

to become our pastor; and he has accepted the invitation, and will commence his labors with us on December 1st. J. P. F.

CHURCHILL—The anniversary sermons in connection with this church, were preached September 14th and 15th, by the Rev. James Webb, of Garafaxa. Large congregations gathered to hear the reverend gentleman, both afternoon and evening. On Monday evening the annual social was held. The Rev. Wm. C. McCormack (pastor), presiding. Characteristic speeches were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Gifford (Methodist), T. W. Rae (Presbyterian), and Mr. Webb. A quartette party from the Methodist church, Acton, rendered good services during the evening. Miss Webb, the daughter of the Rev. J. Webb, recited, and soon convinced all present by the grace and naturalness with which she interpreted her selections, that she is a reader of no common excellence. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

TILBURY VILLAGE.—Work here is progressing favorably. The cause is weak, but gradually increasing. Within the last two months we have received seven into membership, six by transfer from the South church, and one on profession of faith. The members have decided to remove their church building to a more desirable site, and to this end a lot has been secured, and arrangements partly made to commence the work, but the unfavorable weather during the past few weeks, and, consequently bad roads, have, for the present, put an end to any further steps in that direction. A "Ladies' Aid" is about being organized in connection with this church. The outlook for the future is more encouraging than we had expected. The great need here is for a permanent pastoral supply. If the people were in a position to maintain this, we would predict success to the cause here.

TORONTO, NORTHERN.—On Wednesday, October 22nd, the school room of the Northern Congregational church, presented a very different appearance to that which it wears on ordinary occasions. The pastor, Rev. John Burton, M.A., B.D., who had been absent for the past three months in Great Britain and the continent, returned home the Monday previous. He went down to the church with the intention of conducting the usual prayer-meeting, and was surprised to find not a prayer-meeting but a welcome social to receive him back to his people and his work. The room was gaily decorated with flags and bunting, beautiful paintings and numerous and luxurious plants. When the large assemblage had gathered, Mr. J. C. Copp took the chair, and after devotional exercises a number of addresses of welcome were

made to the pastor by the various societies of the church, the choir interspersing with appropriate music. Mr. Burton made a happy reply, and the rest of the evening was spent in social chat over ice cream, fruit and other tempting delicacies. The successful entertainment was a complete surprise to the popular pastor. The church enters upon its winter work with renewed hope and vigor.—*Canadian Advance*.

KINGSTON, BETHEL.—The Rev. D. McCormick and family, reached their destination here on Wednesday, November 5th. On Thursday forenoon Mr. McCormick preached the thanksgiving sermon in the First Church, Dr. Jackson and the Rev. Mr. Mitchel taking part. In the evening a reception tea and meeting were held in the Bethel church. A large company assembled to welcome the new pastor and his wife. At the meeting, Dr. Jackson presided, and kindly words were spoken by friends in the church, and outside it. The meeting was a most enjoyable one, and was regarded as the happy beginning of a prosperous pastorate.

TILBURY SOUTH.—This church, in connection with the church at Tilbury village, had the services of Student Gisbrook for the summer vacation, who, before he left, made arrangements for Mr. H. E. Mason to continue the work with the churches here. Mr. Mason began his labors here on the first Sabbath in September, and has worked vigorously and efficiently. Three have been added to the church. The congregation is growing steadily, and interest in all the services is increasing. We look for, and expect better days.

MIDDLEVILLE.—A large number of the friends gathered on the evening of Sept. 26th, at a farewell social to the retiring pastor, Rev. E.C.W. MacColl. \$30 were handed to him from friends here and in Rcsetta. Farewell sermons were preached on Sunday the 28th, to large congregations, representing all classes in the community, and in which many signs of esteem and regret were manifested. During eight years, Mr. MacColl has labored for the Master on this field; many having united with the church, and thrown their energies into various forms of Christian service.

BARRIE.—On Sunday, 19th October, the congregations were considerably increased, that of the evening filling the building. The occasion was a "Harvest Home." The pastor spoke in the morning on our national dangers and encouragements, and in the evening the service consisted of songs, recitations and responsive scripture readings. The church was decorated in a manner befitting the day.