

stalled as its pastor Rev. J. T. Daley, B.A. During his pastorate the church has received new life. A resident pastor, an active and successful ministry, has conserved the faithful and self-denying labors of forty years. Mr. Hay and the churches may well rejoice in this happy and prosperous state of affairs at Burford. There is talk of a parsonage being erected on a lot valued at \$200, given by one of the friends.—*Com.*

TORONTO, WESTERN.—The annual meeting of the Western Congregational church, Spadina Ave., was held 16th March. The pastor, Rev. Theo. J. Parr, presided, and reports from the various departments of the church's work were presented. It was shown that during the year the membership roll had been extended by the addition of 90 members, while the congregation had largely increased in numbers. The financial interests, as well as the religious, had improved, and the outlook for the future is hopeful and encouraging. Reports and addresses were given by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. E. H. Arms, R. P. Fairbairn, H. W. Barlow, W. Geddes, J. W. Hewitson, D. F. Milne and Alex. Cavanagh. Tea was served by the ladies, and after an interesting discussion of plans for future church work the meeting dispersed.—*Globe.*

RUGBY.—The ladies of this church have just ended a year of work as a Ladies' Missionary Society. The first anniversary was held on Wednesday evening, 24th Feb. There was quite a large attendance, and a capital programme. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Goffin, occupied the chair. Mrs. Donald Harvie, Secretary of the Society, read the report of the year's work. Upwards of \$34 had been raised during the year, \$5 of which had been sent to Mr. Macallum, to help purchase a new set of harness (or as they call them in Turkey, "horse clothes"). The meetings had been for the most part regularly sustained, and missionary literature read and discussed. Mrs. May, President, read a letter from Miss Minnie Clarke, giving some account of her work in Africa. Mr. Goffin gave a short address, and the programme, consisting of musical pieces, readings and recitations, all appropriately bearing on missionary topics, and all exceedingly well rendered—was item by item laid before the audience. A collection between \$8 and \$9, was then taken up. The ladies are very much encouraged by this their first anniversary, and are hoping to do greater things yet.—*Com.*

LONDON, SOUTHERN CHURCH.—In relation to two statements concerning Southern Church affairs, in January and February issues, pages 22 and 48, we received the following in February, but

too late for our March issue, except as a postscript: "Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to explain a statement made in my previous letter of Feb. in relation to the 're-organization' of the Southern Church. I was not aware such an interpretation could be given to our church services; but find it may be so understood. It was an unfortunate statement, and is regretted. Yours truly, CHARLOTTE CANNON."

BARRIE.—The Y.P.S.C.E. has undertaken to bear the expense of renovating the interior of the church, and already the ceiling is papered, the walls tinted, and the seats and woodwork are being cleaned and varnished. When the workmen get through, the room will be one of the neatest audience rooms in the town. The spiritual movement which began shortly after Mr. Weaver's arrival, still goes on in the Sunday school and the church. The Sunday evening service is conducted as an evangelistic service, with an after meeting, and here enquirers are constantly being met.

TORONTO, BOND STREET.—The ladies of this church gave a reception in the church parlors to Rev. W. T. Currie, returned missionary from Africa. Dr. Wild, the pastor, presided. A large number testified by their presence, their interest in the work. Mr. Currie looked well, under the circumstances, and was warmly greeted on every hand. He spoke the next Sunday morning in the church, dwelling largely on his work, and the way the Lord had led him. Mr. Currie promises to visit among the churches, to stimulate their interest in mission work by telling his African story, which is full of romantic interest and striking providences.

REV. G. H. SANDWELL, was installed by council, on 18th February, at New Britain, Ct. Thirteen churches were represented on the council by over 30 ministers and delegates. A local paper says: "Rev. Mr. Sandwell begins his work with a united congregation in his favor. The exercises connected with his entrance into his new field took place to-day, and a distinguished body of clergymen and laymen were present to assist."

YARMOUTH, N. S.—We are sorry to learn of the total destruction of the Tabernacle Congregational church, Yarmouth (Rev. Wm. McIntosh, pastor,) on the morning of 11th March, by fire, from being struck with lightning. The loss is stated at \$25,000; insurance \$12,000.

TORONTO, ZION.—Rev. W. W. Smith preached morning and evening, March 6th, and presided at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. He has nearly recovered from the grip.