REPLY:

To the Church Wardens and other Members of the Congregations of St. John's, Elora, and St. James's, Fergus.

My Dear Friends,—I desire to return to you my sincere thanks for your kind sympathy, and good wishes in my behalf. It has been my constant effort to secure to myself the confidence and good-will of those amongst whom it is my privilege to minister, and it is most gratifying to find that my endeavours to this end, imperfect as they are, have not been fruitless. For my Master's sake it is pleasent to feel that, as His unworthy servant I hold a place in your affections, and can claim, without misgiving, an interest in your prayers.

Be assured, my dear friends, that I do not willingly, even for a time, relinquish my active duties in Christ's Church. But I feel that I would not be doing this parish justice, nor acting, as I ought, with a view to an extended term of usefulness, were I in opposition to the advice of all my friends, to remain at home, and try to go on with my ordinary work. But I hope, if it be God's will, after a short absence, to return to my post with renewed energy and vigor.

I have every reason to believe that in the meantime the parish will be supplied by a resident Clergyman, who will make himself both useful and acceptable to you all. And, judging from my own experience, I am sure that I need not ask you to receive him with cordial respect, and to esteem him very highly in love, both for his own and for his work's sake.

Let me entreat you to remember me daily in your prayers, supplicating in my behalf, that I may be preserved in my journeyings, and may be restored to my home strengthened both in body and mind, for redoubled activity in the labors of my sacred office.

Your handsome gift, so well-timed and considerate, affects me with the most heart-felt gratitude to you, and to all who have joined with you, in this kind work.

Hoping soon to be permitted again to meet you, in health and happiness, and praying that every blessing, bodily and spiritual, may be bestowed on you and yours.

I remain, my dear friends,

Faithfully your servant in Christ,

C. E. THOMPSON.

St. John's Parsonage, *January* 30, 1867.

☞ Some communications are omitted from want of space.

HOME DISTRICT BRANCH OF CHURCH SOCIETY.

The following amounts received in January, were omitted to be acknowledged in the last "Chronicle:"

Rev. W. Grant, for Mission Fund, from Streetsville		$32 00
O. Hammond, for Collection at Missionary Meeting, St. Peters, Credit		6 84
" " " " " Sydenham		6 16
Trinity Church, Aurora, Collection at Missionary Meeting		3 00
Rev. Dr. Beaven, for Mission Fund, from Chester		4 08

The following have been received during February:

Rev. J. H. McCollum, Collection at Missionary Meeting at Oak Ridges, $4 12, less discount on silver		3 96
W. H. Thorne, for Collection for Missions at Holland Landing,	$7 43	
Collection at Missionary Meeting	8 26	
		15 69
Rev. R. S. Forneri's Collection at Uxbridge, for Mission Fund,	2 48	
Collection at Missionary Meeting	3 30	
		5 78
Collection at Prince Albert, for Mission Fund	2 04	
Collection at Missionary Meeting	2 22	
		4 26

Henry Rowsell,

Treasurer, H. D. Branch of Church Society.