

deserving Widows' and Orphans' Branch—but did not benefit the Aged Ministers' Fund.

The late Mr. Foggin, of Toronto, has left \$500 to the Society: we know not how much to this particular branch. But what we need, and what we wish to see is—a regular and systematic collection of funds annually for this cause. And the people will give, on the same terms as they give to missions; as soon as they have the facts properly presented before them. And another point should be remembered—collections have *no feet*, and cannot come in of themselves; somebody must go out and bring them in. Here is congenial work for some of the younger and more active members. The deacons will make the arrangements, but O, the deacons are slow, when it comes to doing the collecting themselves. If any reader doesn't believe us, just ask the members of your Ladies' Aid Society: they know.

Now, a church that has had a man's best services as pastor, say ten years—from thirty to forty—ought to make him a nice little present when he removes—we shall be moderate—say five hundred dollars. (Remember, every one of these men have had two hundred dollars a year, *less* than he ought to have had, and less than you could afford to give him, all the time he has been with you). Well, you don't give him the five hundred dollars. But pay the interest on it, at least. Give the Provident Fund Society thirty dollars a year, regularly, and that is equal to *endowing* the fund with that five hundred dollars. We know Churches that owe several of these five hundred-dollar debts. We merely ask the payment of a debt.

REV. WILLIAM HAY.

Rev. William Hay, who has been for forty-two years the pastor of the Congregational Church in the Village of Scotland, Ont., was born in the Town of Perth, in this Province. His parents were Scotch: his father from Elgin, his mother from Glasgow—the latter a member of Greville Ewing's church. They emigrated to Canada in 1820.

Mr. Hay's boyhood was spent in Lanark Village, near the place of his birth. Here Mr. Robert

Mason, so long the school teacher in that place, gave him the best furnishing he could for some years. In 1837, the family moved to better land, in Warwick township, near Lake Huron, then quite "in the bush." During the "patriot war" that followed Mackenzie's Rebellion, Mr. Hay was "despatch-boy" between the volunteers stationed at Sarnia and Walpole Island; sometimes going on horseback over the ice, sometimes on skates, sometimes in a canoe.



Returning home, he came under the influence of Rev. Leonard McGlashan ("No. 3" on our list of graduates in the College), was converted, and began to study with a view to the ministry. But the Warwick Church—more cautious than many of the churches now—would only recommend him to the "Institute" (as the College was then called) after they had heard him *preach a sermon*. A terrible ordeal for a country boy not yet trained, but only desirous of training! A crowded congregation of relatives, friends and neighbors sat in judgment on the effort. However, he acquitted himself moderately well, notwithstanding his trepidation, and obtained the official recommendation of the church. But there was still an "examination," before he could enter, before five clergymen; one of whom was Rev. Samuel Martin, of London, Eng., then in Canada on a visit. Rev.