

vices to be held at 3 P.M. At that hour a good congregation assembled, nearly filling the house. Dr. Wilkes presided and offered the invocation; the Scribe read the minutes of the Council; Rev. J. McKillican read the Scriptures; the sermon was preached by F. H. Marling, from 1 Tim. iii. 1., "If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work;" a statement of doctrines was read by the pastor elect; the prayer of installation was offered by Rev. K. M. Fenwick; the right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. A. McGregor; the charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Wilkes, and that to the people by Rev. K. M. Fenwick. Mr. Ebbs pronounced the benediction, and at the close, standing before the pulpit, received the cordial greetings of his new flock. The service of song was led by an efficient choir, accompanied by the excellent organ procured not long since. In the evening, a social meeting was held, which was very well attended, and gave the ministers and members of other churches in the city, an opportunity, which they freely embraced, to welcome the new Congregational minister. It was pleasant to hear that a very cordial feeling prevailed among evangelical Christians of various denominations in Ottawa. Rev. E. B. Harper, Wesleyan, and S. G. Stone, Episcopal Methodist, were the only neighbouring pastors able to attend the service, but the absentees sent cordial greeting to Mr. Ebbs. Dr. Wilkes presided at the public meeting held in the church, after tea, which was served in the basement, and brief addresses were made by the ministers present, the choir again rendering their valuable aid. The impression made upon a visitor by the services of the day, was of an auspicious and hopeful character. The friends at Ottawa are right glad—as well they may be—to receive such a pastor as has come among them; while the growing city, invested with all the importance attaching to the metropolis of the Dominion, and the wide and beautiful region around it, present a field which invites the labours of an experienced and aggressive minister.

F. H. M.

Glad Tidings from Madagascar.—Sir,—the last mail has brought us most gladdening news from Madagascar. God has been graciously pleased to overrule events, so that the things which have happened have all turned out "for the furtherance of the Gospel." Our worst fears are removed, our highest hopes exceeded. We are informed that the work of the mission is being blessed in a marvellous manner. Since the cessation of the mourning for the late Queen, the places of Christian worship, both in town and country, have been crowded to excess. Such is the wonderful eagerness to hear the Word of God, that on the Sunday previous to the departure of the last mail 2,450 persons were counted out at Mr. Toy's church, while 230 were listening outside during the service. At another place, on the same day, the whole of the usual congregation turned out to make room for the crowd of people outside, that as heathens they might thus see the Christians were anxious that they should all hear "the joyful sound." *The Queen and Government have publicly renounced idolatry*; the great national idol has been sent away, and the Queen sends her household to attend Mr. Toy's ministry. The Government works have been stopped on the Lord's Day, and a representative of a foreign power on his way to the capital to obtain a ratification of a commercial treaty, having reached the last station on a Saturday night, instead of finding the usual escort, was informed that *he could not be received at Court until Monday*. The eldest son of the Prime Minister, together with the Prime Minister's sister, are candidates for Church fellowship. Thus abundantly has the Word of the Lord grown and prevailed. But fuller and most interesting details will be given in the *Missionary Chronicle* for September. Our brethren in the ministry, and the members of our churches generally, will see from all this how greatly the missionaries and native Christians in Madagascar need an interest in their prayers, lest this temporal prosperity should to any extent lead to spiritual declension, lest the moral vigour increased by the storm of persecution should degenerate into worldly and vain-glorious ease by the sunshine of Royal favour. The prayers of the churches are earnestly desired that our brethren may now have wisdom profitable to direct.—Believe me, yours truly, ROBERT ROBINSON, Home Secretary of the London Missionary Society. Blomfield-st., Finsbury, London, Aug. 17.—*Christian World*.