

fire of 1877, has been gradually showing renewed life under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Saer, B. D., recently of Wingham, Ont. Considerable additions have been made to the congregation, especially from those who have not been regular attendants on any place of worship. Mission work is also carried on by two or three of the members in an outlying district of Portland, on the Milledgeville road, with excellent results. This church followed up the week of prayer by a series of meetings, which were well sustained. On Sunday, March 1, twenty-two new members were added to the church by profession, making the addition since the pastor's installation in August of twenty-three by profession and three by letter. On Sunday evening, March 8, Mr. Saer made reference to the death during the preceding week of two former trustees of the church, viz., Hon. John Flewwelling, member of the Legislative Council of New Brunswick, and Hon. Isaac Burpee, member of the Dominion Parliament. The following is an extract from the *St. John Telegraph*: The late Hon. John Flewwelling, he said, was an attendant upon the services of the church in its early years; for aught he knew, may have been one of its promoters. At all events he was one of its trustees, in 1847, and had rendered it a service in a time of difficulty by aiding in tiding over a financial embarrassment, for which he received a vote of thanks, as appeared by the records. Mr. Flewwelling was identified with the congregation until his removal to Hampton, and was always interested in its welfare, and one of his children united with the church on last Sunday evening. The late Isaac Burpee was the son of a godly man, Isaac Burpee, Esq., a deacon of the Congregational Church in Sheffield. Mr. Isaac Burpee came to St. John through a visit of Mr. Joseph Robinson to Sheffield to attend a meeting of the Congregational Union, and through this incident arose the great enterprises in which Mr. Burpee and the members of his family were engaged. On his removal to St. John he became an attendant on the worship of Union Street Church, and in 1854 united with its membership. In 1858 he was elected clerk; in 1861 a trustee; was at one time its treasurer; in 1867 was elected deacon and a member of the Church Committee, in 1869 superintendent of the Sunday school, and was also identified with the Congregational denomination as a member of the Committee of the Congregational Union. In his connection with the church he was earnest and active, and there are some connected at present with the church who were influenced by his kind words and Christian invitations. He (Mr. Saer) had been informed that Mr. Burpee was rarely if ever absent from his place in church when at home, while he remained in connection with it, and was kind, generous and charitable. The greater part of Mr. Burpee's religious activity and work was performed in

connection with, or while he was a member of it; and the religious training of himself and brothers was received in connection with the Congregational denomination. And probably the happiest part of his Christian life was when he, with an unbroken family, worshipped in this place. Not in his legislative capacity or public life did he take so much pleasure as in his Sunday school work, according to the statement he made to the school when he returned on one occasion from attendance on a session of Parliament. It was not in his large and useful commercial enterprise, his ability as a legislator, his great activities, that the preacher had so much to do, as it was with his life when engaged as an humble, earnest Christian in carrying forward the work of the Gospel. Mr. Burpee severed his connection with the Congregational Church in 1879, after which time he (Mr. Saer) had little opportunity of knowing much about his religious work. Through the death of prominent members of our community and Province, God was speaking to merchants, lawyers, politicians, and to the men and women of our city and country, and well would it be for their best interests if God's call was heeded. Mr. Saer proceeded to preach to his congregation on the thoughts contained in the text; and the intimate connection between death and life, in view of eternity. He would ask his hearers to follow Christian men so far as their example was in accord with the teachings of the Holy Bible, and no further. The only one to whom he would point as a perfect example was Jesus, the Son of God, whom he invited his hearers to accept and follow.

TORONTO, WESTERN.—The following item in a letter from the pastor of this church will tell its own tale of progress: "I am glad to be able to state to you that our church has decided to do without missionary aid after July 1, the end of the present financial year." They have also agreed to add \$100 to the pastor's salary. As was fitting, a resolution of cordial thanks was requested to be sent through the Secretary to the Board of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society for their long-continued and generous support.

WINNIPEG.—From a copy of the *Winnipeg Times* we learn that our friend Mr. J. B. Silcox preached on the 29th ult., to a crowded congregation, among whom were several members of the local House then sitting, on the rising in the North-West. The discourse, which is printed in full, is too long for our columns; it is full of enthusiastic loyalty, and says regarding this outbreak that "there would be some justification in this resistance of established power by the half-breeds of the North-West if they lived under a despotic monarchy. Our system of Government makes resort to riot and rebellion wholly unjustifiable. There is a peaceable and lawful method of redressing real grievances. If the half-breeds of the North-West