

the Fund will, before long, regain its position, and be able to carry its own risks.

I hope I may be pardoned for troubling the readers of the magazine at such length on this subject. My excuse is that "necessity is laid upon me," and I *must* plead the cause of the widows and orphaned children of our ministers who laboured faithfully in the various churches of the Dominion, and have now been taken to their rest.

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News of the Churches.

BURFORD.—On Sabbath evening, July 5th, a very interesting service was held at this church. The ladies had decorated the pulpit with flowers, and the choir added to the interest of the service by anthems well rendered. Mr. Mason preached from the words of Christ: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Rev. W. Hay administered the ordinance of baptism to three candidates, and gave the right hand of fellowship to seven new members. In a short address he counselled them to be faithful, diligent in their attendance on the services of the church, to find some work to do for Christ, and to remember that He who had promised to be with them always could keep them from falling, and would bring them off conquerors, if they trusted in Him.

GUELPH.—Very interesting services have been held in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the Guelph Congregational Church. On the 18th of June, Rev. Dr. J. F. Stevenson, of Montreal, delivered a lecture on "The Pilgrim Fathers," which delighted and instructed everybody who heard it. On Sunday, June 21st, the Rev. John Burton, B.D., of Toronto, occupied the pulpit all day, and preached two excellent sermons; he also addressed the Sunday school. On Monday evening, June 22nd, the jubilee meeting proper was held, the pastor, Rev. Duncan McGregor, presiding. After the devotional service the pastor briefly addressed the meeting, and then introduced Mr. S. Hodgskin, who read a paper entitled "Historical Reminiscences of the Guelph Congregational Church." This paper was a most interesting and historically valuable one. The choir of the church then rendered the anthem "Wake the Song of Jubilee," after which Wm. Stevenson, Esq., mayor of the city, read a paper entitled "Fifty Years of Guelph History," which, in about fifteen minutes, dealt in the most instructive manner with the rise and progress of the city. The trio "Praise ye," was then sung, and was followed by a short and inspiring address from the Rev. R. K. Black, of Granby, on "The Progress of Congregationalism during the past Fifty Years." The choir then sang the anthem "But the Lord is

Mindful of His Own." After which the Rev. W. F. Clarke, who had formerly been a pastor of the church, read a touching and instructive paper entitled "Jubilee Lessons." Another trio, "On Thee Each Loving Soul Awaits," was then sung, and was followed by a few congratulatory words from Revs. James Pedley, B.A., of Georgetown, J. C. Smith, B.D., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Wm. Savage, of Paisley Street Methodist Church. The pastor then, on behalf of the church, thanked all who had contributed towards the pleasure and profit of the meeting, and also responded to the congratulations and kind words spoken, after which the choir sang the anthem "Ye Shall Dwell in 'The Land,'" and this eventful meeting was brought to a close by the sinzing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction. It is worthy of mention that the pulpit and platform in front of it were beautifully and tastefully decorated with plants and flowers. On Thursday, June 25th, the last of the series of the jubilee services was held. This took the form of a "garden party," on the beautiful grounds at the residence of Mr. Goldie, and here is how one of the city paper's describes it: "A scene of surpassing brilliancy. . . . The attendance was unusually large, the grounds being thronged with groups of young and old people, all drinking in the delights which the occasion afforded. The customary formality of a programme was dispensed with, and impromptu musical selections were rendered throughout the evening. The "Bell Band" played several pieces, and added much to the enjoyment and success of the event. Miss Borthwick and Miss Gansby gave some fine vocal pieces with their well known ability. Boating was indulged in by many. On such a bright moonlight night, it is unnecessary to say this exhilarating sport was heartily enjoyed. Mr. Goldie's extensive aviary was also a great attraction. It was thrown open to all, and the many beautiful specimens of the feathered tribe were viewed with interest. Lawn tennis, croquet and other games were played, ice cream, strawberries and all the delicacies of the season were supplied, and if one failed to enjoy himself or herself, it was not the fault of the promoters of this very successful garden party."

KESWICK RIDGE.—Rev. D. W. Cameron has resigned this charge since December 31st; and, we believe, has joined the Presbytery of Boston. There are some rumours we would gladly have explained. As it comes to our ears our friend left his pulpit on one occasion for five weeks unsupplied, being away nine Sabbaths in nine months. He nevertheless exacted the letter of the bond in the full amount of stipend. We know churches at times evince a business like meanness in their dealings with their pastors; on the other hand, if to suit his own end a pastor leaves home, making no provision for his church meanwhile,