

been preaching (Mr. Clayton), "this was a scene of unequalled solemnity, nor can I ever recur to it without a revival of that *hallowed, sacred, shuddering sympathy* which it originally awakened."

SHEFFIELD.—Mrs. James Harrison, one of the oldest persons in this place, passed away on the morning of the 8th March, after an illness of only three weeks. For many years she had been a worthy member of the Congregational Church, and was always very prompt in her attendance until within a few months past. She died at the advanced age of eighty-five years. On Sabbath afternoon last a funeral sermon was preached by the pastor from Rev. vii. 9-12. The subject of the discourse was, "The Heavenly Inhabitants." In the course of his remarks the preacher spoke of the recent and sudden death of Henry Ward Beecher. A large congregation was present.

SPEEDSIDE.—This church is at present in charge of Mr. C. S. Pedley, who works it in connection with Fergus. On March 8, a Young People's Association was formed for the purpose of promoting personal religion, and the work of Christ in the neighbourhood, and for developing an interest in the work of the Gospel at home and in foreign lands. The first meeting was held on April 5, Mr. Adam Armstrong, president, in the chair. The programme consisted of music, readings and an essay by Miss Lizzie Carter reviewing Mr. Currie's career since he finished his tour among the churches. The readings were as follows: "A Dream of Christian Giving," from CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, by Miss Emma Armstrong; "Harriet Newell," from *Missionary Herald*, by Mrs. Pedley; "Dr. Pentecost in Norwich," from *New York Independent*, by Miss Bella Armstrong. The president and the pastor gave short addresses. A good number have joined the society; they pay a membership fee of five cents a month, and a committee is appointed at each meeting to arrange a programme for the next. It is expected that the Christian members of the society will give assistance at the cottage prayer meetings, and it is hoped that the organization may result in giving intelligent direction to the Christian life of the church, and be the means of leading the young people generally to become Christians.—AMY ARMSTRONG, *Secretary*.

ST. THOMAS.—Received from an anonymous friend in Clinton, Ont., \$10. It shall be applied as requested. Many thanks.—W. H. A.

TORONTO BOND STREET.—We have received from the pastor a copy of the very neat directory of this church, with a cut of the church building, and the schoolhouse to be erected. The roll contains about 635 names, and it would appear that over 1,300 names have been on the roll of this church at various

times. A list of seat-holders is also given, too formidable to count.

WINNIPEG CENTRAL CHURCH.—The first quarterly meeting of this church was held on the 30th ult. Reports were given by the different officers and committees. The church was organized January 19, adopting as the basis of union "The Apostles' Creed." The organization began with twenty-five members. At the first communion in March the membership had reached 110. Wednesday evening forty-eight more were received, all except six on confession of faith. Although the church has not held any special services, yet a quiet work of grace has been steadily going on for the last few months. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings have grown steadily, the attendance now numbering over 200. The seating capacity of the church is already overtaxed, and needs enlargement. The treasurer's report showed an income of \$110 weekly. There were already over 199 contributors to the weekly offering system. All accounts had been paid, and a small balance in hand to begin the quarter. The pastor's salary is \$2,500 per annum. The reports of the Sunday school, Ladies' Aid Society, Young Men's Club, etc., showed a healthy growth and advance all along the line.

Personal.

Rev. C. S. Pedley desires us to say that his P.O. address is Fergus, Ont.

Mr. H. McIntyre, late of Zion, Montreal, preached in Zion, Toronto, on the 3rd inst.

Mr. John Salmon has been holding special services at Creswell for some time past, with manifest tokens of blessing.

We understand that our friend, Mr. W. W. Smith, is to undertake the editorship of the forthcoming Year Book. We know of few men more fitted for the work.

Mr. W. Wetherald is at present supplying the pulpit of the Friends' Meeting House in this city. He has, with great acceptance and profit, preached in the Northern, and taken part in special services held there.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. W. Richardson, of Caledon, returning from services at Alton, on the 3rd inst., found that his boarding house had been destroyed by fire—his library and wardrobe gone. He estimates his loss at over \$300.

Rev. C. Duff, M.A., of Parkdale, has taken charge, editorially, of the *Parkdale News*, a weekly paper. Mr. Duff intends making it in large measure a family paper. We wish our brother success. He still retains his pastorate, which, we believe, is being much blessed.

Mr. W. Cuthbertson, B.A., of Woodstock, lectured on "Reminiscences of Great Preachers," in the Toronto