

Kankakee, has sent a very christian apology for not being able to attend on account of ministerial duty, which kept him at home, but he promised to visit us with his elder, Mr. Taylor, in a few days.

Yesterday we opened the classes with 70 pupils. More will come in a few days. The teachers are the Revs. Mr. Lafontaine and Terrien, and I had to engage, for the English, Mr. Litter, of Canada, whose letter was sent to you some time ago, but without receiving any answer from you. The whole cost for building will be near five thousand dollars. I have already paid two thousand dollars, which have been sent from different friends from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ireland, and from Canada. My health is not good enough to go and lecture. If it were not for that, I hope, D.V., the whole work would be already paid, a great number of ministers of our dear Canada Church having invited me to visit their people and address them, with the promise of a good substantial help. My trust is in the Lord for the future. *This is His work, He will support it.*

Will we have the pleasure of seeing you here this spring?

Believe me,

Your respectful brother in Christ,

C. CHINIQUEY.

THE LATE REV. PETER McLAREN, B.A.

The subject of this sketch was born at New Lanark, Lanarkshire, Scotland, in the year 1818. From his earliest boyhood he was noted for his studious habits, which seemed to increase as he grew in years. He entered St. Andrew's University in 1840, with the intention of studying for the ministry, and during the three years which he spent there, he won the esteem both of his professors and of his fellow students. Being prevented, however, from completing his studies in St. Andrew's, he afterwards attended two sessions in the University of Glasgow, and finally took out his degree in Queen's College, Kingston. After teaching for two years in Montreal, and one in Perth, where he was an active member of the congregation of the Rev. J. B. Duncan, he removed to Lanark, to take charge of the Grammar School in that place. Being repeatedly urged to complete his studies for the ministry, he at last consented, but his health gave way and he was compelled to relinquish the idea. During the next five years, in which he had charge of the grammar school at Carleton Place, he was a member of the congregation of the Rev. P. Gray, acting as one of his elders, and occasionally filling vacant pulpits. In 1859 he returned to Lanark, where, as there was no Canada Presbyterian Church nearer than Perth, he, with the approbation of Mr. Duncan, connected himself with the Kirk. In the fall of '65 he removed to Komoka, to teach classics in the Middlesex Seminary. Circumstances compelled him to remain in this institution much longer than he desired; but at length a favorable opportunity having presented itself, he again began his studies, which had now been twice interrupted. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in December, 1869, but for a year or two previous to that date a good part of his time had been spent in doing mission work in the London Presbytery. He had just gone to the Toronto Presbytery, where he was to labour for a short time, when he was taken ill. He reached Komoka on Thursday, 16th February, after which the disease, erysipelas in the head, made very rapid progress, until Tuesday, when he appeared so much better that all danger was believed to be over. In the evening, however, he took a relapse, grew rapidly