

Dickson, J. Wood, Messrs. G. Hague, Jas. Fraser, R. Flint and J. B. Silcox. A collection was taken up at the close on behalf of the building fund. On the 27th of June a number of the members and friends of the church met at seven o'clock a.m., on the lot recently purchased on Spadina Avenue, and after a short service in the open air, the first sod was turned by the pastor, Mr. Silcox, who says, "We thank God, and take courage."

LISTOWEL.—A surprise party took the Congregational minister of Listowel by storm on Friday evening, June 2nd. As Mr. and Mrs. Rose were quietly engaged in home duties, about eight o'clock in the evening, a goodly company of the friends of the church, headed by the deacons, approached the parsonage, the ladies bearing well-filled baskets of provisions. The bell soon proclaimed that something unusual was at hand, and the hall-door being opened every room immediately was teeming and beaming with the happy faces of old and young. After a season of happy greeting and merry conversation, two young ladies, members of the church, in the name of the friends, presented the pastor with a purse of \$46, accompanied with an address expressive of their warm appreciation of the vigour with which he had prosecuted his ministerial labours among them; asking his acceptance of the purse "as a memento of our warm esteem for yourself and your dear wife, and desire for your spiritual well-being and enjoyment among us your people," and praying the Lord to bless his labours in the future as in the past, and give the people a willing mind to hold up his hands for the work committed to him. The pastor then rose to express his gratitude for such a mark of kindness, and dwelt upon the fact that while the present itself was very pleasant to receive and very helpful, yet the loving feeling which prompted the gift was far more precious to him and her who sat by his side, and he felt assured that this evening's kindness would encourage them still more to work for their spiritual good and God's glory.

G. S. CLIMIE,
Secretary.

BRANTFORD.—The Rev. Mr. McColl preached his farewell sermon on the 25th of June, and we learn from the *Expositor* that the Rev. S. P. Barker, late of Ionia, Michigan, has received and accepted a unanimous invitation to the vacant pastorate, and enters upon his new duties on the 1st Sabbath of this month. We trust our new fellow-labourer may prove "the right man in the right place," and most cordially wish him God speed in his work.

ZION CHURCH, MONTREAL.—DEPARTURE OF REV. CHAS. CHAPMAN.—On Tuesday evening, the 20th of June, the lecture room of Zion Church was filled by a large audience, consisting of the congregation and the private friends of their late highly esteemed pastor, who is about to enter on a new sphere of labour as Principal of the Western Congregational College, Plymouth, England.

A large number of ministers of the city, of different denominations, were present to show their appreciation of their departing brother.

The proceedings commenced with singing and prayer by the Rev. W. Williams.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, after briefly stating the circumstances connected with Mr. Chapman's coming to this country, said "Sometimes the closing years of an aged pastor's services are rendered less pleasant by the assumption and unkindnesses of his successor. I have to bear unqualified testimony to my friend's uniform kindness and consideration. He was promised the entire and unfettered possession of the office, and that I cheerfully relinquished in his favour, but he has uniformly sought to make me feel as little as possible of the change in an old relation. He has ever done me far more honour than I have deserved, and has urged me often to take any position or service to which at any time I might feel inclined. No son could be more considerate or loving to a father than he has been; and while I have carefully avoided trenching upon his prerogatives, he has been ever ready to press me into the first position. The relation, somewhat delicate, has been throughout delightfully maintain-