

A PRIVATE DONATION VISIT.

The pastor of one of our Canadian churches, not very long since, in shaking hands with one of the members, found a slip of paper left in his own, which was a cheque for \$100. We are straitly charged to give no hint where, by whom, or to whom this generous deed was done. If givers of this stamp are not so plentiful but that some may guess aright, we cannot help it. But it will give pleasure to all benevolent hearts to hear of such an incident, and some may do more than admire—may *imitate* the example.

STOUFFVILLE AND MARKHAM.

As we confidently anticipated, the church at Stouffville have seconded the motion of their colleagues at Markham, that they become *self-sustaining*. Rev. B. W. Day has received from friends at all the stations a set of harness, value \$22, much needed and very welcome. He writes, in reference to the church becoming independent, "I need not tell you, what a load has thus been removed from me. In common with all the brethren, I have long yearned for a position where missionary aid would not be required. That position I have now reached, while the unanimity and earnestness with which both of the churches have acted, give me fresh earnestness and zeal for work. May all our churches soon come to fall independence, either by increased contributions or diminished grants, and then we shall occupy our proper position in the land!"

BRANTFORD—REORGANIZATION OF SABBATH SCHOOL—DONATION, &c.

We are glad to be able to report that the Sabbath-school in connection with the Congregational Church in Brantford, which has suffered very much since the fire from the want of a suitable school-room, met in the basement of the new church for the first time on Sabbath last the 18th of February. Notwithstanding that the afternoon was stormy, most of the old scholars, and a number of new ones were present, the total being 127; and in response to an appeal of the pastor on the previous Sabbath, six or eight new teachers offered themselves,—more, indeed, than could be immediately employed,—making a staff of 22.

The school-room, which as yet is only lathed, but not plastered, will be, when finished, exceedingly light and commodious, being 42x48 feet, and 11 feet in height, with Bible class-room and minister's vestry at one end of it, and an infant class-room at the other. May the new energy which is being infused into this department of church effort be followed by an abundant ingathering of the young into the fold of Christ!

It is with much pleasure that we add to the above the information that the church in Brantford have raised their pastor's salary from \$500 to \$700, besides giving him a donation in Christmas week of \$70. Our Brother Wood has borne the burden of a long day with a rare frugality, patience, and cheerfulness, and most richly deserves to reap the first fruits of the improved condition of the church.

DONATION VISIT AT VANKLEEK HILL.

On Monday evening, January 8th, the house of the Rev. R. Lewis was fairly possessed by a party of about 70 persons, many of whom were members of the several neighbouring congregations, who united with the members of the Congregational Church at Vankleek Hill in giving the pastor of that church an expression of their good will, and also of their appreciation of his labours amongst them.

The interest of the occasion was enhanced by the presence of the Rev. P. Curry (Canada Presbyterian) and Rev. W. Brown (Wesleyan). At the close of a very pleasant season of social intercourse, the Rev. W. Brown gave a fraternal and appropriate address. After singing, in which all heartily engaged, the Rev. R. Lewis offered prayer and the friends separated; leaving, not merely good will,