

On the Monday evening following, Mr. Cochrane lectured on the "Hero Martyrs of Scotland." Notwithstanding the stormy nature of the evening, there was an audience of about 400, who listened with great attention to a most excellent lecture.

This is the *fourth* addition to the present edifice. Two of these were made during the incumbency of the late pastor, the Rev. Professor Caven, who is held in affectionate remembrance by the flock to which he so faithfully ministered.

It is to be hoped that the congregation will not remain satisfied until they have erected a church which shall, in some degree, be commensurate with their size and ability, and worthy of their position, both in the town and neighborhood.

The history of the congregation is not without interest. Long before St. Mary's had an existence as a town, and when the surrounding country was only emerging from the primeval forest, the late Mr. Skinner—who never spared himself in advancing his Master's cause—was in the habit of making missionary expeditions into the neighbourhood, and preaching sometimes in barns, sometimes in private dwellings, and occasionally in school-houses, as opportunity offered. At that time, roads and bridges were in their most primitive condition, and no little fatigue, discomfort, and occasionally danger was experienced by that faithful servant of God, in supplying the spiritual wants of the people. At length, a congregation was gathered in the village of St. Mary's and the adjacent township of Downie. The Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot was settled as the first pastor of the united congregation, on the 16th July, 1848. During his incumbency the original frame building—now forming only a small part of the present edifice—was erected. Before the building was completed Mr. Proudfoot received and accepted a call to become the pastor of the congregation, to which his father, the late Professor Proudfoot, had formerly ministered. The congregation having remained vacant for some time, Mr. Caven, who had lately been licensed to preach the gospel, received a unanimous and cordial call to become their pastor. Having accepted the call, he was ordained and inducted on the 7th October, 1852. This proved to be an exceedingly happy settlement. The congregation prospered greatly under his able and efficient ministry. Downie was set apart as an independent congregation, and the labours of Mr. Caven confined to the congregation in the town, which continued to grow apace. Some time after the formation of the C. P. Church, the congregation formerly belonging to the Free Church having been vacant, united with that under the care of Mr. Caven. The Church continued to prosper until at length the pastor was called by the Synod to fill the chair which he so worthily occupies in Knox College. After remaining vacant for a little over two years, and after several efforts to procure a pastor had been made, a unanimous call was extended the present pastor—the Rev. Dr. Waters—who saw it to be his duty to accept the call, and was settled over the congregation in the month of January, 1869. Both pastor and people have much cause of thankfulness for the prosperity with which the congregation has been blessed.

CHINGUACOUSY—CHURCH OPENING.—The new Church just erected by the congregation of Chinguacousy, under the Rev. Mr. Croll, was opened for divine worship on Sabbath, the 25th December. The Rev. Dr. Topp preached forenoon and evening, and the Rev. Professor Caven in the afternoon. At each of these times the church was crowded in every part, even to the doors, by deeply interested and attentive worshippers. The church