

read from Rev. Dr. McMullen and Rev. Mr. Dadson. The highly interesting and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction by Rev. Mr. McGregor.

Mr. McGregor has thus entered pleasantly upon his duties here. He has an agreeable manner, in which is combined kindness and courtesy that come from the heart. As a preacher he is a very distinct addition to the pulpit talent of this town. He has a well modulated, sympathetic voice; is clear in thought and graceful in diction; altogether a pleasing and forceful speaker. The kindly welcome accorded him by the clergy and laity of other churches, augurs well for the success of his pastorate.

**GUELPH, WESTERN ASSOCIATION.**—The Western Association met in Guelph on 11 and 12th April. The programme was designed for work, and a good deal of important business was accomplished. After the report of the district secretaries, Rev. R. Aylward, B.A., and Rev. W. H. Claris were appointed to visit the churches west of London. The Secretary opened a discussion on the Association, and moved a resolution favoring oversight of the churches by the Association through its Executive and Missionary Committee. Rev. W. F. Clarke moved in favor of a council of neighboring churches. Both resolutions were referred to a committee, and the following was reported and adopted:

"That in view of the gravity of the interest affected by pastoral settlements, this Association would urge upon the ministers and churches the importance of seeking advice from neighboring churches and ministers previous to the call and settlement, and proceeding with due deliberation in connection with the details of formation and dissolution of the relations between pastor and flock."

On Tuesday evening, Rev. John Morton, of Hamilton, preached from 2 Cor. ii. 9. After the sermon, the Lord's Supper was observed.

Wednesday promised to be a busy day, and so it proved. A paper by Rev. A. Margrett on "How to deepen spiritual life in our members?" provoked an animated discussion. Rev. W. F. Clarke read a poem on "The Church and the Social Problem." This production of Mr. Clarke's pen was received with much appreciation. Rev. B. B. Williams gave a most excellent report of the business in the West that had come before the Home Mission Executive Committee. Two years ago, the Association adopted the plan of changing its representatives in the Home Mission Society Executive each year. This year we elected the Rev. E. D. Silcox as our representative. Mr. Silcox occupied the position when this change was made.

It was felt that at this meeting the question of

"Church Union" would be presented. Although the members were so deeply interested, and it was hoped that some new information would be given, the discussion did not take the form that was expected. The remarks of the brethren were earnest and lively, ending with the unanimous adoption of Rev. W. F. Clarke's motion:

"That this Association has watched with great interest the proceedings that have been had in the way of conference between certain Congregational ministers and the Toronto Presbytery in regard to possible union, and would express its hearty sympathy with all endeavors to consolidate the divided forces of our common Christianity."

Rev. J. Burton, fraternal delegate from Toronto, brought the greetings of the Central Association-Platform addresses by Revs. D. McCormick, J. Burton and A. F. McGregor. The usual closing words brought the proceedings to an end.

C. E. BOLTON.

**TORONTO, ZION CHURCH.**—Twenty-six new members have been received into the church fellowship since the new year. Thirteen of these were members of the Sunday school.

A "Men's Sunday Evening Association" has been formed. This organization has charge of the Sunday evening service, providing special music, printed programmes, etc. There are committees on worship, music, printing and announcement, invitation, finance and membership. The officers are changed quarterly and the committees monthly. Although the Association has been in operation only one month, the attendance has largely increased as a result of their efforts.

The Y. P. S. C. E. Conversation given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Webb at their spacious parlors, corner Yonge and Melinda Streets, on April 18th, was a very enjoyable affair. The programme was provided by the Sims Richards family.

The "Home Department" of the Sunday school is proving a success. There are now twenty-eight members. Report cards were promptly returned at the close of the quarter, and were accompanied by offerings amounting to \$6.55. It is thus evident that the department will be more than self-sustaining. The average attendance at the Sunday school for the first quarter was 163, as compared with an average of 117 for the first quarter of last year.

Great interest is being shown in missions, and the contributions show a very decided increase in each department. We say each department, for not only has the Ladies' Missionary Society, but the church, Sunday school, Young People's Endeavor Society, and Junior Endeavor Society; each have their separate mission funds. On Sunday evening, April 30th, the church service is to be a missionary one, and Mr. H. W. Frost, of the China