

acceptance in these, the Turnbury and Howick churches, for the past two months, has received and accepted a unanimous call to these fields. The examination and credentials of Mr. Watt were eminently creditable, and the induction and installation took place on the evening of that day, Dr. Gunner, of Listowel, presiding. The address, on Congregational principles, was given by Mr. J. B. Saer, of Wingham, who also gave the right hand of fellowship to the pastor: the ordination prayer was offered by our Missionary Superintendent, Mr. Hall, who, furthermore, addressed the people on their duties, Dr. Gunner addressing the pastor. Mr. Watt enters upon his pastorate under encouraging circumstances, and we trust a long career of usefulness is open for him in this needy field.

Correspondence.

MR. HALL'S LETTER.

DEAR SIR,—With the present letter I expect to finish the account of my first tour through the churches in Ontario and Quebec. I may on another occasion give my impressions of the work as a whole, and of the possible future of our denomination in the Dominion. I shall in this follow the plan adopted in the former communications. After two or three unsuccessful attempts I succeeded at last in reaching

EMBRO.

I found the Rev. E. D. Silcox and his people willing to accept my explanation of former disappointments, and ready to give a cordial support to our Missionary Society. They had already made two collections, yet they cheerfully give a third. That there is no want of ability is evinced from the fact that they have a very substantial and spacious church edifice, together with a handsome parsonage house, and perhaps two acres of land; debt—none. The congregation is the largest I have seen in any country place during my visits to our churches. In Mr. Silcox they have an able and laborious worker. For the information of readers at a distance I may explain that Embro is a small village on the Great Western and Credit Valley Railways, within about thirty miles of the City of Brantford. The nearest railway station is Beachville, six miles distant. From Embro I went to

FOREST,

a town of about 1,860 inhabitants, on the Grand Trunk, fifty miles west of London. This field has been vacant nearly two years, congregations scattered, friends much discouraged, yet very anxious to have a pastor. I spent over a week among the people. On the morning of the Lord's Day I preached at the lake shore, five miles north of Forest. Here we have a small, but very appreciative congregation, meeting in

the M. E. church, but we have no society. These who are church members have united with the Forest Society. In the afternoon I preached in the M. E. church in Forest. The Congregational church edifice is considered unsuitable at present, having been built a great many years ago: in fact it was the first ecclesiastical building in the village, and has been used by nearly every one of the other Protestant bodies. Our people are arranging either to purchase or erect a new place of worship during the present year. There was a good congregation here. In the evening I preached in Ebenezer Church, five miles south of Forest, to a large congregation. Here there is a comfortable country church. The Sunday school has been sustained during the time they have been without a pastor, and this part of the field is in a very hopeful state. During the week I lectured in each of the places I have described, and on Friday a united meeting was held in Forest, at which it was resolved to ask the Missionary Society for a small grant for a year, and to secure a pastor as soon as possible. I was able to introduce the Rev. W. H. Shannon, who comes from near New York, with satisfactory credentials, and who, moreover, is a Canadian, and I have past learned that he has received a unanimous call to the pastorate, and has entered upon his work with encouraging prospects of success. Some of the most influential men in the neighbourhood are connected with our churches, and with the earnestness and vigour that Mr. Shannon is likely to bring to his work, I confidently expect our church in Forest will soon occupy the position it is entitled to among the churches of the town. There is a very comfortable parsonage building also.

SARNIA

is about twenty-five miles west of Forest on the beautiful river St. Clair, and at the head of Lake Huron. Opposite is the City of Port Huron on the American side. It is a progressive town, and at present appears to be doing well. The Rev. W. Claris went there from college, and has faithfully prosecuted his work during eleven years. There was no congregation when he went, and only about seven members in the place. They have since erected a very fine church, and though encumbered with considerable debt, they are hopeful that they will be able to weather the storm, and continue the work so heroically commenced. There has been a good degree of self-denial on the part of our brother from the very beginning of his work here, and still he has need of patience.

WATFORD

is a rising town on the Great Western, within twenty-seven miles of Sarnia. I spent a few very pleasant days with the Rev. R. Hay and his devoted people. I lectured on "Congregationalism and its Mission," both in Watford and Warwick, to large congregations, and preached missionary sermons on the Sunday to