

what I had to be thankful for, I says to myself, "Mean you'd oughter feel, an' mean you shall feel! You'll jest finish up this here box, the way you begun!" "An' here 't is,' I says, 'an' every cent is one of the Lord's mercies.' So I set down, cryin' like a baby, an' Mis' Stapleton she begun to count, with tears a-runnin' down her cheeks, an' before she got through we was all cryin' together, for there was 350 blessed cents in that box, not countin' the little five-cent piece that nobody knew what it meant.

"'An' now,' says I, 'for mercy's sake, give me another box, but don't let it have that motto on it, for I believe it'll break my heart!'

"So they give me this one, with 'The Love of Christ constraineth us,' on it, an' Mis' Barnes, that was the minister's wife then, she prayed for us all, about havin' thankful hearts, an' lovin' the Lord for what He's done for us, an' I went home with the new box that's standin' there on the shelf, an' life's ben a different thing to me sence that day, Mis' Malcolm, my dear, an' that's why that missionary box is worth its weight in gold."

News of the Churches.

ALTON.—The friends in this place are struggling to regain position, and to rebuild their church building which was burnt. A collection from any of our churches, be it ever so small, will be thankfully received by Mr. J. W. Harrison, the secretary of the church there.

BARRIE.—We clip the following from a Barrie paper: There was a good congregation present at the Congregational Church Sunday evening when the pastor, Rev. J. R. Black, rose to give the causes of infidelity. These were: imperfection of the Church as an organization, and of a proportion of its individual members; a creed without the touch of life; unfair means of meeting infidelity; the apparent results of modern science; the indifference or rejection of Christianity by learned specialists in physical science, and ignorance, or vice, or intellectual pride on the part of the disbeliever. Quite a proportion present were evidently sceptics, but they all listened attentively throughout. The following Sunday evening the subject was "The Cure of Infidelity."

CANNIFTON.—This is a village about two miles north from Belleville. A church was organized here under our energetic brother, Mr. Main, on the 6th inst., and a building formerly occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church secured. We understand that about twenty families take part in the movement.

COWANSVILLE.—This church has invited Mr. A. W. Main, of Belleville, to the pastorate. The call has not yet been accepted.

PARIS.—The college collection for both deficit and maintenance amounts to \$70. Our Ladies' Aid on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week sent a thanksgiving box to one of our workers in Nova Scotia. The church here and the church in Brantford are being drawn more closely together. A party of thirty went from Paris to the Brantford Thanksgiving supper, and at the invitation of our church a company of fifty came to spend the evening with us. Both these gatherings were much enjoyed.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Mr. Gerrie has decided to settle in this place in preference to Brandon. He has commenced public service on Sabbath in the Town Hall Council Chamber. Attendance from twenty-five to fifty each Sabbath; collections liberal. A Bible class, with speedy promise of Sabbath school, has been organized. Prayer meeting is held in a room in the Lansdowne College, which was kindly offered by the principal for that purpose. Friends are rallying round our brother, believing he is the right man sent by God at the right time to do the Lord's work here.

ST. THOMAS.—This church has extended a call to Mr. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph. We understand Mr. Clarke is inclined to accept should the Executive Committee of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society endorse the same. Mr. Clarke has met with encouraging success during the services he has been rendering for the past month, and we shall rejoice to see the encouragement continue.

THE Northern Congregational Sunday School has a number of library books which have been used, most of them in fair condition, which will be given to any school that could use them with advantage. Address as below, stating how many books would be acceptable, and proportion for senior and junior scholars. H. J. Clark, 9 Front Street West, Toronto.

TORONTO WESTERN.—Anniversary services of the Sunday school were held on Sunday, the 13th ult. The Rev. John Neil, of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, conducted the morning service. His subject was "A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ." At the afternoon service the Hon. John Macdonald gave an address, dealing with the practical value of the work of the Sunday school. The Rev. S. J. Shorey, in his address, spoke of the claims of the laws of God upon the individual conscience. In the evening a large congregation was present, and listened with marked attention to a character-sketch of Jacob, given by the Hon. S. H. Blake. The singing by the scholars, led by Mr. T. P. Hayes, was exceptionally good. At the afternoon service the pastor, Rev. A. F. McGregor, spoke appreciatively of the fidelity throughout the past year of the superintendent, Mr. Herbert Langlois and the staff of officers and teachers. Altogether, the school has had the best year of its history.