

but the snow block rendered this impossible. He lives some five miles from the city. This pleasure is still in reserve.

ST. CATHARINES.

The missionary meeting here, was held on a night of storm and cold that had no parallel in my experience except that of last year on a similar occasion. The first thing I noticed, for I went from the cars to the meeting, was the great improvement in the interior of the Tabernacle. Kalsomine and paint has put a new aspect on the auditorium. The congregations are improving, and the pastor's heart is cheered by quite a number uniting with the church on profession of faith. Still the crying need of our church in St. Catharines is a new building in a more central part of the city. This the friends hope to have before a very long time.

FROME.

This is the mother church of the Province of Ontario, organized in 1819. It has been ever since a centre of blessed and holy influences. For years its ministers travelled over a vast extent of territory, carrying the gospel to the early settlers in their scattered dwellings, when London, St. Thomas, Ingersoll, and many other large cities and towns were not thought of. Some of our most useful ministers have been born here, and the good work is still in progress. The cause was very low when, twelve months ago, the Rev. Mr. Alworth was induced to accept a unanimous call. In his hands, already, things begin to look better, and the members are full of hope that great things are in store for them. There are a great many young people in the congregation. Upon these Mr. Alworth is bestowing great care and labour. Frome needs a new church edifice. I do not know if the present has stood since 1819, but it has stood nearly as long as it can, certainly as long as it should. There is not a church in the Province but should consider it a privilege to put a brick in a new building. Mr. Alworth has been a successful builder in the past; I think he is quite equal to similar work in the future.

SHEDDEN

is two and a half miles from Frome, and has a very pretty church. Mr. Alworth preaches once on the Sabbath here to a good congregation, many of whom come several miles. The attendance at both meetings was small owing to the severity of the weather.

TILBURY CENTRE.

There is a church here under the pastoral care of the Rev. E. Burgess, son of the Rev. Wm. Burgess, of Valetta, who more than twenty years ago came into these parts, when the country was covered with bush, and few settlers for many miles around. When I was here last year, Tilbury Centre, or Henderson Village as it was then called, had only one place of worship,

the Congregational. Now there are Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and consequently the Congregational meeting in the mother church is very much smaller, but there is a good Sunday school, and work enough for all. We have come here to stay.

EDGEWORTH

is the name of the first church erected in these parts by Rev. Wm. Burgess. The first building is still used but it is quite out of date, and the site of a new one is secured: but for the very bad harvest of last year, the building would be going up. Here I met the good brother referred to above and his two sons who are ministers, and several other members of his family who are active and useful in the church. He is yet hale and hearty, and full of zeal for the glory of God. This is a very interesting field, and our brother should be encouraged. The country is comparatively rough yet, but it has a great future before it. Special services were to be commenced on the following evening. I was informed that such meetings have always been attended with good results. I noticed a large number of young people who gave marked attention to the word preached.

WATFORD.

There was a fair attendance at the missionary meeting here. The congregation has suffered greatly during the past few months from deaths and removals. The church building is situated in an inconvenient place for the congregation. They would do well to move it to a more central spot.

WARWICK (ZION).

This congregation as the former is under the pastoral charge of Rev. Robert Hay. Good attendance at the meeting, which was addressed by Rev. W. Shannon, the pastor, and the writer.

WARWICK (EBENEZER).

The building has been improved since last year. There was an enthusiastic meeting, though the state of the roads militated against the attendance. There seems to be progress and much to encourage in this part of the field.

LAKE SHORE.

Our minister has the use of a Methodist church here. The attendance was large, composed principally of members of other denominations, who I learn attend regularly upon the ministry of Mr. Shannon. There are very few Congregational families.

FOREST.

There was a large meeting. The Methodist Episcopal church is used by our congregation till they purchase or build their own. The old church being now too small, and otherwise unsuitable. The Rev. Mr. Shannon began his labours here in June last, and has had much to encourage him since. The attendance at all services is good. He preaches at the three places