

of Birmingham, England, presented through me, complete works of J. A. James, 15 volumes, and "The Faiths of the World," 8 volumes.

We are still indebted to this Church for the gratuitous use of the commodious lecture and library room we occupy, which is heated and lighted for us without charge.

The Endowment Fund, reported last year at \$17,688 subscribed, \$2,000 paid and invested, now reaches \$23,000 nearly, with \$6,500 paid and invested. This is still, however, far removed from the \$40,000 which is asked.

The late George Robertson, Sen., of Kingston, not long before his death, offered a prize to Mr. Fenwick's class of \$50, which might in certain circumstances be divided into two prizes, to be competed for after the close of the session.

Mr. Black goes to St. Catherines. The others, except the three of first year, whom we do not appoint to stations, go to Eaton and Franklin, Quebec; Canining, Nova Scotia; Vankleek Hill, Manilla, Frome, Warwick, Forest, and Garafraxa, Ontario.

Several places are disappointed. We need an increase of students; 20 should be our normal condition, with four or five going out every year.

He then announced that Mr. J. R. Black having fulfilled all his duties was entitled to a certificate, which was presented by

Rev. CHARLES CHAPMAN, and duly acknowledged by the recipient,

Mr. J. R. Black, who then delivered a very interesting valedictory, carrying his hearers in thought to the grave of the great English poet, Wordsworth, whose remarkable life he traced, pointing out as worthy of imitation, the steady fixedness of purpose with which Wordsworth, having once formed his aims, adhered to his life work. In this connection the speaker alluded to the dislike genius had to be put in harness, and the loathing it had for that barbarous system of cram which was still the evil genius of the educational system; he also alluded to the anomalies of seeing men at the plough who ought to be in the pulpit, and men in the pulpit who ought to be at the plough; of men in the counting house who ought to be out; and of men at the

bar who ought to be somewhere else. He addressed kindly words of cheer to his juniors in the College work, and acknowledged the indebtedness they were under to the Professors.—*Daily Witness*.

The admirable address of the Rev. F. H. Marling, of Toronto, which we reproduce, as reported in the *Gazette*, in this number closed the exercises on the occasion. We trust that all our Churches will follow these young brethren with their prayers, all through their months of summer labour, and that the Lord may make them wise to win souls.—*Ed. C. I.*

PERSONAL.—THE REV. WILLIAM HAY, and wife, of Scotland, had a very narrow escape from serious injury, and possibly death, through the breaking of the axle of his buggy, on a recent Sabbath evening, while returning from the service at Burford. The horse becoming frightened dragged them a considerable distance, with the vehicle upside down, bruising them both severely, but happily breaking no bones. We are glad to learn they are both recovering from their injuries; we wish we could hope for nature to do as much for the buggy!

THE REV. JOSEPH WHEELER, of Albion, was able to be at the house of God on Sabbath, April 11th, which the writer spent there with his people, but he took no part in the service, except as a listener. He hoped, however, to sit and "talk" to them next Sabbath, though he could not promise to "preach." We should like to be one of his congregation!

THE REV. J. UNSWORTH is also slowly recovering, and is able now to conduct the morning service in Georgetown, though he had not recently regained his strength sufficiently to preach at Church-hill. We hope we may yet hear him from the chair of the Congregational Union in Hamilton.

THE REV. R. WICKETT, of Clifford, lately received from his Howick friends a purse of nearly \$20, contributed mostly by persons outside of his own congregation, as a mark of their esteem for him.