

Association, which meets here in October. The ladies held a very successful garden party at Mr. A. Woodley's on Wednesday, September 12th. Proceeds \$60. We have lately had our church repaired, and are now talking of putting in a furnace. The Sunday School and C. E. Society are in a flourishing condition.

TORONTO, HOPE CHURCH.—On Thursday evening, Sept. 6, a farewell social gathering was held in the school room, under the management of the Y. P. S. C. E., in honor of the Rev. W. J. Nelson, who has so ably supplied the pulpit for the past two months, and is leaving us to again pursue his studies at college. The programme consisted of speeches interspersed with singing. The chairman, Mr. J. Berry, gave an excellent speech, as also did Mr. Davidge and Mr. Nelson. May the Lord bless him in his studies.—E. J. W.

GEORGETOWN.—Rev. Ralph Duff is back to his regular pastorate at Georgetown, after nearly a year at Vancouver, B. C. His people were glad to have him back again, and showed their pleasure at his return by a meeting at his residence; speeches from several resident ministers and others, and from representative citizens; a gold-headed cane, etc. All which is very pleasant to chronicle, as between people and pastor.

TORONTO, BROADVIEW AVENUE—Will the friends who have collecting-cards for the Broadview Ave. Congregational Church, Toronto, kindly forward the money *as soon as possible*, to the card treasurer, Mr. Frank Gibbart, 181 First Avenue. Please either return the card, or the name of the collector, at the same time. F. G.

SPEEDSIDE AND FERGUS.—We are pleased to hear that these two churches are doing so well. Mr. Margrett (the pastor) hopes also to be able to make some arrangement so that he will be able during coming months to take a few weeks evangelistic services. Any pastors who cannot secure Evangelist Main will do well to write our brother at once

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The pastor, Rev. James W. Pedley, has returned, after a year of a post-graduate course under Principal Fairbairn, Mansfield College, Oxford; and taken up again the work in which he has been so successful for the last six years.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—Scotland, Co. Brant. The Secretary, Mr. Bert Malcolm, writes that delegates will be met at all the trains, "and will be well cared for while here?" Let names be sent at once. See among "Official Notices."

THE GLOBE ON PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The *Globe*, in an article under the above heading, commenting on the case of Rev. John Burton, says, "He did not deem it necessary to sever his ecclesiastical connection, when, yielding to opportunity, he retired from the Belleville pastorate and accepted the charge in Toronto;" and takes exception to our *dictum*, that "a man cannot be a member of two different denominations, any more than he could be a citizen of two different counties." As a member of a Congregational church, a man comes under the discipline of that church; and as a member of the Congregational Union, under the discipline of that Union. If some other church (or congregation), Union or presbytery, claims his allegiance, there is at once confusion, and a conflict of authority; and it is a perfectly tenable ground to say that a man must owe allegiance *somewhere*. In 1848, Lord Brougham appeared so taken with the new Republic of France, that he proposed himself as a citizen. Lemieux, the Minister of Justice, was wonderfully pleased, and wrote to "Citizen Brougham" (so addressing his letter), but he cautiously reminded him, that in becoming a citizen of France, he, by that act, ceased to be a Peer of Great Britain, or a British subject! The erratic old statesman had never thought of that; and with what grace he could—it was not very much—withdrawn his application. He afterwards made the lame defence of himself in the House of Lords, that he had a property at Cannes, which he feared might otherwise be confiscated. Reasons just as commonplace, may or may not exist, in changes of ecclesiastical allegiance; but the anomaly of two co-ordinate jurisdictions remains the same, whether the cases are civil or ecclesiastical. And the fact that Christian bodies, generally, require a dismissal from a former ecclesiastical connection, before admitting to their own membership, shows that this view prevails. And very properly so.

REV. F. W. MACALLUM.—A letter from this missionary brother, directing a change in the address of his copy of the INDEPENDENT, apprizes us that he is removing to Marats, from Erzroom, (Turkey), to assist in the Theological College.