

they were a year ago. South Sydenham, Showell's and Woodford have decided to work together, and have also decided for *self-support*. Daywood, Morely and Bay View, a new combination, make a heavy but hopeful field. The pastor ought, if possible, to secure assistance for special work.

We venture no prophecy concerning Meaford and Cape Rich, but we think that the ground lost during the past three or four years bids fair to be more than recovered in the near future. The churches, pastor and Board must resolutely face the difficulties incident to this field, and determine through God's help and blessing to win success. Thornberry for the time being has dropped out of sight. Throughout this Association very manifest progress has been made, and every year improves our position and prospects.

The reports from the Walkerton Association are not so favorable. Kincardine has suffered to an alarming extent from removals; probably one-half the working and contributing force of the church has left the town during the past six months, the pastor has resigned, and both church and Board are at a loss to know where to turn or where to look for a successor. Howick and Gorrie have had closed doors for months past, while Clinton and Base Line have scarcely realized the very sanguine expectations expressed by the pastor and people twelve months ago. Palmerston has shown decided improvement during the year; a renovated chapel, increased congregations, additions to the membership, and a reduced grant bring cheer to us, as well as to them.

Kenilworth and Farewell have made notable progress. Chapels have been built at both places and the field is in a most interesting and hopeful condition. Listowel and Atwood are weaker than they were two years ago, and have evidently been passing through critical experiences, but a very happy pastoral settlement has been effected within the past few weeks and we look hopefully into the future.

Walkerton and Wingham have supported their pastors throughout the year, without aid from the Board. Teeswater and Lucknow have within the past few months, been formed into one field, a good pastor has accepted their call, and we regard the outlook as much more hopeful than it has been for several years.

The Midland Counties Association has had a satisfactory year. With one exception, the mission churches do not report large gatherings, but a steady well directed effort has been rewarded by a substantial increase in strength and efficiency. Brampton and St. Marys report larger congregations, deepening interest, and expect to reap more generous harvests in the very near future. Fullarton and Sebringville were pastorless for three months, but have just secured the services of an able and experienced preacher, and are girding themselves afresh for the conflict. Tavistock has had another good year. This church is one of the most devoted and aggressive on our list. For the past four years they have had student supply, but they have at length secured the services of a pastor.

Hespeler is happy in the possession of a church home—a model