

institutions. It was, therefore, a supreme pleasure to speak to them of our college, its past, its present, and the prospects of its future. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Barker, is one of Dr. Barbour's students.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The contributions to the college will be forwarded early in November.

PARIS.—Three months have passed since the new pastor, Mr. J. K. Unsworth, was settled here. Attendance on church services is more regular and heartier, more earnest feeling is growing. A successful Monday night Bible class has been started. The choir has been moved from the gallery to a position behind the pulpit. This church hopes before long to regain its old place in our denomination. The Western Association meets here next April.

PINE GROVE AND HUMBER SUMMIT.—Mr. A. W. Gerrie, having accepted from the Missionary Society the appointment to Brandon, Manitoba, has resigned his pastorate of these churches, very much to the regret of the people, to whom Mr. and Mrs. Gerrie, by their earnest Christian walk, have very much endeared themselves. We sympathize deeply with these churches in their loss, and trust that soon another pastor, Mr. Gerrie's worthy successor, may be found. To Mr. and Mrs. Gerrie, who leave soon after this issue, we extend our confidence and prayers, assured that our churches may rest in the conviction that whatever true-hearted consecration and sanctified prudence can perform in the North-West will be accomplished by Mr. Gerrie and his faithful companion.

WINGHAM.—On September 30 the Rev. Robert Ward, M.A., M.D., LL.D., was installed pastor of the church. In the afternoon a meeting of the church and congregation was held, to take into consideration the condition of the church. This was followed by a council meeting, composed of delegates from neighbouring churches and representatives of the Wingham Church. The pastor's credentials were examined and certified satisfactory, as also his clear, concise statement of doctrinal views. In the evening a public installation service was held, Rev. C. E. Gordon-Smith, F.S.Sc., of Stratford, Moderator. Mr. R. Currie made a statement on behalf of the church, of circumstances leading to the call of Dr. Ward to the pastorate of the church. The pastor-elect made his reply, stating his reasons for accepting the position. The moderator then offered the installation prayer. Rev. W. Burgess, of Listowel, addressed the pastor, and Rev. G. Fuller, of Brantford, the congregation. The choir rendered sweet music on the occasion, and the meeting closed with hope for the future. May God bless the hallowed relation.

WINNIPEG.—Rev. Dr. Frisbie, of Des Moines, Iowa, writing in *The Advance* of his recent trip over the C.P.R. to the Pacific Coast, says: "I, being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my Master's

brethren,' and I found myself enjoying the weekly prayer meeting of the Congregational Church of Winnipeg, temporarily supplied by Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Ontario. It was an encouraging meeting, full of young people, indicative of a large and interested congregation. Our church there has a good membership and position, a large building, and is, in every respect but one, well placed for growth and permanent influence. The one drawback is an inheritance from the days of the boom, six years ago."

A SABBATH IN ORO.

Oro is a name with which I have been familiar for forty years and more, but never visited the township to which it belongs until Saturday last, when I went thither to preach on the following Sabbath. I was met at Barrie by Mr. Thomas McLeod, of Dalston, and after being kindly entertained at dinner by Mr. Scott, and spending a couple of hours with Brother Black, to the detriment, I fear, of his Sunday sermons, greatly enjoyed the ten miles' drive through a beautiful rolling country to Mr. McLeod's hospitable abode. I began to think we were in the backwoods indeed, when, before we alighted from the buggy, we were told that a she-bear and her cub had, about an hour previously, passed through the fields not very far from the barn. The young fellows of the neighbourhood were busy till nightfall trying to find Mrs. Bruin. All the dogs and guns available were enlisted in the pursuit, which however terminated unsuccessfully.

On Sabbath morning, at nine o'clock, Mr. E. Gardiner drove up to take me on to Rugby, eleven miles off, where the morning service was to be held. Such hills and vales! A lovely country, but hard to travel, both for man and beast. A fair, but not full congregation assembled. Mr. Ball dined us bountifully, and at one o'clock we started for Edgar, the afternoon appointment. A fine congregation, young people predominating. Before announcing my text, I told the audience I was in a quandary, from the fact that I was expected to preach three times, and had vowed a vow never again to preach three sermons on the same Sabbath. I did not like to disappoint the evening congregation, and I was not willing to break my resolution, because I deemed it a good one. By way of compromise, I proposed to split the sermon in two, giving half in the afternoon and the rest at night. If any of them desired to hear the second half, they could attend the evening service at Dalston, three miles distant. I took a forty-minute MSS. sermon, conveniently divisible, and stopped when half way through it. I was the more inclined to make this compromise from having been told there had been great complaints of long sermons of late. Who preached them? Not Students Macallum or Davey, I am sure.