

REV. WM. F. CLARKE.

This esteemed brother has resumed the pastoral charge of the Church at Guelph, from which he had retired on his undertaking the duties of Editor-in-Chief of the "*Canada Farmer*," which required his residence in Toronto. His connection with that Journal has not yet ceased, but is so modified as to allow of his entering again upon his ministerial labours. We trust that he and the Church may long be united and successful in their efforts to promote the cause of Christ.—Mr. Clarke's Post Office address is now GUELPH.

 ZION CHURCH, TORONTO.

At 1.55 yesterday afternoon, during the high wind, the steeple of Zion Church, on the corner of Bay and Adelaide streets, was blown down. It fell on the east side of the Church, and directly over a brick house owned by Mr. R. French and occupied by Mr. Rodden. The house was a good deal injured, the wall of the gable being broken at the top, and the roof and ceiling in the upper portion of the house smashed in. The front gable of the Church itself was damaged, and the chimney through which the flue passes from the furnace, broken down. Altogether, about \$400 will probably be needed to repair the house and the Church. The steeple of Zion Church was erected about ten years ago, and was not built in a manner sufficiently strong for such an edifice. It is rather a curious incident connected with the fall of this spire, that a few minutes before, three ministers were passing the Church, and the hat of one of them was blown over into the vacant space on the east side of the Church, directly under where the spire fell; the hat had hardly been picked up by the reverend gentleman, and he was scarcely out on the street, when the spire came down with a crash. The large cap-stone on the apex of the steeple was blown a distance of one hundred feet over Mr. Rodden's house into a neighbouring yard and broken to pieces. It is not thought advisable to replace the spire, but immediate preparations are being made to finish the tower in a manner suitable to the architecture of the building.—*Globe*, April 13.

 GENERAL INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Those Congregational churches in the United States of America which are in recognized fellowship and coöperation through the General Associations, Conferences, or Conventions in the several states, are hereby, respectfully and affectionately invited to meet, by their representatives, in a National Council at Boston, Massachusetts, on the fourteenth day of June, A. D., 1865, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the Old South meeting-house.

This invitation is the result of a request proceeding from a representative convention of Congregational churches in the Northwest. It has been considered and approved in a meeting of committees representing the Congregational churches and ministry associated for fellowship and coöperation in the several states; and on us whose names are undersigned has been devolved the duty of convening the Council, of defining the mode in which the churches may be conveniently and equally represented, and of proposing to the churches, and through them to their assembled delegates, the subjects which require at this time the deliberate attention and advice of such an assembly.

Inasmuch as the Congregational churches acknowledge and hold that the local church is the only ecclesiastical body established by Christ and his Apostles, a body complete in itself, and invested with an authority under Christ which cannot be delegated; and, at the same time, that the churches thus constituted are