

the strong, as in the case with quadrupeds under similar pressure of want. The same cause which compels them to consume each other, has often compelled the inhabitants of Syria, in cases of famine, to consume them. They actually grind the dried bodies of the locusts, and knead them into a cake."

The Harbinger.

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The Editor, in resuming his official duties, congratulates the readers of the Harbinger on the steady progress of evangelical principles and order in this important province. The erection in different places of new Churches, as reported in this and preceding numbers, is sufficiently indicative of the extending triumphs of the Gospel, and nothing is wanting to secure the continuance and accelerated progress of the truth as it is in Jesus, but a more copious effusion, upon all who have received that truth in the love of it, of the spirit of God. In the diligent cultivation of personal and social piety consists the moral power of every Christian community, and in the possession of such power, it cannot fail to diffuse the savour of Christ through the surrounding neighbourhood, and secure fresh accessions to the number of sincere believers. Whilst the abettors of barren and lifeless formalities are so assiduous in their efforts to extinguish the vitality of true religion, and re-impose on professing Protestants "the yoke of bondage" which was broken by our forefathers, let us prove—not by the high sounding words of affected superiority or supercilious contempt, but by "the work of faith and labour of love," by the assiduous inculcation of evangelical truth, and by the practical exemplification of its principles and spirit, that we desire to "know nothing" and to "glory" in nothing but in "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Let us "avoid foolish questions" which "minister strife rather than goodly edifying," and "follow after the things which make for peace, and things whereby one may edify another;" Thus shall we secure "the blessing from on high." "God will visit us, and that right early—He will bless us and make us a blessing."

LONDON, WESTERN CANADA.

NEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

On Monday last, 25th inst., the corner stone of a new Congregational Church was laid in this town, in the presence of a deeply interested auditory. The service commenced by singing an appropriate hymn, and prayer for the Divine sanction and blessing on the undertaking, by Mr. W. F. Clarke. An address was then delivered by the Rev. W. Clarke, showing that Religion was inseparably connected with our individual and social welfare—our domestic charities—our provincial happiness and prosperity,—thus proving the necessity of the Christian ministry, and buildings for public worship. He then stated the leading features of the views and practices of the Congregational order, which, though different from other sections of the Christian Church, they hold in charity, disclaiming all infallibility—holding out the right hand of fellowship, and welcoming to the table of the Lord all who love the Saviour in sincerity. The foundation stone was then laid, under which were deposited some silver and copper coins of the reign of Queen Victoria, and some papers containing an account of denominational views, and names of the Ministers, Deacons, and Trustees for the erection.

The attendance was numerous and respectable, considering the unfavorable state of the weather. The Reverend gentleman informed the audience that the Committee had decided to build with brick; which, from the plans submitted, we think will be an ornament to our rising town. We are happy to learn that a liberal subscription list is in the possession of the Committee, and we think that a generous public will sustain them in this noble undertaking. We must add that the site is considered very eligible, from its central position.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SOREL.

A number of families of British and American origin, resident at Sorel, who have been in connexion elsewhere with churches of the Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, and Baptist denominations, feeling the want of a Ministry and Divine service, more in accordance with their principles than any heretofore to be obtained in that village, united very cordially together in the month of January last, in an invitation to the Congregational body, to supply them with Ministers. This request was acceded to, and a very interesting and encouraging congregation was gathered. The want of a suitable place of worship was immediately felt—to obtain which, the people have put forth very considerable effort, having raised amongst themselves upwards of £160.