

room, and attended by many members of the Kingston Church. Special prayer was offered for the vacant Churches, that the Lord would send Pastors. Last INDEPENDENT tells us that, that prayer has, in a measure, been answered.

At the ministerial sessions, Rev. J. Brown read a very interesting Lecture or Essay on "Prayer Culture," full of earnest practical suggestions and experiences, which elicited a long and animated discussion. The evening was devoted to a public meeting, Rev. K. M. Fenwick presiding. The topics assigned to the several brethren were intended to deepen the interest of the Church in the various benevolent associations in connection with the denomination. The first topic "The Congregational Provident Fund" was presented by Rev. R. Lewis. Rev. Joseph Griffiths, of Cobourg, spoke earnestly and well on behalf of the "Congregational College." Our Missions were advocated by Rev. R. Brown, of Middleville; followed by Rev. J. Brown, of Lanark village, on "The Principles of Congregationalism." The collections were liberal. Kingston always gives the Association a cordial reception. But I institute no comparison by saying that, for I have found, thus far in my experience, that the last meeting always seemed the best we ever held; and I hope, and do almost believe, that the best meeting of all will be our next, which, D. V., is to be held next May, in Belleville.

The Exercises, for the May Meeting, are as follows: 1. Public Sermon, by Rev. J. Griffith; 2. Review, by Rev. R. Brown; 3. Discussion, topic "How best to bring our young people and non-professors generally to confess Christ!" to be introduced by Rev. J. G. Sander-son; 4. Discussion, topic, "Heart Culture," led by Rev. K. M. Fenwick; 5. Evening Service, to be arranged for by the Pastor of the Church.

R. L.

MARKHAM AND UNIONSVILLE.—The recognition of the Rev. Robert Bulman, from England, as Pastor of the Congregational Churches at Markham and Unionville, took place November 4th, 1873. The Rev. F. H. Marling, of Tor-

onto, presided, and having opened the service with prayer, received from the Deacons, on behalf of the Church, the Call given to Mr. Bulman, and which was unanimously confirmed by the members present. The Pastor elect then responded to the usual questions; signified his acceptance of the Call, and gave his reasons for exercising his ministry. The Rev. B. W. Day, of Stouffville, invoked the Divine blessing on the Pastor and the Church, and gave the right hand of fellowship. The Rev. S. T. Gibbs, of Whitby, gave the charge to the Minister, from Col. iv. 17. "And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it." The Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Toronto, addressed the Church from I. Thess. v. 12, 13.—"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

At five o'clock p.m., a Tea-party was held, followed by a Public Meeting of the Missionary Society. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Marling, Day, Dickson, Gibbs and Carmichael, of the Church of Scotland. The interesting services of the day were closed with prayer and the benediction by the Pastor.

It is a cause of fervent thankfulness to God that it can be stated, that the prospects of prosperity are brightening around these Churches. "Awake! O north wind, and come, thou south; blow upon 'this' garden, that the spices thereof may flow out." May it be so in every other house of God in the land.

S. T. G.

KINGSTON.—We learn from a Kingston paper that the interior of the Congregational Church in that place has recently undergone several improvements, which are thus indicated:—"The organ has been removed from its former recess behind the pulpit to the opposite end of the church, and the recess has been panelled in, and the pulpit moved further back from its old position, and raised on a level with a new platform,