

expressed that his paper might be published in the INDEPENDENT.

EDGAR.—An interesting event took place here one evening a month or so ago. Miss Maggie Gray, now Mrs. Dr. W. H. Clutton, who has for the past four years acted as organist of the Congregational church of this place, was, on her retiring from that office, presented at their residence, with an address of thanks for her services always willingly rendered; and as a small recognition of those services, she was asked to accept of a silver salver from the members of the choir. The address read just previous to the presentation, by Miss Ella Jamieson, Mrs. Clutton's successor as organist, explained that the gift was by no means an adequate return for her services, but simply as an assurance of the indebtedness which they all felt to their late organist for her readiness to help them in the musical services of the sanctuary. Mrs. Clutton gracefully replied, assuring her friends of her very grateful acknowledgement of their kindness. It was always a pleasure to help them in this way when it lay in her power. The rest of the evening was spent very pleasantly also. The pastor and his wife were present to witness the ceremony, and to join in the social time that followed. The Dr. was absent when the presentation took place, but returned in time to join in the fun. Dr. Clutton is an assiduous and painstaking practitioner, and is fast gaining for himself a reputation as a medical man. Hence he is always busy.—*Com.*

SCOTLAND, ONT.—A visit to Scotland is a real refresher to faith and works in the Gospel. Our venerable brother, Rev. Wm. Hay, has nearly completed forty-five years of active service as a minister of Jesus Christ.

During that time Mr. Hay has done a great work in laying the foundation of the moral, intellectual and spiritual life of a Canadian people. He began his ministry "in the bush;" he has seen the country cleared, and covered with homesteads. For twelve years he had the oversight of the public schools in two townships; and he has preached, visited the sick, and buried the dead at Kelvin, New Durham, Burford, Scotland, and all the country around. Thus his work has been a kind of settled itineracy. Having his home at Scotland, he has travelled and labored as he had opportunity. We may thank God for such a ministry, a life ministry of word and doctrine. We know that it leaves its mark upon the ages.

At the last communion, the church received into its fellowship fifteen young disciples of Jesus Christ; adding that number to the many hundreds who have been welcomed by its pastor. This ingathering is a blessed assurance of promised

blessings yet to come to the church, as a result of a faithful ministry. We regret the failing health of brother Hay, and trust that our blessed Lord will abundantly manifest His goodness and grace to him in his old age, so that it may be fruitful in the peace and comfort of His love.—*Com.*

PINE GROVE.—On February 14th the Rev. Geo. Skinner, late of Eaton, Quebec, preached his first sermon in this place. This church, in connection with the Humber Summit church, having given him a unanimous call to supply for a year, with a view to the pastorate of both churches, he is now nest and satisfactory manner. The number at the Sabbath services and Sunday school is increasing, and we are hoping and praying, that with God's blessing upon his labors, our numbers may be greatly increased.

Our Christian Endeavor meets on Tuesday evening of each week in the parsonage. Its numbers and interest are increasing, and we expect better things; and to God be all the praise. On Tuesday evening, 8th inst., Mr. and Mrs. Skinner gave a very enjoyable social to the above-named Society, and all connected with the church. The weather being very unfavorable, there was not a large gathering, but a very pleasant time was spent.

The Mission Band, numbering about twenty, is doing a good work. They gave a very interesting concert in the church, on Friday evening, the 11th inst., consisting of readings, recitations and singing. Mr. T. Hill, a young man, formerly a member of this church, and for the last two years in training as a teacher for foreign missions (to which he is now going in West Central Africa), told us how he was led by God's Spirit to the work, and an outline of the work in that place.

EDGAR.—A meeting for the purpose of discussing the advisability of building a basement under the church, was held on Tuesday evening, 15th of March. There was a good attendance. The past-meeting had been convened in the parsonage to deliberate in this matter, in connection with the Ladies' Aid Society; when a committee was appointed with a view to obtain some approximate estimate as to the cost of such an undertaking. A rough calculation had been drafted, showing that the outside cost of the work would be upwards of \$600. The question to be decided was, as to the practicability of such an undertaking. That a separate room from the main church edifice for school and other purposes was greatly needed, had long since been acknowledged. But hitherto it had not been entered upon, because of other calls upon the church finances in connection with church renovation and the building and repairs of