

Home. During the last year 11 of the lads who had been sent to the country on trial were duly apprenticed to their masters, and two were adopted into excellent homes, making a total of 35 who are earning their own living, and in most cases giving satisfaction to their employers. Reports from these absent children of the Home are required periodically, and duly received from their masters, clergymen, and school teachers. With very few exceptions these have been most favourable and encouraging. During the year 1877, two of these lads, now young men, accomplished their terms of service, and received the money which had been annually paid for them by their employers, and which was deposited to their account in a savings bank in accordance with the rules of the Institution."

The report then goes on to speak of the attention paid to the health and training of the inmates; expresses the thanks of the managers for several handsome donations of money, and for various other kindnesses conferred upon the Home during the year. Special and very grateful acknowledgment is made "to the many kind friends who devote so much of their time every Sunday in giving religious instruction to the boys."

The Institution closes the year free from debt, but with only a small balance in the treasury.

The Committee of Management consists of Protestant ladies of all denominations, the Baptists being represented by Mrs. A. R. McMaster, who is Treasurer, and Mrs. H. H. Humphrey.

A SUCCESSFUL PASTORATE.

On Lord's day, Feb. 3rd, Dr. Castle commenced the sixth year of his ministry in connection with Jarvis-st. church, Toronto.

The following statistics, furnished by the Church Clerk were read at the close of the morning sermon—which, by the way, was in no sense an anniversary sermon, but a very excellent discourse on the nearness of the relationship between Christ and the believer, the text being Matt. xxii. 49, 50.

The statistics for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1878, are:—

Increase.		Decrease.	
By Baptism.....	84	By Letter.....	43
By Letter.....	33	By Death.....	10
By Experience.....	8	By Erasure.....	6
By Restoration.....	2	By Exclusion.....	6
Total.....		Total.....	
125		65	

The net increase being 60 for the year.

The statistics for the five years of Dr.

Castle's pastorate, from Feb. 1st, 1873, to Feb. 1st, 1878, are:—

Increase.		Decrease.	
By Baptism.....	334	By Letter.....	155
By Letter.....	167	By Death.....	28
By Experience.....	39	By Erasure.....	30
By Restoration.....	2	By Exclusion.....	14
Total.....		Total.....	
542		227	

Giving a net increase for the five years of 315 members, or an average increase of 63 per annum.

The membership of the church on 1st Feb., 1873, was 352; now it is 667, or almost double in five years. The material prosperity is sufficiently indicated in the removal of the place of worship from old Bond-st chapel to the Jarvis-st edifice, the cost of which (about \$100,000) is now almost paid.

The sermon in the evening, delivered before a crowded house, was an exposition of the strict Baptist view on the subject of communion. It was an eloquent and masterly argument, free from the slightest taint of denominational bitterness, and was listened to with the closest attention from beginning to end. Its circulation in pamphlet form among the churches could not fail to be attended with most gratifying results.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

CORRESPONDENTS AND EXCHANGES will please note the fact that we have changed our Post Office Box to No. 223. See our advertisements.

THE SECRETARY'S WORK.—We are very gratified to learn from Dr. Davidson that a good measure of success has attended his recent tour among the churches of the Niagara Association. The amount collected and promised for Home Missions will, Dr. D. assures us, be double that obtained last year. This is encouraging. We trust that a similar report may be forthcoming from all the other Associations, "so that,"—to repeat the potent words of a respected correspondent found in another column—"instead of having note under discount in the bank for the Lord's work, a balance may be found in the Treasurer's hands."

PERSONAL DEALING.—In another part of this paper will be found an account of the organization, and plans of working of

the Baptist Sunday School in Kincardine, Ont. This school during its brief history has been remarkably blessed of God; and the writer of the sketch, who is a Sabbath school teacher of 27 years experience, attributes the success in a very large measure to the *personal dealing* method as carried out by the Kincardine teachers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESULTS.—From the *Examiner and Chronicle* we gather the following gratifying statistics of the Baptists Sunday Schools in the State of New York for 1877. There are in that State, in round numbers, 105,000 scholars, an increase over the previous year of about 2,000; and there have been baptized during the year 2,021 scholars, or nearly two fifths of all the baptisms reported in the State.

CLERICAL TITLES.—A venerable brother, whose communication we print in another column, is very much exercised concerning the wickedness of our ministers and the depravity of the *CHRISTIAN HELPER* and other religious papers, in the free use made of the little prefix "*Rev*" to distinguish the former and otherwise reputable class of the community. For his comfort, and as affording a noble example in these degenerate days, we take pleasure in appending the following from the *Baptist* of the 31st ult.:—

"Bro. Thos. Williamson writes as follows: I wish correspondents to address me at Acton, where I am at present labouring for the Lord. I do not wish them to address me with the title of '*Rev*,' as my religious convictions lead me to doubt the propriety of being so addressed."

A MODEST EDITOR.—Modesty is not generally considered amongst the distinguishing attributes of the members of fourth estate; but the following rare exception is so ingenious that we cannot refrain from commending its spirit to the favourable notice of our readers. A religious contemporary speaking editorially of the Rev. Joseph Cook's now famous "*FIVE P's*," the *parlor*, the *pulpit*, the *press*, *politics* and the *police*, winds up with the following modest conclusion—"The first two of these powers, the Christian home and the Christian pulpit, we regard as so far ahead of the rest, that the latter cannot worthily be ranked in the same category." At first sight we were inclined