

the dead son, or the maimed son, or the invalid son, for these things are submitted to as unavoidable afflictions. It is the "foolish son" that brings the "heaviness" to "his mother." "Heaviness" is the right word, for sadness and sorrow are burdens indeed under which many a poor aching frame goes bending toward the tomb, to lie down in that bed where

"The weary are at rest."

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.—Continued.

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BELLEVILLE.—Rev. William Stacy has resigned the pastorate of the church here, having preached his farewell sermon on the last Sunday of June. At a strawberr festival, held on the evening of the following Wednesday, a farewell address accompanied by a purse containing fifty dollars was given. The address expressed regret at the inevitable separation; expressed appreciation of the faithful labours of Mr. Stacy, and prayed for the future comfort of both him and his wife. After the closing service of Sunday evening, Mr. Stacy gave at their place of meeting, a farewell address to the Salvation Army at Belleville.

BRANTFORD.—This month we have to record the death of Mrs. William Mellish, who was for thirty years a consistent member of our church. She was born in the city of London, England, in the year 1812. Married her partner who survives her, in 1835. Came to this city some thirty years ago. They identified themselves with our church, and have remained loyal to it through all its vicissitudes. Our sister was distinctly christian from her youth up. A faithful wife, an affectionate mother, and one who feared the Lord greatly. During the last years of her life, she was called upon to endure great physical suffering, which by the grace of God she bore patiently. On the twenty-fourth day of June, after nine months weary sitting in pain and heaviness, her spirit passed away to that blest land "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." Our pastor was away during the month of June, in company with his family visiting his former field in Lancaster. Their visit was an enjoyable one, made so by generous hospitality, boating, fishing, driving, etc. They returned very much refreshed. During their absence a Lawn Social was held under the auspices of the "Ladies' Aid" on the beautiful lawn of Mr. Whitney. It was a great success. Our church is undergoing needed repairs. Work on the new vestry has not yet begun.

MELBOURNE.—On June the 3rd, 1884, a council met in the Congregational Church, Melbourne, at eleven a.m., for the purpose of installing the Rev. George Robertson. Pastors present: Rev. L. P. Adams, William McIntosh, George Skinner, C. R. Brainerd, George Purkis, and the pastor elect. Rev. L. P. Adams, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. G. Purkis, Scribe. A letter was read from the Rev. J. G. Sanderson, expressing his regret at being unable to be present on account of recent sickness.

The meeting was opened by reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. William McIntosh, after which a copy of the letter calling the Council was read.

Mr. Alexander, one of the deacons of the Melbourne Church, stated on behalf of the churches of Melbourne and Durham, that the call to the Rev. George Robertson had been unanimous from both churches.

Mr. Robertson gave a statement of his having received and accepted the call, and his reasons for so doing, believing that it was by the leadings of God's providence that he had come here. He then gave an account of the training through which he had passed preparatory to the work of the ministry. He also gave a brief statement of his doctrinal views, and his views of the responsibilities assumed by the minister of the Gospel.

It was moved by the former pastor of these churches. Rev. W. McIntosh, seconded by Rev. C. R. Brainerd, that having heard Mr. Robertson's statement, and being fully satisfied with the same, this council do most cordially recommend these churches to proceed with the installation. This was carried unanimously; the council then adjourned, and met again at three p. m., when a good congregation assembled. The Rev. G. Skinner, opened the exercises by reading the Scriptures and prayer. The call to the pastor was then read. Deacon Alexander, on behalf of the churches, declared their adherence to the call, and the pastor elect testified his willingness to abide by his acceptance of the same.

The installation prayer was offered by Rev. C. R. Brainerd. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. L. P. Adams; the charge to the pastor by Rev. G. Purkis, and the charge to the people by the Rev. William McIntosh.

In the evening a tea-meeting was held at which addresses were delivered by the several pastors present.

It was felt to be an enjoyable and profitable season. May the union thus formed between pastor and people be abundantly blessed by the great Head of the Church.

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A CORRESPONDENT of the *London Academy* points out that Lord Rosebery the other day revived an old error by attributing to Lord Beaconsfield the invention of the phrase, "the gondola of London," for a Hansom cab. The phrase occurs in Balzac, applied to the Paris *fiacres*, and was borrowed from him by Mr. Whitley, from whom Disraeli probably stole it.