

visitor in many of our homes—we as a Union of the Lower Provinces—now assembled, do heartily concur with its aim; and recommend it to our churches, as being an able advocate of our principles, and a needful means of communication between us. We mark its improved form, and augur success under its present editorship. We recommend that the pastors of our churches, and other friends be earnestly requested to forward items of church-news to the Editor."

On the motion to adopt the report, the Rev. W. S. H. Fielden said he was indebted to the INDEPENDENT for valuable information regarding the work of the churches in Canada; and emphasized the necessity of observing punctuality in the remittance of news concerning matters of interest. After a few remarks by the Chairman, (Rev. Thos. Hall,) the motion was carried, unanimously.

WE have received a circular from the Ontario Institution for the Blind, at Brantford. We have visited the Institution, and know something of the officers; and can testify to the desirability of the place for all blind young persons. The circular says:—

"The pupils of this Institution receive a literary education equal and in some respects superior to that afforded by the ordinary public schools; if musical they are instructed thoroughly in the organ, piano-forte, violin and theory of music; the male pupils are, according to aptitude and capacity, taught pianoforte-tuning, or chair-making and basket work; the female pupils machine and hand-sewing, machine and hand-knitting, bead work and fancy work generally. Board and instruction are gratuitous. The moral and religious training of all receives careful attention, while members of the various churches are strictly protected against interference with their particular views and opinions.

The health of the Institution is watched over by a physician who is in daily attendance. The situation of the Institution is delightful and means for exercise are ample. It is always open to visitors, and friends of pupils can see them at any time. The present vacation will terminate on the 5th of Sept. next and applicants for admission will do well to communicate with me at once, but they can be received during the session if not able to join at the date mentioned." The circular is signed by the Principal, A. H. Dymond.

Editorial Articles.

REV. HUGH PEDLEY, OF WINNIPEG.

We have had engraved, and present to our readers in this issue, a portrait of the Rev. Hugh Pedley, the Pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Pedley is the second son of the Rev. Chas. Pedley. His mother was the eldest daughter of Rev. Prof. Stowell, of Rotherham and Cheshunt Colleges, England. The subject of our sketch was

born in August, 1852, in Chester le Street, Durham, England. The family emigrated to Newfoundland, in August, 1857. During his seven years pastorate in the Congregational church in St. John's, in that colony, the father found time to write and publish a very excellent "History of Newfoundland." Then they came to Canada in June, 1864. The father and mother both died, a few years afterwards; and the mother's youngest sister, a young girl of eighteen, with a heroism seldom equalled, took hold of that orphan family of half-a-dozen growing boys; kept the family together, counselled them, lived for them, *mothered* them—no wonder she is a saint in their calender! One after another, the "boys" rapped at the door of the Congregational College; it was bred in their bones! Hugh first; and therefore Hugh is often thought to be the eldest of the brothers. But not so, "Charlie" was the eldest; but the family fortunes were still to *make*, and Charlie could earn a salary, while Hugh was studying. So Charles became a High School teacher; and retired, after entering college, in favor of his brother Hugh. A resident of Cobourg told the Editor, three or four years ago, "I don't know about *Charlie Pedley* being a minister! I know a *splendid High School teacher* was spoiled, when he went into the pulpit!" Then, when Hugh came out of college, Charles went in; and then in due time, James; and then Hilton.

Hugh left college and settled in Cobourg, (with Coldspring attached), in May, 1877; and faithfully served those churches for ten years. Latterly, he has, for three years, held the responsible position of Secretary of the Congregational Union. Mr. Warriner succeeds him. In November, 1883, he married Miss Eliza Field, eldest daughter of C. C. Field, Esq., of Cobourg, the present M. P. P. for West Northumberland. The family consists of a boy and a girl.

Mr. Pedley has a small and well-knit frame, and a highly nervous temperament. And, very wisely, he has always taken a robust summer vacation,—sometimes consisting of a long canoe and tent adventure in the wild backwoods. Last summer, however, his vacation took the direction of Winnipeg and the prairies. Mr. Silcox was in England; and Mr. Pedley "supplied" during his absence. And when, a few months afterwards, Mr. Silcox