

Besides these gentlemen whose names have already been mentioned, there was present on the platform Rev. Dr. Shaw, Methodist Chairman of the district. Rev. J. Burton conducted the opening exercises, and gave a short address on Congregationalism. Mr. Johnston gave a statement of what had led to the call.

This was followed by Mr. Wrench giving a statement of his views of Christian Doctrine, &c., which was very satisfactory to the installing Council. Rev. J. Burton offered the installation prayer which was followed by the right hand of fellowship, by all the ministers present.

Rev. H. D. Powis then gave the Charge to the Pastor, emphasizing the need of a minister being truly a child of God. The purity and zeal of the ministry were also spoken of as essential elements to success.

Rev. E. D. Silcox followed by a very practical address to the people. The duties which a Church owed to their Pastor and their Church were clearly defined and enforced. Altogether the service was an exceedingly interesting one, and though lasting for over two hours and a half, the people showed no signs of weariness. We wish Mr. Wrench every success in his new field, and we hope under his new ministry the Church here will be abundantly successful.

### SPEEDSIDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

Mr. Joseph Rymal's language descriptive of a certain county cut up by Government officers so as to advance party interests may not be applicable to the new Speedside church, but it is certainly unlike any ecclesiastical structure in the Dominion. The sides of the walls are eight in number, the material is stone, the roof for a certain length partakes of the same shape as the walls, and then continues in the shape of a dome, the windows are modern gothic. It is entered by a gradual rise in front through a porch, and from the rear by a suitable doorway. The first impression is that it is too low, but this soon fades when you enter the audience room. You feel that there is ample breathing space for all that can be seated, and an air of comfort pervades the entire area. The floor falls gradually toward the pulpit, and the aisles, two in number, radiate from the pulpit. The pulpit itself is tastefully gotten up. The platform in front is raised about a foot, and is adorned with a carpet, a neat marble top table, and organ. In the centre of the dome is an ornamentation done in plaster of Paris, and from the midst falls a beautiful chandelier. It has a seating capacity for 360, which by the addition of aisle boards can be increased to 400. The acoustic properties, as might be expected from the octagon form, are perfect. The building is heated by a furnace with a radiator in each aisle. Altogether it is a beautiful edifice, and it is well adapted to the place in which it is located and the use for which it is designed. Yet the cost of the whole, including organ and furnace, is only \$2,000. Truly, a marvel of cheapness.

#### THE OPENING SERVICES.

The opening services were conducted by the Rev. Henry D. Powis, of Zion Church, Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Harvie, of Guelph. The former preached both morning and evening, taking for his texts the words, "And he shall build the temple of the Lord, and he shall bear the glory. Zech. vi. 12, 13, and "O, taste and see that the Lord is good," Ps. xxxiv. 8. The Rev. Mr. Harvie preached in the afternoon from the text, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to en-

quire in His temple," Ps. xxvii. 4. Large numbers of people were present on each occasion, and the services throughout the day were full of sweetness and power.

On Monday evening following there was a tea-meeting at which the pastor, Rev. Chas. Duff, was in the chair; about 300 people present, and addresses were given by Revs. Kinson and Williams, Can. Meth.; Smyth and Mullen, Presbyterian; Durkee, Epis. Meth.; Allworth, Georgetown; Black, Garafraxa; Harvie, Guelph; and Powis, Toronto. The choir gave some excellent music at intervals.

It was found that there was a little debt of \$1.30 resting on the building, and this, at the suggestion of one of the speakers at an early stage of the meeting, and endorsed by subsequent speakers, was lifted in about five minutes at the close, so that this beautiful sanctuary, with its complete set of furnishings, was by the gifts of this liberal people, dedicated free from debt, to the service of their Lord. And as the material glory of this latter house is greater than the glory of the former, so may its spiritual glory be greater.

I append the dedicatory hymn, composed for the occasion, by the pastor, Mr. Duff, of whose music the INDEPENDENT is not wholly ignorant.

