

The energy and zeal displayed in the erection of this fine building are beyond all praise. They have already been rewarded by a large increase in the attendance and membership.—*Ed. C. I.*

BRANTFORD, EMMANUEL CHURCH. — Friday night the members and friends of this church, met at the house of E. Brophy, Esq., and spent a very happy time. First indulging in the good things provided by their generous hostess, then listening to some choice readings and music by various friends, after which (this being a farewell gathering to meet their esteemed pastor, Rev. John Allworth, who is leaving them), W.E. Wel-ding Esq., senior deacon, on behalf of the church, expressed his deep regret that the tie should so soon be severed between pastor and people—heartily wished him God speed, and assured him of their sincere prayers for blessings in his future career.

Mr. Allworth replied in a very affectionate manner, thanking the members of the church and congregation for this formal expression of kindly feeling and good wishes, of which he had received abundant testimony already in a less public manner. Referring to the relationship between them, which was now to be broken off, though there had been circumstances of a disheartening nature, yet he should go forth, he said, much strengthened and helped by the knowledge of their sympathy and good will. He then urged upon them the importance of increased zeal and unity in the Master's cause.

With regard to the humorous overture made during the evening by Rev. Mr. Barker, of the First church, to the members of Emmanuel church, to return to the old fold, he remarked, that in his opinion, that was not a matter to be lightly discussed. Circumstances in the past had made it advisable to separate and form a new church; and now, having taken such an important step, and having been, as they believe, blessed in it—it was not for them to turn back at the first difficulty or trial. He deprecated much of the talk about denominational union, believing that as men are constituted, they can best worship

and work under different modes and forms. So, sometimes, two churches of the same order could work better apart, and while fellowship and good-feeling should be cultivated between them, each would do well to follow its own path. He concluded by wishing prosperity and God's blessing to Emmanuel church, hoping soon to hear of them as having a pastor and unitedly working for the Master. The doxology, and prayer, closed the entertainment, it being the first of a series of socials to be given by Emmanuel church during the coming winter.—*Expositor.*

The Rev. A. VanCamp, late of Ridgeway, Penn., has received and accepted a call to this church, and enters upon his work on the 1st January.

DEAR SIR, — Your magazine has pleased me very much of late, and in gratitude I send a few lines for the news column, if you think them worthy of a place.

Scotland.—The 29th anniversary of the Rev. William Hay's ministry in this charge, was celebrated on Thanksgiving day. In the morning, a sermon was preached by the Rev. John Salmon, of Embro, to a deeply interested congregation, on the blessedness of trust in God. The service in the evening was of a social character, and was largely attended. After tea had been served by the ladies of the church, and Mr. Cox, of the cister church at Burford, had been called to the chair, Mr. R. Eadie, on behalf of the meeting, presented the pastor with a purse containing \$90, and a brief address in which was the remark, that more than ever, the people appreciated his pulpit ministrations. This was followed by very neat and pleasant speeches of congratulation by Rev. Mr. Barker, of the 1st Congregational church Brantford, Rev. Mr. Salmon, and the Rev. W. S. Walker, Baptist of Scotland. The pastor gave a sketch of the early history of the church, and traced some of the changes that had taken place in the material, social, and spiritual condition of the community.

The church choir gave some revival melodies of the olden time, as well as some selections of new and popular tunes.