

On Sunday morning he preached what in these modern times would be called a practical sermon, his text being selected from Philippians, chap. i, v. 21: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

There was a large attendance at Zion Chapel on Thursday evening on the occasion of the recognition of the new pastor, Mr. R. Mackay.

Rev. E. Schnadhorst presided in the regretted absence through delicate health of Rev. Dr. Tyler. He was supported by Revs. J. L. Brooks, J. Rolfe Fisher, T. J. R. Temple, B. Sackett, T. C. Udall, C. S. Pedley, B. A., and R. Mackay; Messrs. G. F. Taylor, E. W. Gates, R. Jolly, and others.

Rev. J. L. Forster, LL.B., speaking from twelve years' knowledge of Mr. Mackay, testified to his Christian character and past usefulness. He knew Mr. Mackay in Canada, where he gained the good wishes of all with whom he was brought in contact. During his ten years' stay in Canada Mr. Mackay was eminently successful in bringing sinners to Christ. His entry upon the pastorate at Zion augured well for the future of the church. If the marriage between him and the church was broken, the blame would not be his.

Cordial addresses followed from the Revs. T. C. Udall, C. S. Pedley, B. A., Mr. Geo. Yates, and others.

BRANTFORD.—The annual meeting held in January, was well attended. The ladies provided refreshments, and a programme of music interspersed with the Reports. The latter were encouraging. The membership showed a slight net gain, and the finances were fully equal to expectation. The Y. L. F. M. Socy showed itself to be active and successful in its field. The Y. P. Soc. of Christian Endeavor, formed last October, has 40 active and associate members, and is doing excellent work. The Sabbath School reported an average attendance of 195; the best in its history.

The Treasurer gave an account of the fund for the improvement of the church-building as follows: Total cost, \$2,140. Cash received, \$789; subscriptions yet to be paid, \$450.

Deacon, James Wilkes, resigned the trusteeship, which he has held for some 20 years, and Mr. H. Yeigh was appointed in his stead; with Mr. Fred Baker as assistant. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wilkes, and also the other officers for their services.

Mr. G. H. Malcolm, Superintendent of the Sunday School, is removing from the city and at the prayer-meeting on February 12th, the teachers presented him with a Teacher's Bible, in recognition of his work in the Sunday School. The loss is a serious one, and it will be hard to fill the vacancy.

As has been announced, the Church has given

a unanimous call to the Rev. A. W. Richardson of Georgetown. He has taken a short time for consideration, and we hope will be led to accept. The people are holding well together and with an energetic pastor we should go on and prosper. The trouble of our late respected pastor, Mr. Fuller was very trying; but it knit us closely together, and has increased rather than diminished our interest in spiritual things.

LANARK.—In connection with the ordination of Rev. W. N. Bessey, as pastor of this church, Rev. Robert K. Black, now of Sarnia, has been writing up the history of the cause for a local newspaper, from which we condense the following facts: In 1848 or '49, about sixty people, most of them heads of families, left the Presbyterian church, in consequence of what they considered the arbitrary conduct of their minister. One of their number, Mr. Duncan McKindlay, led their meetings for a time. Rev. Jas. Byrne visiting them from Ottawa, advised them to get a student; and Mr. (now Rev.) James Hay was sent. The next summer Mr. Black labored among them. In May, 1852, he returned again, preaching every Sabbath at Middleville and Rosetta, and every two weeks at Lanark village. The places of worship were rough log buildings, seated with boards laid across cedar blocks. There was something of drinking among them, and some of them neither confessed anything, nor liked to be questioned, on the subject of their own regeneration; and the young preacher's path was a difficult one, with respect to formally organizing a church with a converted membership. Finally, fifteen men and women, all of them heads of families, were so organized at Middleville. The first Deacons were Archibald Rankin, Robert Affleck, Robert Robertson, William Aiken and Robert Peacock. Mr. Black was invited to become pastor, and was ordained in October, 1852. There was much discontent with some who expected to be invited to membership. However, the pastor went on quietly with the Lord's work; and this faithfulness to principle began to be rewarded. The membership doubled within a year; the word was faithfully preached; and in the next autumn, John Climie preached a Sabbath there, moving many of the people to tears. He asked those who wanted to be saved to stand up. Quite a number rose to their feet—and the Great Revival of 1853 had begun! It spread all through these townships. In the next township (Ramsay) was a young Presbyterian minister, who has told the Editor of this magazine how he "pitched in" to help Climie, and what a blessing the work was to his people, and to his own soul—Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith of Galt. While Climie was preaching at Rosetta, Prof. Fenwick was preaching at Lanark village; where a church was formed in December