

May 1. The snow is somewhat deep, and there are considerable distances to overcome; still it is nothing to what the pioneers had. Very attentive congregations, and, I think, increasing in numbers. Not having my family here, I remain at one end of the field one week, and the other end the next. My two principal stopping places are thirteen miles apart. As the morning and evening services alternate between two churches, this seems the most convenient arrangement. And I find much kindness and a cordial welcome in my pastoral visiting. At "Howick Twelfth," the afternoon station, I had special services last week, and I will resume them next week. On Friday night, March 6, six persons professed conversion during the week. I will drop you a line again in a week or two. Now that you are coming out semi-monthly, we must all do more for you in the way of contributions.

**PINE GROVE AND HUMBER SUMMIT.**—On March 23rd, a Council composed of representatives for the Northern and Yorkville Churches, Toronto, and of the churches in the above places, was held on the resignation of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Way. After fullest conference, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Way be dismissed from the pastorate of the churches, with the prayer that the Great Head of the Church may direct him speedily to a suitable field of labour. It was also resolved to place on record an appreciation of the success which had attended Mr. Way's pastorate of nearly two years, fifteen having been received into the fellowship of the Church at Pine Grove, and thirty-eight at Humber Summit.

**WARWICK, ZION CHURCH.**—A season of refreshing has been enjoyed by this Church. Christians have been quickened; a goodly number has been added to the Church, and the congregation considerably increased.

**WATFORD.**—Additions have been made here at each Communion service for the last six months. Further additions are expected. A work of grace is going on.

**CHEBOGUE.**—On Monday, February 23rd, the friends of Zion Church, Chebogue, pleasantly surprised the pastor and his wife with several loads of wood. It was a lovely day, and John Frost kindly provided a pathway over the water that lay between us and the woods. It was a kindly action, as the river is not every year closed with ice. We are living in a kindly neighbourhood, as many little actions testify at the hands of the friends from all denominations. A few days afterwards the young men turned out with their axes and made what was good still better. On the evening of the 23rd, a Home Missionary Social was held in the parsonage, when about eighty gathered and enjoyed a pleasant evening together. The night following we were visited by a few friends from Tabernacle Church, Yarmouth, with

their pastor, Rev. William McIntosh, and wife, and though assured before that we possessed their good will, they left us solid proofs of the same. The Tabernacle friends have ever a kindly remembrance of the old mother church and its pastor.

#### OBITUARY.

On Saturday, noon, March 13th, at Cobourg, there passed away, after a brief illness, the wife of Mr. J. F. Field, so long known to our churches.

Mrs. Field was born at Liskeard, Cornwall, England, in February, 1855, and was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Congdon. Some time after her father's death, her mother became the wife of Mr. William Toms, Sen., who, in 1873, removed with his family to Canada, and took up his residence for a time at Cobourg. In the autumn of 1876, Miss Congdon was married to Mr. Field. She had a singularly affectionate nature, and possessed in a rare degree the faculty of diffusing cheerfulness and sunshine all about her. That her death will be a most poignant grief to her husband, as well as a terrible deprivation to her three little ones, need scarcely be said. Just as her presence was most genial and magnetic, so will her absence be the more distinctly and mournfully felt. Her mother was providentially with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. Field will be sadly missed in the Congregational church, in which she was an honoured and most active member. Her Christianity was of the right sort. It combined the humility of a simple faith with the consecration of an ardent love. She did not give to the Lord that which cost her nothing. Her time, her means, and her talents, were all freely devoted to His service. She served with gladness, too. She was the very type of a whole-hearted, joyous Christian. She was the friend of all. To the poor and the sorrowful she was a very angel of mercy, blessing them with her gifts, but still more by the richness of her sympathy and the wonderful kindness of her manner.

The funeral took place on Monday, at four o'clock, and seldom has the town seen a larger one. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Pedley, her pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Nelles, who, about nine years ago, had officiated at her wedding. On the casket lay a beautiful floral offering, which had been sent to her husband, with an address from the Ladies' Aid Society, of which she had been the beloved President.

#### QUEBEC ASSOCIATION.

THE Quebec Association of Congregational ministers met, the first week in March, in Calvary Church, Montreal. At the first session on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. E. M. Hill was chosen Moderator, the Rev.