

TORONTO; *Ordination of Rev. J. C. Madill.*—On Monday afternoon, June 2nd, pursuant to letters missive, a council assembled at Concord Avenue Congregational church for the purpose of examining Rev. J. C. Madill, whom this church invited to become their pastor. Organization was effected by the choice of Rev. Joseph Wild, D.D., as Moderator, and Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A., as Secretary. The candidate, in the presence of representatives from Bond St., The Western, Parkdale and Dovercourt churches, gave good evidence of personal goodness, soundness in the faith, and a fair degree of intellectual attainment. Mr. Madill graduated at Knox College in Theology, and has been a most successful missionary in various fields, prior to and during his sessions of study. Proof of this is seen in the growth of the mission, which, commencing in July, 1889, in rooms on Ossington Ave., and in connection with the Dufferin St. Presbyterian church gathered into its meetings by June of this year a congregation of 200, and a Sunday School of 155 scholars.

The council, being by themselves, voted to approve of the choice of the church, and to co-operate with it in the settlement of Mr. Madill as the pastor of what had recently been baptized as the "Concord Congregational Church." The following were the arrangements for the public service of ordination:—*Moderator*, Rev. Joseph Wild, D.D., Rev. Chas. Duff, M.A., to address the minister, and Rev. A. F. McGregor to address the church; Rev. Jas. Webb to give the right hand of fellowship.

The evening service was well attended, and the order of service as above was followed, with the addition of an address by Rev. Enoch Barker, of Mt. Zion church. After a hearty and interesting service, refreshments were partaken of by all present.

On the first Sunday of this month, the first communion service in the new and commodious church building was held, Rev. A. F. McGregor presiding. At the dedication of the church building, the following ministers preached on successive Sundays: Rev. Dr. Wild; Rev. W. A. Hunter, Erskine Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. Shaw, Methodist church; Rev. A. F. McGregor, and the pastor. A promising future lies before this already-large church. The neighborhood is new and growing. The people are loyal and liberal, and the pastor is young, energetic, willing both to learn and to work.

Our good friends of the Presbyterian church have lost an important post in this new cause. The steps that led to their losing it are too complicated to be detailed here. This much the writer can say—that the Presbytery of Toronto acted honorably, so far as their knowledge went, and so also did Mr. Madill. Although there was con-

siderable friction, Mr. Madill enjoyed and still retains, the confidence and high esteem of such members of the Presbytery as Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, and Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., of Erskine Presbyterian church.

May the Lord greatly bless this new church and its earnest pastor.

A. F. MCGREGOR, *Sec'y of Council.*

Toronto, July 17th, 1890.

GUELPH; *RECOGNITION OF NEW PASTOR.*—We condense from the *Guelph Mercury's* very full and excellent account of the reception of the new Pastor, Rev. B. B. Williams, formerly of Dudley, England. Mr. James Goldie, honorary deacon, occupied the chair, and the pulpit and space in front were tastefully set off with beautiful plants and flowers. The choir of the church led the musical part of the service, Miss Skinner, the organist, opening with a nice organ selection, while the anthems were given with distinctness and sweetness and were well sung.

The regular proceedings opened about eight o'clock. Seated at the front were Rev. W. F. Clarkson, of Birmingham, delegate from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, at present visiting this country; Rev. W. W. Smith, Newmarket, editor of the *Canadian Independent*; Rev. Robert Aylward, Cobourg; Rev. James Webb, Belwood; Rev. D. McCormick, Speedside; and Rev. A. W. Richardson, Georgetown, ministers of the same denomination; and Revs. Dr. Torrance, Dr. Wardrope, Dr. Hannon, Dr. McKay, Archdeacon Dixon, G. R. Turk, Jas. Kilgour, J. C. Smith, B.D., and R. J. Beattie, resident ministers, with Rev. B. B. Williams, the new pastor, and Rev. W. F. Clarke. After singing, Rev. A. W. Richardson led in prayer, and the chairman explained the object of the meeting to be the public recognition of their new pastor, his introduction formally to the pastors and members of other churches.

Rev. W. F. Clarke was then called upon to detail the steps leading up to the call to Mr. Williams. He said Congregationalists believed the Scriptural idea of a pastoral settlement was that the Lord Jesus Christ first calls the minister to his work, and equips him for it, and that in new calls both minister and congregation were to look to the Lord for direction, the latter for a suitable under-shepherd, the former for a suitable field of labor. Mr. Clarke then spoke of the love and enthusiasm awakened among them; he was glad that pastor and people had fallen in love with each other. Mr. Williams had disregarded openings in Toronto and Montreal for Guelph, where, though having less of a cityfied style, there were many warm hearts towards him.

Mr. Geo. H. Skinner, on behalf of the people,