

A TOWN that boasts "former greatness" frequently cannot boast much of the present, yet if Thorold was important once it is yet. But she owes her whole importance to the public works—the canals. These give her beauty, life and power—*beauty* from the manner in which the canals are built, the waste-weirs with their grassy banks and waterfalls, also the massive stonework and workmanship of the walls and gates of the canal itself; *life*, from the constant passing of vessels up and down which come from all parts of our inland waters, bearing their precious freights of passengers and merchandise; but more truly does she derive life through the *power* she gets from the constant and powerful flow of the water through the canal which drives her many mills and factories, thus giving steady employment day and night to hundreds of her inhabitants.

W. S. McALPINE.

BELFOUNTAIN is charmingly situated about one mile from Credit Forks—a station on the Credit Valley branch of the C.P.R. Upon one side we have immense stone quarries (which supplied stone for the new Parliament Buildings and City Hall in Toronto); upon the other side we have a magnificent farming country. A river runs through the village which affords excellent trout fishing. No finer scenery is to be found this side the Rocky Mountains. The people are large hearted and genial, but mostly very indifferent to spiritual things. Our church is a large stone building capable of seating 400 persons. Our audiences are large—especially at night when between 300 and 400 people gather weekly and listen with intense earnestness to the preaching of God's word. Our membership is now about 35. There is plenty of wealth among our people—several members being worth \$100,000 and upwards, but with all their temporal prosperity but few of them have much zeal for the Master. This is a difficult field, but through the help of God we are expecting great things. Pray for us.

S. S. WEAVER.

I AM situated in the northern part of that ambitious city called Hamilton, whose citizens like to think of their great neighbor, Toronto, as one of their suburbs. This part of the city is farthest from the mountain and overlooks the bay. It is by far the least attractive part of the city, whether you regard it from the standpoints of the culture of the people, the residences, the trees, which always give great charm to any city, or the streets. It is the abode, principally, not of the very poorest or the vicious, but of the working classes. From the size of the chapel in this part of the town, I should judge that the majority of church members are Catholics. There is a good sized Methodist church, a Presbyterian mission and our own little church.

W. POCOCK.

SAWYERVILLE is in the County of Compton, Quebec, about 20 miles east of Sherbrooke. It is a small straggling village, lying in a valley surrounded by lofty hills, from any one of which a magnificent view of the country can be obtained. The settlement is an English one, and,