

The Committee have since given him instruction to confine his labours to Orangeville and South Caledon in the future, and have secured for the summer a student for Meaford and Thornbury.

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ONTARIO EASTERN DISTRICT.

*Belleville.*—The Church here has again to be reported vacant. The settlement effected last year proved to be of short duration, as Mr. Hay felt it to be his duty, ere the expiry of the year, to resign his charge. Notwithstanding the necessarily depressing influence upon the Church, of the changes it has been called upon to undergo, there are not wanting elements of promise, which it is to be hoped, will prove sufficiently inviting to some servant of God, who will be ready there to endure hardness as a good soldier.

*Coldsprings and Cobourg.*—The Rev. Charles Pedley continues to minister here, and reports thus :

"The present aspect of the Church and congregation is one to be contemplated with mingled feelings. On the cheerful side there is the fact of peace within the Church and in the relations between pastor and people. There has been a manifest improvement in the attendance on the means of Grace. Our little Church is now fully taken up with regular seatholders and their families. On the discouraging side of the account is, the want of any large evidence of the work of conversion and a lack of system in the management of Church finances.

Of *Cobourg* he says :

"I have not to report much change since last year. On the whole, the congregations during the winter have shewn an increase on each of the two previous winters, in which I have ministered to the people, and there are one or two permanent additions of good useful material."

*Brockville.*—The year, upon the whole, has been to this Church one of average success. With the month of March began a new system of financial management. A standing Committee, selected from among the young men of the congregation, was entrusted with the finances, and already has furnished such an earnest as augurs