

city will be second to none in the place. We sincerely hope that the self-denying efforts of our friend may not be thrown away, and that before the Master calls him to the many mansioned home he may see our church at Newmarket resuscitated in a manner corresponding to the desires of his heart as expressed in the reconstruction of the building. We noticed on a stone at the foundation of the new part of the tower these words, "Congregational Church, erected 1843, J. J. Botsford, first deacon," on the opposite side, "rebuilt 1883," and we thought, as we saw no name,

Who builds a church to God, and not to fame,
Will never mark the marble with his name."

WHAT are the future prospects of our cause in Newmarket? Of this it is difficult to speak. It is said that not a pew is to be obtained in either the Presbyterian church or the Methodist; the town is growing, our building is in a central place, and where the town's increase is being felt; these are all favourable indications: we trust that as soon as the building is completed supply may be arranged for during the winter months, and that our Missionary society will be able to place a student there, or some suitable pastor, when spring returns and summer days are brightening. It will be a thousand pities if such a building as this promises to be should not be in the near future filled with worshippers.

WEDNESDAY found us on our way by rail to Barrie, where student Gerrie has been labouring during the vacation. This new church has suffered from dissensions, but harmony now appears to prevail. The summer work has been blessed, the town is apparently in a fairly prosperous condition, and our church with an efficient pastor and loving missionary aid has promise of great usefulness and reasonable prosperity. Mr. Gerrie speaks warmly of the kindness and earnestness of friends there. The day we had chosen for visiting the town was on the civic holiday, we joined the crowd in an excursion on the bay to a point some nine miles distant. A pleasant breeze, groves and camps enabled us to spend a pleasant afternoon and to meet with the friends both on the excursion, and on our return in their weekly prayer meeting. The holiday thinned the attendance, but we enjoyed the gathering and the conference held after the meeting. We

trust ere the winter passes a settlement will be effected here.

THURSDAY we drove, accompanied by Mr. Gerrie and two of the Barrie friends—Messrs Villiers and Morris—to Edgar. The day was cool, fine, the roads dusty: well tilled farms and comfortable homes characterize the country through which we passed, thick stubble, fields full of stooks or of waving grain attest a bountiful harvest, the pastures and gardens however showed evident marks of continued drought. We found friend Wright at home, his wife welcomed us with a smile and cared for us with Martha's careful hands. Their four little ones have just recovered from a severe attack of diphtheria, and still show marks of the struggle. The grave yard reminded us of the two little ones of the late pastor, Mr. Hindley, who in that same parsonage succumbed to a similar disease. Is there some local cause?

The parsonage has been painted, the interior of the church brightened up since we were last there, the sheds also have been enlarged, but the burial ground needs sadly the scythe's strong sweep, though the mowing will not afford the sheaves with which the reaper delights to fill his arms. Mr. Wright speaks hopefully of the work in this field.

As the evening shadows began to fall we drove over to the new church building at Dalton. We have seldom seen a neater or more complete place for worship in our rural districts. The building is of brick, comfortably seated, ample shed room, neatly fenced. The seating capacity will be about 200. In some respects we should suppose that the Barrie church building supplied a model. As we desired to meet the friends at Vespra we did not tarry to the Bible class Mr. Wright holds every Thursday evening.

The Vespra building has been recently painted, and did the fences correspond, would present a model of rural neatness. Though in the hurry of harvest, the attendance was comparatively large. This church has suffered by withdrawals caused by the establishment of a Presbyterian cause near by, and from want of better business management. It will permanently suffer if the children are not gathered into a Sunday School there, instead of contributing to a large Methodist school not far away. How this