

been a source of trouble. But brighter experiences seem now to be coming to the patient souls there. Mr. Extence has exerted himself to brighten the building and make it comfortable. The people have taken fresh hold, and all round the outlook is cheering. It is to be hoped, therefore, that Mr. Extence will remain pastor.

COBOURG.—Though without a settled pastor, services have been kept up in Cobourg, and the Society has sought to be of assistance to the loyal few that remain there. And to the extent of the Society's power, aid will not be withheld for the future year, should a suitable pastoral settlement be made in this—for many years—important church.

OTTAWA FIRST.—Rev. W. McIntosh. As the result of special Evangelistic services held last winter in the city, the First church has received a fresh blessing. Mr. McIntosh, writing under date of February last, reported :

Last Sunday we received 36 into membership, rather on the Wednesday evening previous. Thirty-three were with us at the Table. We had a service of two and a-half hours in length ; yet the people seemed to be unwilling to leave. The deacons told me that they never before had such a Communion season in the church. We expect to receive about 12 more next month. Over 100 in the prayer meeting.

Writing again, May 27th, Mr. McIntosh says :

Fifty-one members have, during the year, been added ; but perhaps the best blessing, is the quickening so many of our members have received. Our hope is, the steady reducing of the grant, and the increase of contributions.

OTTAWA WELCOME ZION.—Rev. H. J. Horsey, pastor. Summing up the year's work in May, Mr. Horsey writes :

The great need at the present time is an enlarged building, in order to do the best possible work, and afford sufficient school and church accommodation. The Executive of the church and school have decided to extend the present building, at an outlay of \$700 ; this amount to be provided for by the people.

Seeing that the church has been in existence but a year under Mr. Horsey's pastorate, the following facts and figures are certainly full of hope :

Families on visiting-register, 60. Families of the congregation, 48. Adult members of the congregation, 100. Members of the church, 37.