

REV. NEWMAN HALL.—The Rev. Newman Hall, of Surrey Chapel, London, is at present on this continent. He spent some days in Hamilton, and preached more than once. He preached in Toronto on Thursday evening the 26th. All who have heard Mr. Hall speak in high terms of his pulpit power. He is accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Baggie, of Scarboro', England.

COMMENDABLE LIBERALITY.—We have received from George L. Beardmore, Esq., Toronto, one hundred and fifty dollars. Of this amount the sum of one hundred dollars is for two bursaries of \$50 each, for young men preparing for the ministry at Knox College, and the remaining sum of \$50 is for books for the library and for students. Mr. Beardmore has guaranteed \$100 per annum for six years for scholarships. We trust some will imitate Mr. Beardmore's liberality. There are few better or more useful ways of expending money.

RATHO.—It is not long since we had occasion to refer to the erection of a very commodious manse at Ratho, by the congregation of the Rev. F. McCuaig. We regret to state that, on the night of the 22nd August, it was completely burned down. The family of the Pastor had a very narrow escape, the children having been snatched from bed not three minutes before the bed was in flames. Mr. McCuaig succeeded in saving his library and a good deal of the furniture and clothing. There was an insurance of \$800 on the furniture, but none on the manse. Although the loss is a severe one, the congregation are acting with great spirit, and are taking active steps for the re-erection of the manse. (Trustees of church property should be particular in seeing that the property is insured. There is a tendency to be dilatory in this matter. In such a case as that referred to, a day's delay may occasion very serious loss. Editor.)

FIRST CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF WEST GWILLIMBURY.—A few days ago, Messrs. Cerswell and Wilson, elders in this congregation, waited on their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Bond Head, and handed him, on behalf of themselves and members of the church, and several other friends, the handsome sum of *one hundred and twenty-one dollars*, (\$121), with the special object of aiding the Rev. gentleman in furnishing himself with a horse, in order to facilitate the performance of pastoral duty over a widely scattered charge. The spirit of this small congregation is deserving of all commendation. While their regular contributions for congregational purposes, and for the schemes of the church, compare favorably with those of much larger societies, this is the third occasion, within a few years, on which they have shown their good-will to their minister, and their consideration for his comfort, in a similar way to that above mentioned. Once by the donation of \$187, (to which the congregation of Essa added \$132), and again by the gift of a valuable carriage and harness.

McKILLOP, 2ND.—This congregation has built a neat and commodious church, capable of seating 350 persons, and will have the debt all paid in January next. The people determined to have a Soiree—before their missionary, Mr. J. Edgar Croly, returned to college. It was held on September 17th, and though early in the season for a rural district realized the handsome sum of seventy dollars.

DEATH OF JESSE KETCHUM, ESQUIRE.—We have to announce the death of the late Jesse Ketchum, Esquire, of Buffalo, formerly of Toronto, at the advanced age of 85. Mr. Ketchum resided for many years in Toronto, and never ceased to take a warm interest in it, and especially in every thing connected with the moral and spiritual progress of the place.