#### HYMN.

Almighty Lord, whose sovereign sway  
Marks duty's path from day to day,  
Whose presence is Thy people's light  
In "cloud by day and fire by night."

Through all our wanderings here below,  
A resting place thy people show,  
An altar where to Thee we bring  
The heart's true, grateful offering.

To-day, our God, this house we lay  
On Thine own altar, take it, pray;  
And grant that to Thy service given,  
Men here may find the way to Heaven.

A temple of Thy grace on earth,  
May souls here find a second birth;  
And in the kingdom of Thy love  
Be numbered with the hosts above.

Forth from this Zion, let there "shine"  
Ever the "grace and truth" divine;  
The servant being, as his Lord,  
In holy life and faithful word;

Here, too, may all Thy people find  
The lowly, righteous, Christly mind,  
With liberty of free-born sons  
And order of God's holy ones.

In this Thine house, deign Thou to dwell  
From human hearts, all sin expel,  
Thy cherished purpose to maintain  
Till Thou without a rival reign.

### News of the Churches.

FROME.—Rev. J. F. Malcolm has been supplying this field for two weeks.

LANARK.—Rev. B. W. Day has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the church. Salary \$600 and parsonage.

RUGBY.—A lawn party was held at Mr. Brown's on Friday evening last. A pleasant time was spent, and the proceeds were applied to the organ fund. The pastor was not present, he being at Stouffville.

ALTON.—For the past two Sabbaths Rev. W. J. Cuthbertson has supplied Alton and North Erin with much acceptance. He is expected to remain for a few weeks, and we hope it will result in his settlement. He is just the man for the place.

GARAFRAXA FIRST.—The Sunday-school in connection with this church held its annual picnic in Simpson's Grove, on Wednesday, 15th inst. The weather was charming, and the children, with their friends, enjoyed themselves heartily in such exercises as swinging, croquet, racing, ball-playing and eating.

STOUFFVILLE.—The Ministerial Association of the Middle District was to have met here on Friday, 24th, but didn't. Only three brethren put in an appear-

We understand that the Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A., late pastor of the Listowel Congregational Church, owing to the death of his father, will remain at home for a short time. It is to be hoped that some one of our vacant churches will invite Mr. McGregor to its pastorate, as it is a pity to allow so good a man to be long without a pastoral charge. For the benefit of our vacant churches we give this information, and trust soon to hear of Mr. McGregor's settlement among us. Churches wishing to communicate with him will find him in Uptergrove, Ont.

UNIONVILLE.—Interesting services were held last Thursday in connection with the installation of Rev. Edward Ebbs as pastor of the church. The meeting began at 1.30 p.m. Rev. H. D. Powis preached from the words "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Rev. W. H. Allworth asked the usual questions, which were clearly and satisfactorily answered by Mr. Ebbs. Mr. Powis offered the installation prayer. Rev. E. D. Silcox gave the right hand of fellowship, after which the Rev. W. H. Allworth gave the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. E. D. Silcox the charge to the people. At the close of this service the audience retired to the lecture-room where a bountiful tea had been made ready. Three tables extended the entire length of the room, covered with the best the land could afford, decorated with beautiful bouquets of flowers, and presented an appearance of richness not soon to be forgotten. It was simply magnificent. In the evening a platform meeting was held, Edward Beckett, Esq., of Toronto, in the chair, when addresses were made by the brethren whose names have already been mentioned, and Rev. Mr. Liddey (Meth.) and McIntosh (Presb.). The services throughout were very interesting and profitable. Miss Allworth, of Paris, presided at the organ, and assisted by Mr. Silcox, sang a couple of duets. We wish Mr. Ebbs every success in his new field of labor.

