

decreased, the pastor must have a very good congregation indeed. I received an attentive hearing from the people. Here as elsewhere I met with people who would have been missionaries had there been a society to send them forth. We believe that our new mission will meet with liberal support from this church.

BURFORD.

Still the wind blew and the snow fell heavily, but the church was unusually full of people. The musical part of the service did credit to those who conducted it, and helped to make a very pleasant meeting. My hearers seemed to be interested and sympathetic. It is hoped that they will henceforth bear upon their hearts the burdens of the heathen in dark Africa. The Rev. Wm. Hay is pastor over these two churches. He has labored in the field for about fifty years. The man who can retain a pastorate in our country such a length of time, and still be found useful, needs no applause; he is more than ordinary.

KELVIN.

In this small village there are about thirty families, with five churches to supply their spiritual wants. The finest building in the place, without exception, is the Congregational chapel—a neat little brick structure. The night was chilly, but not so the meeting. I am assured that good will arise from my visit.

BRANTFORD.

Over four hundred were in attendance at the meeting. It was said to have been the largest of the kind ever held in the church. A splendid program was rendered by the young people. By myself, a kind of farewell address was delivered. It was not delivered in a tone of sadness, though my attachment to the people was very strong, on account of the uniform kindness they have shown me on my several visits to the place, but I felt that though space might separate, we would still be united in heart, and together we would still work for Africa.

NEW DURHAM.

Feb. 26th. The annual oyster supper of this church was held this night. It was arranged that I should be there and address the people. Not expecting many more opportunities of dining on oysters and cake, I made sure to be present. The programme was in every way creditable to the church, and those who took part in the music. I received the best of attention while delivering an address on Africa. Toward the close, among other votes, was one of sympathy with our work and determination to help it forward—this was responded to by an unanimous rising vote.

HAMILTON.

In the church here I was ordained last spring, and there, on the last day of February, I finished my visits to our churches. The friends received me with every mark of kindness, and our meetings were of a pleasant character. The Sunday school scholars were out in full force, and at the close of my address expressed a desire to have the support of a scholar in our mission. At the close of the evening service several of the leading spirits in the church expressed their interest and intentions to help our work.

Having thus finished the work given me to do, for the time being, I went home to collect my worldly effects, and prepare for coming events. Much is before

me, but I shall try to perform each day's duty as it comes, relying on that help which comes from above and without which I shall be insufficient for the work.

ADDRESS TO THE DEAF MUTES.

On Wednesday, March, 10th I spoke for about two hours to a company of deaf mutes in Shaftesbury Hall. Mr. John Nasmith, their painstaking teacher, received my message and communicated it by means of the sign alphabet to another, who communicated it to the audience. The meeting was a most interesting one. Every word seemed to have its effect, and the rising emotions were clearly to be seen. Now a broad smile of pleasure passed over the features of all present, then an expression of sorrow and again a sigh of pity was to be heard. At the close, a vote of thanks was tendered me by the deaf mutes and it was resolved that they should render us help in our work.

W. T. CURRIE.

NOTE.—Our friend's address will be,

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Benguela, S. W. Africa.

Via Lisbon.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

In the midst of the wildest storm of the season the members of this Association collected together in the Yorkville church, on Tuesday afternoon, the 6th of April. If there was storm outside, there was peace within and good cheer. There has seldom been a more helpful meeting of the Association. We were pleased too, to have with us several who were not members. Mr. Hall, the Home Missionary Superintendent; Mr. Gay, the Evangelist; Mr. Gery, who is now working in Michigan; Mr. Jackman, who purposes entering the ministry.

One could not help noticing the following points:

First—The members present.

This was most gratifying. Every church in the district with but two exceptions was represented by a minister. Some had sent besides delegates. Taking ministers and delegates, and those who were visiting us, there were about thirty present to carry on the work of the Association. We really had the appearance as well as the character of a legislative body. No doubt the fact of our meeting in the city had something to do with such a good attendance. Perhaps it would be well to meet in the large centres as often as possible.

Second—The preparations of those who were to take part.

With one exception (and he was present and gave a good excuse) every member on the programme was in his place at the time appointed, and was prepared to read a paper on his subject. That was good. The addresses on the various themes gave ample evidence of careful thought and zeal, that of Mr. Warriner's, of Bowmanville, on "Renan's Life of Jesus," was exceptionally good. I consider this matter of honest preparation for these meetings most important. More than anything else will it conduce to their success.

Third—Plain speaking.

On denominational questions such as mission work and college matters there was no uncertain sound given. The truth was spoken though spoken in love.—