

and read a neatly-worded congratulatory address, accompanied by a well-filled purse, which was presented by Mrs. J. M. Ross, on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Silcox, who was completely taken by surprise, thanked the friends for the kind address, and also the purse; in doing so he took occasion to review briefly these twenty-one years in his Master's service, nearly fourteen of which had been spent in Embro. Revs. Allworth, Dickson, Marling and McIntosh were present at his ordination, which took place in the Edgar church; he thanked God who thought him worthy, putting him into the ministry.

Mr. Silcox has withdrawn his resignation, which the church by a unanimous vote urged him to do.

Rev. A. S. McLeod is home from New York, spending his vacation with his aged parents. One of the oldest members of the congregation has just passed away, in the person of Mrs. A. B. Munroe, who was in her 80th year.—*Com.*

CHURCHILL.—Our motto is "Onward and Upward." Our ranks are being strengthened and enlarged by new incomers, some thirty having been received into fellowship this year.

Our weekly prayer-meeting is a source of great help to us all; with an average attendance of thirty per week. We are having some very profitable times. Our congregations are good, and a real spirit of devotion and determination has possession of our church members; and our cry to God is for a deepening of spiritual life for His children, and salvation for those who gather to hear His word Sabbath after Sabbath.

At both these churches our monthly church-meeting and social gathering has been a great help in our work. We meet once a month for business; and after the business has been disposed of, we cordially invite the adherents of the churches to spend an hour or two with us. A bright happy programme is arranged, both vocal and instrumental, and time given for social intercourse. Our average gatherings on these occasions numbering 70 to 80. T. H. A.

HAMILTON.—The First Church has had a sad prominence in being the first contributor to the season's drowning list. Our Boys' Brigade, under Messrs. Chas. Chadwick and Jos. Wheeler, went across the Bay, Saturday, June 16th, for a pleasant outing, and they had it to the full; but just as they were returning, a squall dropped so suddenly upon them, that the two boats were swamped, and in trying to swim ashore, young Willie Henderson was drowned, quite near land. He was a member of our school, and well thought of. It was three days before the body was recovered by the officers and some of the church members, who assisted in the search. Fortunately all the other

boys were rescued, although by a hair's breadth.

Saturday, as a picnic day, has not been tried by our school until this year; and last Saturday it was with fear and trembling, under presages of disaster, that the teachers took the school to Winona. But in spite of this, and the hard times, which the youngsters quite failed to realize, the picnic was one of our most successful.

The church has disposed of some of the real estate which it once intended to build on, and we hope to breathe a little easier now.

Our congregation is gradually thinning out; and the members like the "Graves of a Household," are now "Scattered far and wide by mountain stream and sea." Our pastor is the latest departure, he being off Duluth-ward. Those of us who cannot go anywhere, will stay and keep the pews dusted, and perhaps have the nicest time of all—who knows?—B.

LONDON, SOUTHERN.—The "Council of Workers," met July 17th. Reports were given by Pastor, Deacons, S. Supt., and the Secretaries of Church, C. E. Society, Band of Hope, Building Fund, Willing Helpers, and Woman's Auxiliary.

The church is making solid, steady progress. We can still accommodate our congregations, but we are crowded in S. School; and feel that the lack of a proper church building is a detriment to us. Seven new members have been added lately, and more have applied.

The church at Glendale is again taken up by two young men who have lately come to us, Messrs. Lewis and Harding. In September they go to the Montreal College.

Death has visit us again, and taken two of our little ones; little Frances M. Climie, and Deacon Jepson's baby, Wilfred, to the Saviour's upper fold.

C. CANNOM.

CALEDON CHURCH.—Last Sabbath we had the joy of giving a hearty welcome to four more new members. The service was one of deep impression; and the reception of the candidates by the members of the church most touching.

We have closed our church for a thorough renovation, and the friends of Caledon will hardly be able to recognize it when it gets its new clothes on! The individual members of the church are working with might and main, not only in renovating the church, but in the salvation of poor sinners. They realize a great and glorious victory lies within their reach, and they are determined to accomplish great things in the strength of God.

T. H. A.

HUMBER SUMMIT.—On Wednesday, June 27th, the 19th anniversary of the Sabbath school was held. Tea was served in the barn; and a plenti-