

church has been greatly enlarged and improved—at the opening services! \$750 were collected.

A NEW CONGREGATION has been erected in Toronto, East of the Don.

**MANITOBA ITEMS.**—The scarcity of missionaries still continues. Our work would be in a bad way in the North-west were it not that Manitoba College students are carried at half fare by the railways to different parts of the country. Ten students, on an average, supply different points every Sabbath this winter. There are seventeen theological students in the college this year, two in 3rd year, four in 2nd year, and eleven in 1st year. There are besides, nine young men in Arts, who, already, conduct services, so that twenty-six men may be counted on for next summer's mission work. This will almost do away with the necessity of bringing students on their expensive journey from the east. In the meantime, half a dozen good ordained men are urgently wanted for the mission work in the Northwest. The late, on the whole, good harvest in the North-west, has made the amounts estimated to the fields, much more of a fixed quantity. Moreover, the work is now thoroughly in the hands of the Presbyteries, and all promises are made in accordance with the laws of the church, and will be supplemented. The Icelandic church in Winnipeg, known as Manitoba College Mission, is having much success. Evangelistic services are now being conducted in it. The young student, Jonas Johansson, has now been joined by his brother, Larus Johansson, an evangelist from Iceland, and the church is crowded to the doors at their meetings. There are upwards of 2,000 Icelanders in Winnipeg alone. Portage la Prairie has called Rev. M. Carmichael of Columbus, Ontario. Rapid City has called Rev. M. Coulter of Meaford, Strathclair, Treherne, Rapid City and Rosedale, — Brandon Presbytery, urgently need settled pastors. A new church building was opened lately in Pilot Mound. Rev. Dr's. King and Robertson conducted opening services. The resignation of Rev. A. MacLaren of Springfield, was accepted by Winnipeg Presbytery. The congregation earnestly desires a settled pastor. Rev. W. A. Spence of Kildonan, has been appointed in Mr. MacLaren's place as lecturer in church history in Manitoba College; a good appointment. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, evangelists, have been conducting union revival services in Winnipeg. The meetings have been held in two points in the city. In the south, in Grace Methodist church; in the north in St. Andrews, Presbyterian. The work has been successful. At regular communion in St. Andrew's church, on first of December, 85 were added to the church. All the churches are receiving a blessing. G. B.

## Obituary.

**REV. JOSEPH BUILDER**, one of our missionaries on the staff at Indore, Central India, died 14th November last, at Asheville, North Carolina, where he had gone in the hope of benefit to his failing health, in that genial climate; but, alas! it would seem that the inroads on a constitution, never very robust, were too serious to be remedied. Mr. Builder was a native of Caledonia, Ont., and quite a young man. It was only in December, 1883, that he was ordained and designated to the the work of a missionary in India. He was stationed at Mhow, and was said to be exceptionally successful in his work among the natives. About a year ago his health began to give way. He was attacked with bleeding at the lungs, and by advice of his medical attendant, he asked leave to return to Canada. He reached home early last summer and had been gradually declining ever since. We sympathize with the mission in the loss of an efficient and faithful labourer, and especially with the young widow, upon whom now devolves the support of her little family. Mr. Builder's remains were interred at Burlington, Ont.

**REV. JAMES A. JOHNSON, B.D.**—We learn with deep regret of the death of Rev. J. A. Johnson, a young minister, who proceeded to Demerara last April, to take charge of St. Luke's parish. Mr. Johnson was a son of the late Rev. S. Johnson of Chipman, and was a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Halifax,—a young man of high attainments, and earnest piety. He was ordained, and appointed to Home Mission work by the Presbytery of Pictou, May 3rd, 1887. This field he resigned in the autumn of the same year. Rev. Mr. Ross of Demerara, invited him to take charge of his parish during his absence. He entered on this work on the first Sabbath of May, and laboured with success till a week before his death. When yellow fever laid its grip upon him and he gradually sank till on Sunday, 18th November, when he passed peacefully to his rest. Mr. Johnson had his attention directed for some time to the claims of the Trinidad Mission, and there was an expectation of his entering upon work among the Coolies, when his