

REV. R. HAY'S RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

DEAR BROTHER,—In your last number appeared a notice from Rev. R. Hay, announcing his resignation of the pastorate of the Pine Grove and Thistleton churches. It will be cheering to many of the ministerial as well as other brethren to know that that resignation has been withdrawn.

The following circumstances led to the resignation and to its withdrawal: "A desire on the part of Mr. Hay for more extended usefulness, which did not present itself in his present field, for want of a new church, &c.; also, his income not being adequate to increasing necessities, while he felt, that in the circumstances, he could not ask more."

When the announcement of his purpose was made to the Church, the whole congregation, as well as many in the community, were exceedingly sorry at his intended removal.

A committee from the two churches was appointed, to visit the Local Missionary Committee, and advise with them, what they should do in the circumstances. The Missionary Committee at once advised them to retain Mr. Hay if possible. To accomplish this, a deputation, at their request, was appointed to meet them and Mr. Hay, and hold a friendly council together. The deputation met according to appointment, and after freely reviewing and discussing the whole question, the Church promised to build a new church edifice next summer, in a more suitable and convenient place than the present one; to make an addition to the pastor's salary; and, at the request of one of the members, to open a promising station at Klineburg, a village a few miles distant; thereby removing the causes which led to Mr. Hay's resignation, and making him feel, and the church too, that his Master had more work for him to do there. May he long remain, seeing the work of the Lord prosper in his hand!

J. U.

Georgetown, August 19, 1865.

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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Central Congregational Association will hold (D. V.) its next annual meeting in Zion Church, Bay-street, Toronto, on Wednesday, 4th October, 1865, at 2 o'clock p.m., when Essays, according to appointment, will be read by the following brethren:

Rev. W. H. Allworth—"Why is it, that so many of the children of believing parents do not in early life give themselves to the Saviour?"

Rev. W. F. Clarke—"Pastoral Visitation."

Sermon in the evening at half-past 7, by Rev. R. Hay, primary, Rev. C. Duff, alternate.

We trust that the Churches will bear in mind the meeting, and not fail to be present by delegation.

The Ministerial Session will be held on Tuesday, the 3rd October, 1865, at 2 p.m., when the following Essay will be read:

"Ministerial Visitation," by Rev. W. H. Allworth. After which,

A written Sermon, by the Rev. C. Duff.