

seating about 250. It is thought they could start with a membership of 40 or 50, and a congregation of 100 or 150. The advisability of organizing a church, will likely be considered at the next meeting of the Western Association, and also the Executive of the Missionary Society.

MELBOURNE, QUE.—The church, some time ago, called a council to investigate certain charges implicating the moral character of the pastor, Rev. George F. Brown. He was pretty well intrenched in the good opinion of his two congregations, and no one seemed willing to testify against him, and the council brought in virtually a Scotch verdict of "Not proven," but advised that his resignation be accepted. He resigned; to take effect 1st October. But early in September he suddenly left for the United States, leaving a great many recently-contracted debts, largely for borrowed money, behind him. And now it is ascertained, on apparently the best evidence, that he left a wife at Cortland, N. Y., seven years ago, as well as many debts; and eloped with a young woman, who now passes for his wife; and that his real name is George L. Walters. He is said to be respectably connected. The villainy of his course, and its sad effect on the peace, prosperity and good name of the two churches he served, is another proof of the *absolute necessity* of demanding full and unimpeachable testimonials from every stranger and new-comer who presents himself to a church, in the character of a candidate.

FORIST.—We are still without a pastor; a unanimous call was given to Rev. E. C. W. MacColl, M.A., of Middleville, last week. We have had good supplies all summer. A month ago, a Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in our midst by Mr. D. S. Hamilton, who was visiting at his home. We have nine active members, and a number of associate members, with many more who will likely join our ranks. The Woman's Auxiliary held a social evening at the residence of Mr. A. Rawlings on the 21st August. A short programme was rendered, which was thoroughly missionary. Essay "Condition of women in heathen lands," Miss Gammon; short address, Mr. D. S. Hamilton, "Missionary movement in the Colleges;" Address, Rev. E. C. W. MacColl, on "Home and Foreign work." A cup of tea was enjoyed, and a sociable time spent. Arrangements are being made for a united meeting of the Auxiliaries of Forest and Warwick, Zion Cong. Churches.

BRANDON, MAN.—We are getting along nicely here. Our congregations are much larger than they were, and also more settled. We received nine into fellowship at our last Communion, six of them being heads of families. We are about

starting a Young People's Society, and also a special course of Sunday Evening Services for the winter. We have just provided ourselves with a very decent Sunday School library.

With good crops, a good church building, a rapidly-growing town, and bright prospects all round, we are all in very good heart. Albeit, we have our difficulties—as everyone else.

TORONTO, NORTHERN.—A Mission Sunday School on George St., is beginning to attract the notice and effort of the "Northern" Sunday school workers. They will find it quite as much a blessing to themselves as to the children they encourage to come to their classes. And if in the not very distant future, it grows into another church, in a beginning to be rather neglected part of the city, why, all the better. It is ours to do our duty; the Lord takes care of the developments.

REV. PRINCIPAL BARBOUR has been visiting some of the churches in the West, viz.: Hamilton, Brantford, Paris, Woodstock, London, Frome, Embro, Stratford, Guelph. We are putting it mildly when we say he was warmly received by all the churches, and that his sermons were listened to with the deepest interest. It's a matter of regret that his time was so limited he could not visit other churches, which he hopes to do at some future time. This friendly visit will, no doubt, increase the interest of the churches in the College.

LONDON—FIRST CHURCH.—A very hearty invitation has been extended by this church to Rev. R. Neale to remain as permanent pastor. Mr. Neale has filled the pastoral office with much acceptance since June 1st. At the last communion eight were received into the fellowship of the church, and four at the preceding communion. Congregations are increasing, as are also monetary receipts; and altogether the outlook is hopeful. J. P. F.

ALL THE CHURCHES are interested in the Provincial Sabbath School Convention to be held in the City of Brantford, on 28th, 29th and 30th October. Among speakers from a distance will be Thomas Dransfield, of Rochester, and Mrs. M. G. Kennedy, of Philadelphia—the latter being President of the International Primary Union. We of the INDEPENDENT hope to take some part in the meeting. Programmes and information from Mr. J. J. Woodhouse, Corresponding Secretary, Box 525, P. O., Toronto.

LIVERPOOL, N. S.—The pastor, Rev. W. H. Watson, owing to the state of his wife's health at present, is leaving Liverpool, N. S., having resign-