

are such a comfort, especially Psalms xli. and xxvii., and that verse in Isaiah, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper," it seems as if I were just living on those verses and others like them.

The American Consul has been very good all through this. He telegraphed at once to Constantinople on Sunday, and by midnight an answer came, in the shape of a message from the Sultan to the Pasha, commanding him at once to take active measures against the mob. The poor Pasha was so astonished, and wondered how they could know anything about it in Constantinople, but of course it made him more vigilant—and we are well looked after, I can assure you.

The Consul has also telegraphed for the American gun-boat, *Piræus*, and we expect it here in a day or two. I hope you will all pray for us, but more for the poor brethren, for this comes more heavily upon them.

News of the Churches.

ST. THOMAS.—Sunday evening, May 8, Mr. Allworth bid farewell to the pulpit here. The Friday previous, members of the church and congregation presented him with a very kind and appreciative address, and with a gold-headed cane, as a memorial of their affection. Mr. Solandt remains in charge.

TORONTO BOND STREET.—A very interesting social meeting was held in the school room of this church on the 26th ult., under the presidency of Mr. A. K. McIntosh, the chairman of the finance committee of the Bond Street Church. During the six and a half years of Dr. Wild's pastorate upward of \$14,000 of debt have been wiped out, and that evening those members and friends who had become guarantors to the Bank of Toronto for the payment of the floating debt on the church assembled for the purpose of cancelling the bond given to the bank. A few short speeches were made, of an explanatory and congratulatory character, by the chairman, Dr. Wild, Mr. Jas. Farquhar, Mr. St. Croix, Mr. Virtue and Mr. James Morrison, after which the friends sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Ladies' Aid Society. The church is in a very flourishing condition, and will shortly commence the erection of a new school building.

TORONTO HAZLETON AVENUE (YORKVILLE).—This church has extended an unanimous and hearty call to Mr. George Robertson, of Melbourne, Quebec Province.

TORONTO WESTERN.—The report of the season's work of the Society of Christian Endeavour says:—We can truly say that we have been established in the faith, set to work in the Lord's vineyard, and gone on errands. We perhaps would not have gone on had it

not been for this organized effort. A cottage prayer meeting in the home of one who was unable to attend service, were visits paid, kind words spoken. The Sunday morning prayer meeting, too, and at consecration meeting, the ladies did their part, responding to the roll call by verse of Scripture. Three associate members have passed to active membership, and two into church fellowship. We have worked in harmony. We have made a mistake or two which we trust we profited by, and altogether we look back with pleasure on the winter that has passed.

Personal.

THE Rev. W. F. Clarke has been unanimously received into the membership of the Western Association.

MR. J. B. SAER and Mrs. Saer have safely returned to their home in St. John, ready for work in their renovated church building, which, we trust, will have been re-opened by the time these lines are before our readers.

MR. JOHN MORTON, of Hamilton, we see, is the first chaplain of the Royal Templars in Hamilton, and interesting services in connection therewith have been held in his church. Our friends are evidently forward in the Prohibition cause.

WE note from an exchange that Mr. Wm. Burgess, of Listowel, with his son and daughter, has been singing, with acceptance, Gospel Temperance in Stratford, Mr. Burgess doing royal service in addresses at the Royce revival movement.

WE had a short visit from our brother, Mr. W. H. Allworth, who has left St. Thomas (Mr. Solandt, student, is to supply our church there for the summer), one fine morning last week. He expects to be with his son-in-law, Mr. Ewing, Fargo, Dakota, for some time. Our friends there will reap the benefit of his experience, though he may not settle down in a charge. Personally, we regret to miss our friend from our denominational work, but there seems to be no field suitable opening up for his labour among us. Father, son, son-in-law, is the Great Republic to keep them all?

Official Notices.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Western Association will be held in Toronto during the Union meetings to consider the proposed changes in the character of the association. Will the churches interested give these proposals consideration, and send their delegates prepared to express their views. C. S. PEDLEY, Sec'y.