

News of the Churches.

BRANTFORD.—Mr. George Fuller has accepted the call extended to him by this church. He commenced his pastorate on Sunday, the 8th inst. He is to be ordained on the 26th inst. (D.V.) That Mr. Fuller's departure from Lancaster was regretted by the congregation, to which he ministered for four years, goes without saying. The night before he left Lancaster (July 4th), he and Mrs. Fuller were invited to meet a few friends at the house of Mr. McPherson, the postmaster of the village, to whom, with his wife, they are indebted for continued expressions of friendship. During the evening, Mr. Drummond McPherson, superintendent of the Sunday school, read, on behalf of Mr. Fuller's Bible class, an address, expressive of their regard for him and sorrow at his departure, and asked him to accept an elegant gold chain, as a token of their esteem. This was followed with the presentation of forty-two dollars in money to him and Mrs. Fuller, from a few friends and well wishers. Mr. Fuller was taken entirely by surprise, and expressed the thanks of both Mrs. Fuller and himself for this expression of good will. He left this field of labour with regret, which was, however, relieved by the belief that he was being providentially led from them, as had been led to them. He hoped that time would make this manifest to them all. The Revd's. Wm. Hay, D. McGregor, H. Hughes, J. Morton, and C. A. Pedley, are expected to take part in the ordination service, on 26th inst. May this settlement of the Brantford church be abundantly blessed.

BURFORD.—The Congregational church here was re-opened for public service Sunday, July 1st. It is now one of the most attractive churches in the township. The improvements lately made show that it has many friends who cherish a loving interest in their spiritual home. The church is re-carpeted throughout. A vestry for the use of pastor, and a small room for the choir, have been erected in the rear; a new chandelier has also been placed in the gallery. The improvements, together with the erection of sheds which fell under the weight of snow and ice last winter, will cost between four and five hundred dollars. The Sabbath services were largely attended, and in the evening many found it impossible to find even standing room. The Rev. H. Hughes, of Paris, preached in the morning, the Rev. F. Beattie in the afternoon, and Miss Armstrong in the evening. The collections at all three services were large. On Monday evening a garden party was held at the residence of John M. Charles, Esq. The grounds were lighted with Chinese lanterns and torches. Refreshments were served in the shady retreat on the lawn. Afterwards music and singing

were the order of the evening. Rev. B. Clement, of Aylmer, whom all friends were glad to see and shake by the hand, gave a short address, followed by Revs. D. Hind, C. Pedley, and W. Hayhurst. The choir, led by Professor Hastings, sang several pieces. The Smiths' orchestra and Misses Bradley, Cox, and Davidson, with Mr J. Hathaway, Bradley, and others, contributed in making the gathering specially interesting and pleasant. The proceeds from garden party and Sabbath collections amounted to \$108. Both Burford and Scotland churches have prospered under the pastoral care of their loved pastor the Rev. W. Hay, and their expectation is that God will still bless his labours and numbers be constantly added to the church.

NEW DURHAM AND KELVIN.—These two churches are alive and busy. As the readers of the INDEPENDENT are aware, New Durham now boasts a very comfortable and attractive church building. The basement is not yet finished, but we hope to see the carpenters at work ere long. Congregations have considerably increased in the course of the past year, and the membership has about doubled. We are about introducing the weekly offering system, and a good deal of zeal is manifest in the matter. Our week evening Bible class is well attended by old and young. In Kelvin things are moving. The church building was destroyed by fire in April last, and for a moment there seemed an end of things. But the people met at once and determined to rebuild; a subscription list was started, which now amounts to over \$1,000; a committee organised, and contract let for the erection of a brick church, larger than the old frame one, with a tower and belfry at a cost of \$1,375. The ladies meanwhile are actively pushing measures to secure a fund for furnishings. On July 4th the corner-stone of the new building was laid by the Rev. W. Hay, of Scotland, the first pastor and long friend of the church; a strawberry festival was held at the residence of Mr W. Robertson, and although the afternoon was wet, a considerable number were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Hay, Rev. E. D. Silcox, of Embro; Miss S. Templeton Armstrong, and Mr Irvine, of the Methodist Church; and the musical part was in charge of the New Durham choir. The services have been held since the fire, by the courtesy of the Adventists, in their church; the congregations are good, the Sabbath school flourishing, the week evening Bible class well attended, and, on the whole, our work in Kelvin has been helped forward and not put backward by what seemed at first a fatal calamity.

PARKDALE.—Rev. C. Duff, the respected chairman of our Union, is at work in this suburb of Toronto, endeavouring to gather together a church of our order