Rooms, Vestry, Library Room, and other apartments, is very complete. Altogether, we consider this erec-tion as highly creditable to the congregation, and an ornament and an honour to the city.

The congregation in the morning night average sixteen hundred sitters, and in the afternoon and evening, though the attendance was not so large, there were very respectable and numerous assem-blages. The service was commenced by the Rev. James Harris, who, for more than a quarter of a century, had been pastor of the "Presbyterian Church of York," now merged in the congregation of Knox's Church. With beautiful simplicity and devotional fervour, the introductory portions of the Public Worship of the Sanctuary were conducted by this amiable and excellent minister.

Thereafter the Rev. John Paterson, of Tranent, Deputy to Montreal from the Free Church of Scotland, delivered a very able and appropriate discourse, from Psalm 122, 6—"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee." The preacher took a rapid but judicious view of the present aspect of the Church of God, particularly in reference to the shakings among the nations; and pointed out the duty of earnest sup-plication in behalf of the best interests of Zion. Dr. Burns, pastor of the Church, preached in the after-noon, on Psalm 93, 5—"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever;" illustrating separately the nature of evangelical holiness, as contrasted with what is usually termed virtue or mere morality; and the reasons why holiness ought ever to charac-terize all the professed worshippers in God's house. Mr. Paterson again occupied the pulpit in the evening, and delivered a practical and useful ser-mon on Malachi 3, 17—the duty and blessedness of profitable Christian intercourse. The subjects were all appropriate, and the discourses, without

affectation of display, well fitted to edify a mixed congregation. The collection amounted to £232 15; very handsome, considering the times, and the large advances made by the people of Knox's Church on the erection of the building. Moreover, it is only a very few weeks since the ladies of the congregation contributed £72 to put the Vestry Room and Pulpit in proper costume; thus associ-ating with the opening of the Church, the gift of not less a sum than upwards of three hundred pounds. We doubt not that there will now be a keen contest among our worthy citizens to con-tribute the honorary appendages of a clock and bell to a building so splendid in itself, and so located as to render these unconscious remembrancers of hu-man duty a real benefit to the citizens at large. We hear that Mr. Benjamin Torrance, of King-street, has already gifted a very handsome clock for the interior of the church.

OPENING OF NEW FREE CHURCH, DUNDAS.

We observe with pleasure that the congregation of Dundas, who were compelled to abandon their church, at the Disruption, to the fragment that adhered to the Established Church of Scotland, have finished a new Church, and on Sabbath, the 3rd of September, they worshipped in it for the first time.

The worthy pastor, Mr. Stark, and Mr. Bayne, of Galt, conducted the services on the occasion.

This congregation have made many sacrifices in erecting churches. May the present building be a place where the Redeemer's power and glory shall be seen by many souls.

PUBLIC BREAKFAST TO THE REV. DR. WILLIS.

A public breakfast in honour of the Rev. Dr. Willis, of the Theological Institute, Toronto, Up-per Canada, and for the purpose of taking farewell of that gentleman, on the occasion of his final de-parture to his new sphere of labour, was given on Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock, in the Trades' Hall, Glassford-street. The chair was occupied by Henry Dunlop, Esq., of Craigton; the Rev. Mr. Lorimer performed the duties of vice-chairman. The hall was well filled with a very respectable party of ladies and gentlemen. By the Chairman sat Dr. Willis and his lady, the Rev. Mr. Bonar, Robert M'Haffie, Esq., John M'Haffie, Esq., &c.

Grace being said by the Rev. Mr. Bonar, the company partook of a substantial breakfast. The Rev. Dr. Synnington returned thanks.

The meeting was addressed in effective speeches by the Chairman, Dr. Willis, Mr. Kettle, and the Rev. Mr. McNaughtan. Dr. Willis pronounced the benediction.

We have much pleasure in announcing the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Willis in Toronto, on Satur-day, the 9th ult.

Foreign Missions.

THE CHINESE MISSION.—REV. W. C. BURNS.

The following letter has been received by the Rev. James Hamilton, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee. We are truly thankful to hear of the continued health of our beloved brother, and rejoice to know that doors of usefulness are opening to him. Naturally gifted with facility of acquiring languages, his labour and zeal in the study of Chinese have been remarkably owned and rewarded, inasmuch as he is already able, in some

degree, to declare to the people in their own tongue the wonderful works of God. May the same Spirit who fitted and qualified the primitive disciples by Pentecostal gifts, abundantly furnish our missionary with the gifts and graces requisite for his noble and arduous work!

"Hoya-Koya, May 24, 1848.

"DEAR FRIENDS.—I am much indebted to you for your very welcome letter, which, I suppose through some mistake, was the only one that reached me by last mail, and was on that account the more acceptable in this far land. I have some idea how fully you are engaged from week to week, but I trust that frequently you may be able to send a few lines, even when there is nothing very im-portant to communicate. When I wrote you by last opportunity, I was feeling that I ought to at-tempt something more in the Chinese field here, but did not clearly see what I could do. I, how-ever, got a little light and encouragement in soon after getting the opportunity of going out with an excellent native Christian, who is employed by the London Tract Society in distributing tracts and speaking to the people. I have found it both in-teresting and useful to go out in this way among the Chinese shops; and I have the prospect of soon getting a Chinese, who professes faith in Christ, to stay here, and go out with me regularly. I have also, during the past month, been renewing my visits to the prisoners in the goal, and find them very willing to listen to the Word of Life, as far as I can speak it to them. About a fortnight ago I set my foot, for the first time, on the soil of China, having crossed over to the opposite mainland along with some of the agents of the London Society, to visit a school which they have there in a town of about one thousand inhabitants. I tried to address the people after they had been addressed by a na-tive preacher, and succeeded fully as well as I had expected. Our reception was encouraging; and altogether, when I look at the state of this people, I feel encouraged to hope, that the times of the triumph of the Gospel among them may be coming near. Oh that the Spirit of grace and supplication were poured abundantly on Churches at home and agents abroad, that the Lord's kingdom may be hastened! My work in-doors goes on as before. The school is doing well, and I do not, at any rate, weary in studying Chinese. The English congre-gation is much as before, with this difference, that in the hot season the soldiers cannot attend in the forenoon, and do not all come in the evening. I am glad to see from your letter that there is some hope of others joining us here. May you be guided from above in this matter, both as to the persons sent and the stations to which they should go. I have left, as usual, my letter writing to the last moment, and therefore must hurriedly conclude. With Christian regards to all friends,

"I ever am yours,

"Truly and affectionately,

"Wm. C. Burns."

From the Halifax Presbyterian Witness.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE FREE CHURCH OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

NEW GLASGOW, Augt. 18, 1848.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Met and was constituted. The Synod took into consideration the subject of union with the other Presbyterian Church of Nova-Scotia. After discus-sion, and hearing the statements of the Rev. Mr. Trotter, it was resolved no longer to deny this matter, seeing that a basis of union has already been agreed on by both Synods; and that from the con-sultations held by the committees of both churches, there is every ground for believing that matters of minor importance may be easily and satisfactorily arranged. The Synod appointed the following members as a Committee to meet the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Nova-Scotia:—Mo-derator, J. Stewart, M. Stewart, Sutherland, Munro, Dr. Forrest, and the Clerk—Moderator, Convener; this Committee to report to next ordi-nary meeting of Synod.