LONDON.—Sabbath, Sept. 12th, was the celebration of the Sabbath School Centenary. The services at the Congregational Church were of a very interesting nature, and especially to those who take an interest in Sunday School work. The auditorium was handsomely decorated with flowers, those around the altar being particularly beautiful. Around each of the pillars was twined a garland of evergreens surmounted by flowers, giving the whole scene a beautiful appearance. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Wallace, B. D., in the morning delivered a sermon on "The Home's Interest in the Sabbath School." At three in the afternoon a floral service was held, the children occupying the gallery and singing a number of beautiful hymns. Mr. Wm. Bowman delivered a pleasant address on the lessons to be derived from flowers, and the pastor also made a few remarks. A lecture was delivered in the evening on "Robert Raikes, and to what his work has grown," and Rev. Mr. Wallace made this very interesting. A life-sized crayon of the subject of the sketch, drawn by Paul Peel, was hung in a conspicuous place behind the lecturer, and attracted attention. The children again occupied the gallery, each of them carrying a bouquet of flowers, making an exceedingly pretty picture, while their singing was highly appreciated by the large congregation.

### Correspondence

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We cannot ensure the insertion of any matter in the week's issue reaching us later than the Monday preceding.

### THE REV. C. H. FRASER AND THE FOREST CHURCH.

The Editor of THE CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—In order to avoid any misunderstanding about the matter, I think it wise to say that I have forwarded

to the Church at Forest, Ont., a letter containing charges against the Rev. C. H. Fraser, who is ministering there at present. The charges I prefer are the following:—1. "That his past history has been so marred with violations of truth and integrity that he was tried and deposed by a regularly constituted Council in the United States;" 2. "That he is now maintaining an attitude of duplicity and deceit towards yourself, which no honorable, or even repentant man would occupy." I have offered to appear before a Council of three Ministers, and three delegates chosen from sister-churches, and substantiate the charge which I have preferred. I do not know yet what action the Church at Forest may take in the matter, but if they will call a Council, I think I can prove—by abundant documentary evidence in my possession—that the charges I have made are not extravagant.

Disclaiming all personal malevolence in the matter, and acting—as I believe—in behalf of the purity and peace of our churches.

I am, sir, yours, &c.

R. W. WALLACE.

### CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

Editor of "The Canadian Independent."

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt as follows:—From the executors of the late Mr. Jas. Barber, Georgetown, \$32.75, being the balance of subscription of \$100 to the retiring Ministers' Fund Branch. From the church at Sherbrooke, \$4.79, and Lennoxville, \$7.06, both for the Widow's and Orphan's Fund Branch.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. R. BLACK,

Sec'y and Treas.

Montreal, 20th Sept., 1880.

### Official Notices.

#### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

STOUFFVILLE.—Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 19 and 20.

#### PROGRAMME.

Tuesday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. H. D. Powis.

Wednesday—Devotional Exercises, 9, 10, by Rev. W. H. Warriner. Conference, "Our Work as an Association," by Rev. J. Unsworth.

Afternoon.—Conference on Essential Conditions of success in Christian Work, by Rev. B. Silcox.

Evening.—Platform meeting, "The Christian in the Home," by Rev. H. D. Hunter. The Christian in Business, by Rev. J. Burton, B. D. The Christian in the Church, by Rev. Robert Hay.

Churches will please appoint delegates and take up collection.

R. J. J. HINDLY,

Secretary.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—Place of meeting, Brantford. Date, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19th and 20th. First session at 3 p.m., on Tuesday. Associational Sermon, by Rev. James Howie of Guelph. Lord's Supper, presided over by Rev. A. E. Kimmouth. Themes: Sermon Sketch on Romans 5 chap. 10 ver.; "Our College Interests;" "Unconscious Sin;" "Is it Essential to the standing of a Congregational Church to accede to the authority of Unions, Conferences, Associations or Councils?" "The First Resurrection;" "Our Missionary Society in its relation to languishing causes;" "The ordinances, their obligation, value and abuse." Will the brethren in the west cut this out, and make everything bend to their presence at the meeting?

R. W. WALLACE,

Secretary.