

lowship, on profession of faith. Of these, six are young. Others there are—several, indeed—fully ready to identify themselves with the cause. It may not be out of place in this connection to speak of an act of generosity on the part of two gentlemen in the church and congregation. Messrs. Field & Brother bought a lot adjoining the church property, for the use and benefit of the church. Other matters of interest have already been laid before the readers of the *Independent*. The pulpit is supplied at present chiefly by Methodist brethren. An attempt was made to secure the occasional services of some of our Congregational clergy. That turned out a comparative failure. Of future prospects much may be said. There is no doubt that the town of Cobourg is destined to advance in time to come. With the town, the Congregational church should become prosperous and powerful. It has elements in it which, under the blessing of God, will tell on the community at large. May the blessing which seems designed for it not be diverted from it.—J. G.

PRESENTATION IN COBOURG.—On the evening of Tuesday, September 17th, a number of friends in connection with the Congregational church in Cobourg met at the house of Mr. Charles Lawes, to bid farewell to Mr. Joseph Griffith, who had been preaching to them during the summer. After a bountiful supper, provided by the ladies of the congregation, Mr. Griffith was surprised by an address by Mr. Lawes. The address was accompanied with a present of a handsome writing-desk. This came from the teachers in the Sunday school and the members of the Bible class. Mr. Griffith replied as best he could under the circumstances.

REV. J. G. MANLY, since his resignation of the charge of Zion Church, Toronto, has been engaged in the service of the Upper Canada Bible Society, as one of its agents, on what is called the "provisional" system, under which a number of ministers, mostly with pastoral charges of their own, give a portion

of their time to the Bible agency. Mr. Manly, as we learn from the Society's monthly *Recorder* for September, between 20th May, 1871, and 2nd April, 1872, has visited the branch societies "westward from Gananoque to the County of York; northward, within the same meridians, from Lake Ontario to Minden, and north-westerly to Bracebridge, in Muskoka—with five exceptions, and also all the societies in the three Counties of Lincoln, Welland, and Haldimand; besides forming new branches, and revisiting new stations or out-stations for sermon or lecture." He adds, "Bible Society visitation has its difficulties and drawbacks; but there can be no nobler work than the diffusion of revealed and written truth, and the summoning of Christendom to take part in it."

REV. E. C. W. MCCOLL, M.A., we understand, is an applicant for admission, as a minister, into the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

REV. JAMES DOUGLAS.—The *British American Presbyterian* of the 18th October, publishes the following item in its report of the meeting of the Brockville Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church, on the 8th of the same month:—"Rev. James Douglas, a minister of the Congregational body in Canada, and who was labouring in Lanark for upwards of seven years, appeared in person, and applied to be received as a minister of the C. P. Church. After mature conference with him, his application was cordially entertained, and the Presbytery resolved to make application to the next General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. Douglas. In the meantime he labours within the bounds of the Presbytery."

OTTAWA.—**REV. H. D. POWIS** has declined the call to Ottawa.

REV. FREDERICK HASTINGS, formerly of St. John, N.B., and recently of Wanstead, Essex, England, has been compelled by ill-health to resign his pasto-