

strange land, where he had found many warm friends. He felt under obligations to the clergymen of other denominations present and trusted he would be able to reciprocate their feelings as expressed towards him.

A large number of ministers of various denominations were present.

#### ON SUNDAY.

The services at Zion Church, in connection with the induction of the Rev. C. Chapman were very well attended. In the forenoon the Rev. J. M. Gibson, of Erskine Church, preached a most appropriate sermon from the 7th chapter of St. Matthew, 24th, 25th and 26th verses. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Chapman conducted the services. He took the text of his sermon from 1st Corinthians, 1st chap. and 22nd verse :—

"The Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto those who are called, both Greeks and Jews, the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Potts, of St. James street W. M. Church, preached from 1 Kings, chap. xviii. and 36th and three following verses.

Forest.—Dear Bro. Wood, I deem it my duty to acknowledge through *The Canadian Independent*, the gift of an excellent horse from my people on this field of labour. Some of them seeing me go through the mud in the spring with a lame horse, took this practical way of showing their sympathy, for which, as you can easily imagine, I feel truly thankful.

The Congregational Chapel in Forest has been rejuvenated by being painted inside and out. For that purpose one hundred and forty-five dollars were raised by a Ladies' Aid Society, which was in operation about three months during the winter.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. SALMON.

Forest, Ont., May 16, 1871.

The Whitby Congregational Church are contemplating several much needed improvements in connection with the Church property, the accomplishment of which, it is hoped, will give a character of much greater *stability* and *permanence* to the cause. The proposed improvements are the building of the Parsonage and School-room, the re-painting of the exterior of the Church, the erection of a new fence around the Church property, and otherwise beautifying and improving the premises; the estimated cost of which is about \$2,000. Not being able to accomplish it themselves, they have issued a circular asking help, which says :—

"It appears to be the unanimous conviction that a vigorous and determined effort to accomplish the whole of the above desired objects *at once* will be better, and more likely to be successful, than a repetition of petty efforts and appeals which naturally become irksome to all concerned. The cost would also be considerably less if done at once, than by having the work done at different times, and as separate items.

"The ladies of the Church and congregation have with commendable zeal already effected several important improvements in the interior of the church, in addition to which they have by a series of *socials* and weekly subscriptions raised about \$200 towards the 'Parsonage fund.' A legacy of \$200 is also available.

"A special subscription list is also in course of circulation among the members of the Church and congregation, and others interested in the cause, and which we have no doubt will continue as it has commenced to meet with a most liberal response. Yet when our best has been done locally speaking, a