

unity among the young people in and out of the church. We are more and more thankful that our prayers for an earnest Christian pastor were so fully answered and that Mr. Fuller was sent us. While we are saddened by the small amount of real spiritual life, still there has been considerable growth and at present the praying band are earnestly seeking the Divine power in greater fulness, and our congregations are increasing in number and are very attentive. All the services of the week and Sabbath are well sustained, and we are looking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The choir has increased greatly in number and is to be fully organized and a competent leader appointed. Considerable improvement has already been effected and more is likely to be as the members are anxious to attain a higher standard. During the year and a-half of Mr. Fuller's pastorate, over fifty names have been added to our roll, quite a proportion of whom were received on profession, and there are many more near the kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain them to come in. We also are much pleased at the greater frequency of visits from THE INDEPENDENT and will try to keep you better posted as to our goings-on in future.

FARGO, DAKOTA.—From Mr. Allworth we obtain the following item regarding Mr. William Ewing in this place: Our work at Narwood has grown, and now it is divided from Fargo. At Fargo there has been progress. Our Chautauqua Circle has been well sustained, and a benefit to our young people. Also our "Band of Mercy" for the children has done good work. Our industrial school, a new feature, held at Plymouth chapel every Saturday forenoon, is increasing not only in numbers but in interest. The object of the school is to give children an opportunity to learn some industrial pursuit. Mrs. Lewis is superintendent of the school, and is very energetic in awakening an interest in it among the pupils and in encouraging the teachers. Mrs. C. M. C. Burns, the secretary of the school, has a class of little girls in sewing. Rev. Mr. Ewing has a class of boys in mechanical engineering. Miss Douglas, a teacher in the public schools, has a class of boys in drawing. It is intended to teach other studies as the children progress, such as knitting, crocheting, and some simple fancy work. The attendance last Saturday was thirty-five.

HOWICK AND TURNBERRY.—Having spent three months supplying these churches, allow me to say a word about the field. Turnberry is weak; there have been deaths and removals, and little or no ingathering. Like as in many other things, so with a church—to stand still is to go back. And the members are discouraged. When I first went there I proposed special services; but there was no response. Afterward there seemed to be no opportunity; no prayer-

meetings; and a Sunday school that sleeps through the winter. It was a good proposal made by Mr. Hall, to have Turnberry attached to Wingham and the two Howick churches as a separate field. Thus the Wingham friends would have some missionary work to do outside their own borders—a good thing for any church; and, with the Turnberry church, be independent of aid from the General Fund—burdened enough at any time. The church on the Twelfth Line of Howick is also weak in numbers and finances. Some of the former members have joined other churches in Clifford, three miles distant. I held, with much difficulty, and with many interruptions from snow-storms, three weeks' special meetings at Howick Twelfth. We never could get the house well-filled: nevertheless, ten persons professed conversion—all young people but one. The church may revive yet; the more so that the few members that remain seem to have picked up a little encouragement from the working of the Lord's hand with us. One very sudden and unexpected death in the person of Mr. Henry Reynolds, a leading member and treasurer of the church. He had been treated for three days for inflammation of the bowels, but did not consider it serious, and thought he was out of danger and hoped to be well enough next day to go out and cast a ballot for the Scott Act in his county (Wellington). He went out to his barn, took a chill and a relapse, and died at sunrise next morning. He cast no ballot for the Scott Act, but left a good assurance that Christ had cast a ballot of acceptance and acquittal for him! (Rev. ii. 17.) The church on the "Ninth" of Howick is in good working order. They have a live Sunday school of eighty general average attendance; and a good prayer-meeting from house to house, with a weekly attendance of forty. Generally, a dozen young people will be found either praying or speaking, or both. And very lively, off-hand singing. Two young converts are just now candidates for fellowship in the church, and others are being laboured with. Average congregation, one hundred. It is a pity that the two Howick churches had not the undivided attention of a resident pastor. They might soon be made strong, self-reliant churches. The distance between them is two and a-half miles in summer and four miles in winter (the direct road being blocked in winter). There are very few churches in Canada with so energetic and numerous a band of Christian young people as here. By the way, if any Sunday school has a library they are laying aside to make room for a new one, they could do a numerous and *living* Sunday school a favour by sending their old books ("as good as new" to those who haven't read them!) to John Pritchard, the young and newly-appointed superintendent. His address is Harriston. The churches are to be supplied by a student for the summer. But they much desire to get a pastor settled among them for per-