

the erection of the second church building on the corner of Bay and Adelaide streets, which was called Zion Chapel. The fifty-first anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, the 29th of November, 1885, by special services, held in their handsome new edifice on Yonge street avenue. The congregation at the three services were large, and the collections correspondingly so. Rev. Jas. K. Smith, M.A., pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, Galt, conducted the services morning and evening, an exchange of pulpits having been made, Rev. H. D. Powis preaching at Galt. In the afternoon an open session of the Sunday School was held, at which interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Jas. K. Smith, H. J. Clark, superintendent of the Northern Congregational Church Sunday School, and Rev. John Burton, pastor of the same. There were present at the morning service four or five of those who formed the old church 51 years ago. On the anniversary Sunday an intimation was made that on the following Wednesday a communication from the pastor would be received. Accordingly that evening Rev. H. D. Powis resigned the pastorate of the church. His letter of resignation states that when he returned from England in August last it was his hope and intention to have labored in the service of the church for a year or two longer, but that the craving for rest which he was conscious of before his trip has increased since his return, and the conviction is now forced upon him of having reached the period of life when it is wise to lay down the responsible trust devolved upon him by the church nearly eight years ago. That although his health is still good and it might have been possible for him to have continued his labors for some time longer, nevertheless, considering that Zion church has always been a representative church in the city, and that its pastor should not only be fully competent to discharge his own pastoral duties but be ready to answer all reasonable demands for work outside his own parish; and that neither the standard of the pulpit nor the efficiency of the congregation must be permitted to decline, therefore he does not deem it prudent to toil as he is now doing until health fails and he becomes unfit for efficient work; and having well weighed the importance of the step and his judgment approving he now with much reluctance asks the church to secure a successor. In regard to the future he has formed no plans, save that he will not, under any circumstances, enter upon another pastorate, but confine himself to such service in the churches of Christ as he can render in any part of the vineyard whither the Master may direct his steps. The letter of resignation was received with much sorrow and regret by the church, who felt great reluctance in taking action upon it. After holding special meetings to consider what course they should pursue, and earnest prayer having been offered up for Divine guidance, the following resolution was adopted, viz:—"The church, having with deep regret heard read the Rev. H. D. Powis' letter of the 26th November, 1885, resigning the pastoral charge, desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with him in regard to the causes mentioned in the letter which render a retirement from active labor after forty years in the ministry advisable, and reciprocating the sentiments of Christian fellowship and goodwill expressed in the letter, and further declaring their high appreciation of the earnest and faithful service rendered by him during the seven years and more of his pastorate over them, hereby re-

solve, that, in accepting the resignation, which they feel impelled to do by the terms of the letter leaving them no alternative, and considering the great importance of the step now taken, in severing the relation of pastor and people, a deputation be appointed to wait upon Mr. Powis and inform him of this decision, and assure him of the great esteem and regard in which both he and Mrs. Powis are held by the members of the church and congregation." The deputation waited upon Mr. Powis at an early date and assured him of the sincerity and cordiality with which the church concurred in the expressions of esteem and affection conveyed in the resolution. The pastor declared his continued interest in the welfare of the church, and his readiness to do everything in his power in assisting to secure an efficient successor. After a very pleasant interview the deputation took leave of their pastor with a higher opinion than ever of his eminently christian character. Rev. H. D. Powis will continue to minister in Zion church until the end of March next, when he proposes again visiting England and hopes to enjoy a more leisurely and extended excursion than he took last summer, after which he will probably return to Canada.

TORONTO, WESTERN, Spadina Ave.—The anniversary services of the Sunday school of the church were held on the 28th and 29th ultimo. The addresses delivered by the chosen speakers on Sunday were all admirable, that of the Rev. John Potts, D.D. especially appropriate and helpful. His subject in the morning was, "Feed my Lambs," "Tend my Sheep." John 21:15-18. He held that parents should regard themselves as the Divinely appointed *under shepherds* of the young. The morning service, and services by Rev. T.W. Jeffery in the afternoon and by Rev. Ira Smith in the evening, were enjoyed by large congregations. On Monday evening the scholars' entertainment was held, and a programme provided entirely by the pupils was enjoyed by their parents and friends who were present in full assembly. The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. F. McGregor, has issued a printed note of invitation, bearing upon mission services now being held in the church every evening, in which the following appeal is made: Feeling that we all need to be awakened and quickened to a deeper sense of our responsibility to God and our duty to those not reached by the ordinary means of grace, the pastor and his people resolved to put forth a united effort to lead precious souls to Salvation. The services will aim at "the simplicity that is in Christ," and will be used to diffuse only the unselfish love and Spirit of Christ; and all in obedience to Him who commanded His followers to "go into the streets and lanes of the city" to gather in guests for His House where "yet there is room."

UNIONVILLE.—On Wednesday, Nov. 18th, the Ladies' Aid held their annual bazaar. The roads were almost impassable, and it rained all day, but notwithstanding all these drawbacks, there was a good turn out. Owing to the disagreeable weather the bazaar was continued the following day. The receipts amount to nearly ninety dollars, (\$90). Since Mr. Wilmot has been pastor, a period of about one year and a half, the church debt has been reduced from a thousand to five hundred dollars, and there is on hand ready to pay, another instalment of one hundred dollars. During his ministry there has united with the church 31 per-