

## News of the Churches.

**COBOURG.**—This is another of our jubilee churches, and on the 5th of November the celebration began by an enthusiastic gathering in the lecture room of the church. After tea had been partaken of by the assembled guests, an adjournment was made to the church, where the meeting was called to order by the pastor. Associated with him on the platform were Deacons Evans and Lawes, and Rev. W. W. Andrews. The secretary, Mr. W. Toms, jun'r, read the church report. It showed a net increase of membership for the past year of six; also gave a résumé of the church work for the year, together with a financial statement which showed that the church was gaining strength in this respect. The Sunday school report showed a largely increased attendance over previous years, a good library, and a fine staff of officers and teachers. The adult Bible class, conducted by the Rev. W. W. Andrews, is largely composed of the fathers and mothers of the church. The Ladies' Aid and the Building Fund Union reports show these departments alive to their work. The pastor closed his address as follows: "Brethren, fifty years of this church's life have flown. We enter upon another fifty years. Few here will see the centenary of the church, and of those who do the hairs of the head will be white with age. The greater part of us, if we look upon that event at all, will gaze upon it from the unseen realms. But be it here or there, of this I am certain, that in the light of fifty years' experience or in the grander, truer light of the eternal day we will not regret a single dollar spent, a single hour given, a single sacrifice made in behalf of this church, provided only that our motive has been a love for Christ and His work." On Wednesday of the following week the ladies of the church held a very successful bazaar in the Victoria Opera House. The total financial result was about \$200, to be applied toward the reduction of the Building Fund debt. It was in November, 1835, Rev. Wm. Hayden commenced regular preaching services in connection with the Congregational body in this town, and in the following year a place of worship with a dwelling attached was duly opened by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal. Unfortunately, during the ministry of the Rev. Wm. Hayden, the records of the church were destroyed by fire at the parsonage at Coldsprings, where Mr. Hayden had removed. Mr. Hayden's pastorate extended over the Cobourg Church for some ten years. Rev. Joseph Harris became the next pastor, and on his resignation Rev. Thomas Snell succeeded. Then followed Revs. Archibald Burpee, George Rawson and Charles Pedley (father of the present pastor), who was also pastor of the Coldsprings church, residing at Coldsprings, and who supplied the two places with marked efficiency and success. Mr.

Pedley died in the harness, leaving a family of seven sons, of whom three are in the ministry, and the fourth is at college preparing for that work. In 1873 Rev. Joseph Griffith was ordained pastor of both churches and continued as such until 1876, when he was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Hugh Pedley, in May, 1877. During the fifty years of its existence, the church has had eight regular pastors, and to-day it stands as one of the memorials of missionary zeal and effort put forth by the early church established here.

**GRANBY.**—An interesting gathering of the members of the Congregational Church and society took place in the church basement on the evening of October 1, as a farewell social given to the Rev. R. K. Black and family, on his departure from us for his new sphere of labour in Wingham, Ont. Almost the entire membership assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to him who had laboured amongst us so faithfully, and to us so profitably for the past nine years. At the hour appointed, on motion, Deacon J. Kay was requested to take the chair, when the exercises of the evening commenced by the choir rendering in a tasteful manner a piece of music selected for the occasion. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Hill, of Calvary Church, Montreal, after which an abundant supply of tea, coffee and cakes were served to the people. The material man being made comfortable, the specialty of the evening was entered upon, which consisted of an address (read by Mr. E. T. Miles) expressive of the high esteem in which he (Mr. Black) was held by the entire community, and their deep regret that providential circumstances had rendered it necessary for him to remove to another field; and, as a tangible evidence of his people's affectionate regard, he was requested to accept of a beautiful new phaeton, one of Miner & Clow's best, which was there on an elevated platform, and also a silver plated harness from the shop of Mr. Charles T. Miner, with a few dollars in cash, in all about \$180. Mr. Black was sensibly affected by these evidences of esteem, and replied in appropriate terms. At this stage of the proceedings the company adjourned to the auditorium of the church, where brief and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Stevenson and Rev. Mr. Hill, of Montreal, Rev. Mr. Willet, of Cowansville, and the resident Methodist and Episcopalian clergymen, interspersed with solos, duets and choruses by the choir. Thus terminated Mr. Black's pastoral relationship to the Granby Church, partaking of a kind of pleasurable sadness, gratified that the separation takes place with so much mutual regard, and sadness that possibly we shall not again listen to his faithful and scriptural teaching. Much hand-shaking and many affectionate "good-byes" were uttered; and many prayers and good wishes go with him to his new field of labour.