

what they had realized in teaching. Rev. John died in May and Rev. Robert in January on the Pacific Slope. Working side by side nearly all their lives. they sleep together at Roy, some miles from Tacoma, where Rev. Robert spent the last years of his ministry. The latter died at his brother-in-laws', Rev. John Tait. His son John is now a student in our college. May the God of all comfort be the "very present help" to all the mourning friends!

Official Notices.

COLLEGE CLOSING EXERCISES.

The closing exercises of the 54th session of the College will be held in the Assembly Hall of the College in Montreal on Friday evening, April 7th. Addresses will be delivered by the Principal and members of the graduating class. All friends of the College are invited to be present. The usual collection will be taken up in aid of the Library Fund.

W. HENRY WARRINER,
Montreal, March 15th, 1893. Sec.

TORONTO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed by the Toronto District Association and the old Central Association to act as a means of supplying the pulpits of vacant churches, desire to perform its duties intelligently and in harmony with Congregational principles and practice, and thus become a medium between those ministers or lay brethren who are able to fill a pulpit occasionally, and such churches as may at any time need an occasional or a stated supply. They wish therefore to intimate:—

1st. That the function of this committee is simply to fill an occasional vacancy of one or more Sabbaths, during a pastor's absence, or while a church may be without a pastor.

2nd. It is the desire of the committee (and they will as far as possible carry out that desire) that only properly accredited persons be sent out by them. In this matter they ask the churches to aid them, by allowing no one to enter their pulpits who does not come to them well recommended by this committee, or by the secretaries of the District Associations, or the Secretary of the Union of Ontario and Quebec. By so doing, a great deal of confusion will be avoided, and sometimes much scandal and unpleasantness, if not positive wrong, prevented.

3rd. It must be distinctly understood that the

unordained men sent out by the committee are, in no instance, to be regarded as thereby fitted to become pastors of churches. There are many brethren in our city and country churches, well qualified to render acceptable service occasionally, whom it would be a grave mistake to recommend to the permanent ministry.

4th. The committee would further state their opinion, that should any of those on its list exercise undue influence to secure a call from any church they may supply, they by such action prove their unfitness to the pastoral office, and will be discredited in the estimation of the committee.

5th. This is not, by any means, to say that the committee desire to prevent, or would wilfully stand in the way of, any worthy brother who seeks the work of the ministry in a thoroughly Christian spirit, and by proper methods.

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Woman's Board.

TORONTO BRANCH.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Toronto Branch of the C. C. W. B. M. was held in the parlor of the Northern church on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 28th. Delegates were present from all the city Auxiliaries but one; we also had with us a delegate from Stouffville. Mrs. Burton presided, and after devotional exercises and the reading of minutes, called on Miss Hattie Clark, who read an interesting paper on "The Joy of Giving." At the conclusion of the meeting proper, the visiting ladies were entertained by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the church, and a pleasant hour spent in social and missionary talk.

The Auxiliaries and Mission Bands are reminded that the annual meeting will be held this year in Bond St. church, Toronto, during the first or second week in June. Full particulars will be given in the May number of the INDEPENDENT.

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Our College Column.

NOTES.

We informed our friends through this column some time ago, that we intended holding an entertainment in aid of the organ fund. The entertainment was held on the 23rd of February, and was in every respect a complete success. When, early in the session, we discussed the project of a