

## News of the Churches.

**Rev. J. G. Manly.**—A few days since, a deputation of ladies, members of Zion Church Toronto, waited on the Rev. J. G. Manly, and presented him with a purse containing subscriptions from a circle of numerous friends, as a token of their attachment to him, and of their appreciation of the benefits, they received from his labors among them during his pastorate.

**Ottawa.**—We publish the following description of a very enjoyable "Social," from the pastor of the church at Ottawa, in the hope that others may be induced to try a similar experiment, and thus provide for the young, what they ought to have,—rational and proper entertainment.

"Our Reading Socials have been resumed for the winter. If held within bounds these weekly entertainments, though secular in character, may render excellent service. Once a month, I have undertaken to deliver a brief lecture, occupying about 30 minutes. The first of these, last Thursday evening, was a "Glimpse at the glories of the City of Paris." It attracted a large company. We intersperse readings and music, allowing a brief intermission for free conversation in the course of the proceedings, not exceeding ten minutes. The whole entertainment is restricted to an hour and a half from 8 to 9½. The Pastor presides, we have rented an excellent piano for the season, and have little difficulty in securing some very spirited performances, vocal and instrumental. Others than our own people, cheerfully render us assistance. Admission is by payment of five cents for old and young, alike. Though some of the other Readings in the city have been very noisy and disorderly, we have quite got rid of such annoyances, and always have good order. I have been thus full in regard to them, to enable you to realize pretty well their characteristics, and if you are so inclined, to encourage the trial of such Socials throughout the churches. The more common Socials lack requisite occupation, while these engage the attention, at the same time affording all desirable social intercourse."

**Lanark Village.**—We are pleased to learn that the Rev. John Brown has received a very cordial call to Lanark Village Church, signed by all the male members, and that he intends to begin his labours there with the new year. Salary, \$500 and parsonage. Mr. Brown writes: "My health is better than for 12 years. I have been breaking up new ground in the north-west of Caledon and Orangeville for over three months, and feel very sorry that I cannot remain with the friends there. We must keep an eye to these places, however, and hold what has been gained. We have our work to do there. My address hereafter will be Lanark P. O."

Caledon, Dec. 16, 1870.

**Rugby.**—In the month of last October, on the return of the Rev. J. G. Sanderson and his wife from their visit to New York and Boston, they were invited to a social by the young people of the Sunday School. After an ample and appropriate repast, the chair was taken by the Superintendent of the school, Mr. Forrester, who addressed some fitting words of welcome and compliment to the guests. In response to his call, Mr. Sanderson gave an interesting account of the recent excursion; of New York Central Park, Greenwood Cemetery, the meeting of the American Board of Commissioners, the preaching of the Rev. H. W. Beecher, of "the Hub of the Universe," the great kindness with which his wife and himself had been everywhere received, and the thorough enjoyment of the whole tour. Master David