

reach out a helping hand to others worse off than themselves. The Christian Endeavor Society also contributed to the Foreign Mission cause. The young people keep up a pretty good attendance at these meetings; but we cannot report much spiritual life at present, partly owing to the few active members; but faith in God will win the victory.

G. W. R.

REV. GEORGE WILLETT. This brother writes from Redlands, California, under date of Nov. 9: I regret that owing to my absence during vacation, I allowed my subscription to the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT to expire without renewal. I herewith enclose one dollar for another year. If you can send me the back numbers, commencing with August, please do so. Although far away, and interested in my work here, my thoughts often go back to the brethren and churches of Canada. News from them is always eagerly read in our home, and therefore we cannot do without the INDEPENDENT. Although still far from strong, my health has improved since coming here. Mrs. Willett and children are quite well, and are enjoying the warm sunny weather of this Southern land. The Lord is blessing us in our work here; for which we are glad. Sixty-five members have been received into the church since we came, and we are now arranging for the dedication of our new church edifice, which is much larger, and will be more convenient than the one we at present occupy.

VANCOUVER.—I am just writing to let you know that we hope to send an account of our opening services for the next month's INDEPENDENT. Don't imagine, because we have been so quiet, that we have been doing nothing. It has taken us longer to finish our building than we had calculated, and hence our delay in writing. But we are going to have a good one—and we need it. Yesterday's services were all largely attended. In the evening our hall was crowded. We expect almost to fill the new building right away—that is the audience room proper. We can throw open the school-room and so can accommodate 150 or 200 more. It has been a hard portage through a long piece of woods, but already we are beginning to "Halloo," for we can see the clearance through the trees. Our friends in the East will be glad to hear this news, and will join with us in our joy. I congratulate you on your INDEPENDENT and the Year Book; they are both well worth reading. We will give you a good article to start you on the New Year.

JAMES W. PEDLEY.

BRANDON, MAN.—Our membership is now 31, with promise of speedy additions. Our morning

congregations number about 75, and those in the evening average, perhaps, 125. Our prayer meetings continue small, but we are working in the direction of a larger attendance. About 50 is the average at Sunday School. Rev. Wm. Ewing, of Fargo, Dak., is providing us with school literature for this quarter. We have about thirty families now in connection with the church; so that we have fair ground for the expectation of increased membership.

We are very thankful to God that we have a church-home for the winter. We are assured a position as a denomination in this city, and we hope to make our influence felt for good. We thank the good friends in the East, who have helped us, and who are doing so now. The total cost of our church and lot is about \$3,500. If we succeed in carrying out our present intention, we shall have a debt on it next July, of only \$1,000; and that free of interest. Our present greatest want is a good organ.

TORONTO.—A NEW CHURCH.—A meeting was held on Monday evening last in the Mission Hall lately occupied by the Baptists on London street, for the purpose of starting a new Congregational church in the western part of the city. After considerable discussion as to the best locality, it was resolved that the Rev. Hugh Bentley (late from England), who is to carry on the work, be authorized to secure Jubilee Hall, corner of College and Clinton streets, the meeting guaranteeing the rent for twelve months. There were representatives present from the Zion, Bond Street, Northern and Hazleton Avenue churches, all of whom expressed hearty sympathy for the success of the enterprise. Mr. Bentley will commence his work next Sunday, preaching in the morning and evening, and forming a Sunday-school in the evening.—Globe, 13th Nov.

WINGHAM.—The Annual Home Missionary sermons were preached here on Sunday, Nov. 10th, by Rev. W. Cuthbertson, B.A., of Woodstock, whose able discourses were highly appreciated. On the following Monday evening the preacher favored us with his lecture on "The British House of Commons," portraying with chaste eloquence the *personnel* of the House. Our people are taking a deeper interest in Missionary work. A special effort has been made towards the deficiency in the funds of the Society, while our ladies have commenced an auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society. Collections are now also being taken up monthly at the prayer-meeting for the Foreign work.

BOWMANVILLE.—Rev. W. Henry Warriner, B.D., has resigned the pastorate of Bowmanville, held