

the events of the week, and quite a number, especially of young people, come out every night. The ladies here, as in many other places, take the lead in anything religious, the young men, on account of bashfulness or something else, keeping in the back ground. A question just here, Why is it that, to most young men in our villages, the words "prayer meeting" suggest feelings of dislike? We have our own opinion on the matter, but would like to hear that of some one who has had more experience. There are three churches here, about equal in point of members—Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational—and there is plenty of work for all. What we have to fight most is a spirit of indifference on the part of many, not so much to churches, church socials, church picnics, but to real church life. This is due, we think, partly to the ill-advised acts of one or two former pastors, and partly to the influence of several genial, sociable sceptics. There is a sort of "We're not sure of anything; come, and let us have a good time" spirit in these, which to the lazy thinker is quite charming and soothing. The result is that, as imitators generally fall short of their models, the type of manhood among a good many is not the highest. We expect soon to have a new church built upon the ruins of the old one. The work of tearing down is over, and already the walls of the new building have begun their ascent. Our principle is to build as our money will allow, and stop building when there are no more subscribers. If any reader of THE INDEPENDENT, after perusing these lines, would like to contribute to our new building, the secretary of the Building Committee, Mr. Josiah McLellan, will be ready to receive whatever can be spared. We need a church building. Our former one having been burnt before it was paid for, the people have been in a bad position financially, and therefore we need what help we can get. We feel confident that if our church is built, the Congregational body in this place will yet do a grand work in the interests of our Master.—HILTON PEDLEY.

We lay before our readers further notes from Student Gerrie, B.A., college agent. All letters, etc., for him should be addressed Mr. J. P. Gerrie, B.A., care of Rev. George Robinson, B.A., 16 Avenue Place, North Toronto, Ont.

*Alton and North Erin.*—The meetings held at both places were fairly well attended, and the collections received from the number present would indicate a hearty interest in college affairs. Mr. H. Pedley, who is now on the field labouring with great acceptance, is the fifth student who has been here during the summer vacation. In Alton the prospects are brightening. The fine church building, which was destroyed by fire several years ago, is being rebuilt, and the people are encouraged and hopeful. The students have agreed to preach a college sermon

in their respective fields of labour, so that we will hear from this place again, and welcome additional contributions.

*Speedside.*—Sunday morning was wet and disagreeable, so that the congregation was smaller than usual. The long vacancy is over, and under the care of the Rev. C. S. Pedley, B.A., both Fergus and Speedside have a promising outlook. The Sunday congregations are increased, and the Sabbath school, under Mr. A. A. Armstrong, seems to be doing good work. Part of the college deficit has been assumed by both churches, yet may we not expect the regular contributions will show a large increase over that received last year.

*Guelph.*—Sunday evening was fair and beautiful, and a large congregation was present at the college service. The best attention was given, and warm promises of support were received at the close of the meeting. Guelph, we trust, will maintain her position on the honour roll by sending us largely-increased contributions when the annual appeal is made. The Rev. D. McGregor, M.A., will soon visit the churches of Nova Scotia on behalf of the college. We wish him every success and a safe return to his people with his interest on college matters greatly deepened.

*Manilla.*—Since the resignation of the Rev. G. Whyte there has been no settled pastor. By reason of two Sabbath school anniversaries in the neighbourhood, the meeting on Monday was poorly attended, yet collectors were appointed, and may we not say that this church, which has sent so many good men to our college, will not be forgetful of our financial needs.

*Creswell.*—A beautiful new church building has been recently erected, and the work is carried on in connection with Manilla. Student Braithwaite, B.A., has just begun work, and preached his first sermon to a crowded house on Sunday evening. The college meeting was encouraging, notwithstanding wet weather and jubilee demonstrations. Here also collectors were appointed to solicit help on behalf of our funds.

*Stouffville.*—Last winter we had two representatives from this church in our college, and good men they are known to be. Mr. J. K. Unsworth, B.A., has just finished a long and successful course, obtaining rank honours and the Shakespeare gold medal on graduating at McGill, and Mr. James Daley has just completed his first year at McGill, securing first rank general standing and carrying off prizes in English and German. At the college meeting the Rev. J. Unsworth expressed a hope that in the coming year Stouffville would more than double her past years' contributions toward our funds.

*Unionville.*—Here is the home of one of our most promising students, Mr. E. E. Braithwaite, B.A., ob-