

He advanced a step or two and took Ethel's hand in both of his.

"Ethel, I had no intention of eavesdropping, but I could not avoid hearing the voices that aroused me from my slumbers among the bushes overhead. I had been rambling about all the morning, and was tired, wearied, and—"

"What did you hear?" murmured Ethel, feeling as if every drop of blood in her being was concentrated in her cheeks and forehead.

"Enough to make me the happiest mortal in existence. There, don't blush, darling; it has been a long enigma, but it is solved at last. Do you hear the big drops pattering down among the leaves? Come, Cora; we must take shelter in the ruined tower which I discovered among my rambles about a fortnight ago."

"You have been here a fortnight?" exclaimed Ethel; "actually in this neighbourhood a fortnight?"

"Yes—just the length of time you have spent at the lake. Do you wonder at my knowledge of your movements? Ethel, my heart has followed you faithfully ever since last we parted, and I was content to be near you, even though you were unconscious of it."

Half-an-hour afterwards when Lake Delamere was all a sparkle in the sunshine once more, and every bush and tree that lined the shores were glittering with bright drops, the little boat again pushed off from the strand; and this time there were three passengers.

And in all the beautiful experience of her after life Ethel held most dear and precious that summer day upon the beautiful banks of Lake Delamere, the fairest jewel in all Cumberland's diadem of waters!

News of the Churches.

EVANGELIST.—The Rev. A. Gay is at present supplying the Humber Summit and Pine Grove Churches temporarily. During the past season he has conducted special services in a number of our churches both in the Eastern townships and in Western Ontario, the warmest blessings of the Lord attending his labours with the conversion of souls and the quickening of saints. Any of the brethren of churches who would like to secure his assistance would do well to communicate at once with Rev. John Salmon, 72 Sydenham Street, Toronto North.

ALTON.—The auction sale of the parsonage took place on Saturday, the 13th ult. The highest amount offered was somewhat below the reserve bid, so the property was withdrawn. The trustees may now according to law sell by private sale and they have hopes of disposing of it in that way. The old frame "meeting-house" on the hill which has braved the storms of the Caledon hills for many years was knocked down

for \$44—like an old horse which has seen its best days.

FROME.—The Frome Mutual Improvement Society, which met weekly through the winter closed for the summer months with an open meeting on the 1st of May. Several of them have lately been admitted to the church and others stand as candidates. The meetings have been very pleasant through the winter and we trust profitable. On the evening of the 25th of May about twenty-one of the society visited the pastor unexpectedly when gathered in the room where they had so often met a few extemporized exercises were offered. The pastor, W. H. Allworth, addressed them on Queen Victoria. Some singing and readings were enjoyed. An address was read to the pastor by Miss Silcox and an envelope containing \$15 and upwards presented. After devotional exercises, the party stood and sang the National Anthem, and retired in good season. There has been during the two winters which the Society has been kept up a warm friendship between the pastor and the young people and always a regret when the shortness of the evenings made it necessary to close for the summer. Our exercises have varied every Monday in the month. First Monday, written essays on subjects from pastor's sermons. Second Monday, debate. Third Monday, conversazione on some scientific subject led by the pastor. Fourth Monday, literary exercises, recitations, readings, singing, music, and reading the *Frome Chronicle*—manuscript paper edited by one of the society. Fifth Monday—when one occurs—temperance in form of debate or otherwise. W. H. A.

GEORGETOWN.—A series of services of deep interest was held in Georgetown on Tuesday, the 16th inst., on the occasion of the ordination of Mr. J. W. Pedley. The day was pleasant though threatening rain at first. A good number of friends of the church and pastor-elect, in addition to the members of the council proper had found their way to the pretty little village embowered in trees on the limestone hills of Esqueness. Of those who were present by invitation to assist in the service mention may be made of Rev. Dr. Stevenson, Dr. Wild, D. M. Gregor, C. S. Pedley, H. Pedley, and Messrs. Richardson, J. Morton, J. M. M. Duff, of Emmanuel Church, Montreal; Alexander, of Hamilton, James Yates, of New Durham, Wm. Jones, of Cobourg. The council met at eleven o'clock in private session and the usual business was attended to. The statement of the pastor-elect touching his Christian experience and doctrinal views was so satisfactory to all present that very little was done in the way of question. Taking the new "creed" of the American churches for a guide and indicating the points at which he would hesitate to adopt a definite formulation, he gave the feeling that he was essentially in all important points in accord with that document. His frank assertion of individual liberty was received by