

continues in vigorous operation, rendering valuable service in many ways, and setting a good example of self-denying and zealous interest in all things relating to the welfare of the church. Special mention was made in the report of the Church Board of the obligation the church is under to the Rev. Prof. Fenwick for his valuable services in conducting an adult Bible class on Sunday afternoons, with much profit and appreciation on the part of those attending. In the report of the Sunday school grateful reference was made to the assistance rendered by Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Hague in holding Bible classes for the elder scholars, and to the liberality of Mr. Scholes in finishing and thoroughly furnishing the infant class room. The pastor and church, thoroughly united and encouraged, have, we trust, a long and prosperous future before them in Christian sympathy and usefulness.

MIDDLEVILLE.—Rev. R. Brown, on account of failing health, has, after nine years' labour, resigned the pastorate of the church here, intending with his family to remove to Manitoba some time in May. There is a field of usefulness thus opened to the right man—a faithful, earnest worker. Any correspondence regarding this field, meanwhile, may be directed to Mr. Brown himself.

ST. FRANCIS ASSOCIATION.

This Association will meet in Melbourne, Que., on the second Tuesday in May (9th), at four p.m. In the evening of same day Rev. B. B. Sherman, of Sherbrooke, will preach, or his alternate, Rev. Geo. Purkis, Waterville. On Wednesday, May 10th, the Association will meet at 9 a.m. for prayer, and at 10 for business. Essays: "On Second Coming of Christ," by Rev. S. McKillican; "On Baptism," by Rev. J. G. Sanderson; "On Association Meetings," by Rev. W. McIntosh; "On Church Discipline," by Rev. A. Duff. Essays by Messrs. Purkis, Black, and Adams, on subjects left to their own selection. Discussion on "Evangelists and Evangelistic Services," to be opened by Thos. Robertson, Esq., Hatley. State of the Congregational College to be discussed. Public meeting, with addresses by the brethren, in the evening. Text for general plans, Isa. lv. 10, 11.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

This Association met, as announced, in the church at Yorkville. The arrangements as intimated in the notice last month were followed, with the exception of the part allotted to Mr. Unsworth, who was prevented from being present by imperative duty. The afternoon on which Mr. Unsworth's essay was to be read was occupied with earnest consideration of the College question and our Mission fields. Mr. Kilmouth,

of Stouffville, supplied Mr. Unsworth's place in the evening programme. The meetings throughout were of the most cordial and pleasant character. Rev. E. Ebb was elected Chairman, and Rev. J. Hindley, M. A., re-elected Secretary.

A letter of dismissal was given to our brother, F. Wigley, who is labouring now in Michigan, and a minute recorded expressing esteem and confidence in him as an earnest, wise, and faithful worker. Rev. A. C. Kaye, of Caledon, was received into the membership.

A resolution was passed pledging the individual members of the Association to renewed efforts in the support of the college, and expressing gratification at the interest recently manifested therein by the Colonial Committee.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was a tea given by the ladies of the Yorkville Church to the members on Wednesday afternoon, which afforded an opportunity for the interchange of social sympathy and kindly congratulations.

The poem read by the Secretary called forth quite an interest, opening up a field of research in the legendary lore of the American aborigines.—*Com.*

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

The semi-annual meeting of the above Association was held in Douglas, March 7th and 8th, Rev. J. R. Black, B.A., presiding. On Tuesday afternoon Rev. W. H. Allworth read a paper on "The Reasons for Our Denominational Existence in Canada." In the evening Rev. D. McGregor preached on "The Walk of Faith," which was followed by the Association uniting with the Church in the communion service. On Wednesday morning Rev. C. Duff, M.A., read a paper on "Revival Efforts—When should they be made, and how conducted."

In the afternoon, "Our College, and its Present Claims upon Our Churches" was discussed, as also the circular addressed to the Association by the College Board.

On motion, the following resolution was carried: "That while this Association would prefer Toronto as a more suitable place for our college, yet, in view of the liberality of the Colonial Missionary Society, and that of the Montreal brethren, and the necessity of immediate action in response to the proposals now submitted, we pledge ourselves to do all we can to make the new departure a success."

A Sunday-school "Question Drawer" was then opened, and an hour devoted to the consideration of the questions asked, Rev. D. McGregor presiding.

"Our Missionary Society and its Present Needs" was then discussed. At the closing session, on Wednesday evening, short addresses were made on the