

other address from the children and young people of Kingsport Sunday school and prayer meeting. We congratulate our venerable friend on these happy tokens of a people's love.

CRESWELL.—August 28 and 29 were stirring days in this little village. The first anniversary services in connection with the Creswell Church were held. On Sabbath, 28th, sermons were preached, morning and evening, by Rev. W. F. Wilmot, of Unionville, and in the afternoon by Rev. A. Van Camp, of Cleveland, Ohio. The little church did its utmost to accommodate the people who came, but it was in vain, the church being filled "within" and "without." On the following day a platform meeting was held in the church, and tea served on the lawn. The speakers at the meeting were the preachers of the Sabbath, together with several of the ministers of the locality. Choice music was rendered by the choir of a neighbouring church. The programme began at two o'clock; at four an adjournment was made to attend to duties outside. When this had been done satisfactorily, the people re-assembled in the church to listen to further addresses and more music. Everything passed pleasantly. A little more than \$100 was realized. Altogether the people of Creswell, reflecting upon their first year's experience as a church, are much encouraged, and look with cheerfulness into the future.

HAMILTON.—On the 16th inst., special Sunday school service was held in the Congregational Church here. From ten to eleven in the morning a prayer meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Walter Bale, at which petitions were presented for the work at home and abroad. The lecture room was filled, and the Spirit was present in power. In the forenoon, at the regular service, a sermon was preached by the Rev. John Morton, on the claims of the Sunday school. He showed the relation of the school to the children, to the parents, to the Church, to the country and to Christ. It gave the children the truth which, if it got fair play, would quicken the divine life. There was ground for the assurance that the majority of the children of our schools would continue on the way to Zion, and in the end be found there. The school was a blessing to the parents. Seed was sown that would grow up into the flowers of faith and love. The teaching made wise sons, and wise sons made glad fathers. The school was the nursery of the Church; for while some useful workers came from the ranks of the profligate, the great body of them were from the life-long followers of Jesus. It blessed the country. Under this head it was shown that the division of labour had made our common schools secular. This did not necessarily involve godless schools, for secular education, as well as secular work, could be done to the glory of God, but it threw the bur-

den of religious instruction on the Churches and the Sunday schools. The weal of society depended on religious instruction, and hence the Sunday school was a boon to the nation. Lastly, it was shown that this work was specially dear to Christ, and teachers were encouraged to go on with patience and hope by His injunction to feed His lambs. In view of the blessing in the school, all were urged to carry it, like Christ, in their hearts, and to show their interest in it by visiting it and by backing up at home the efforts of the teacher. In the afternoon there was a special service for the children in the school room. It was filled with an interested company. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. D. Aitcheson, E. Savage, W. Edgar and the pastor. The subjects of the first three were respectively: Decision for Christ, the willingness of Christ to pardon, and the blessings enjoyed by the pardoned. These addresses, stating clearly and impressively the truth were listened to with eagerness and made a deep impression. Thus ended the day's work for the school. Its results will appear in the future. During the day the college was also remembered, an extra collection being taken for it, amounting to \$80. Our Mutual Improvement Society, the week before, voted \$20 for the same purpose.

KESWICK RIDGE, N. B.—On the second Sunday in September your correspondent visited the church and stations on the "Ridge" on behalf of our college. This is one of the largest and most promising fields in the East. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Hawes, is one of the most enterprising of ministers. There are evident signs of material and spiritual improvement. The parsonage is being renovated and extended, and the church building will soon be repainted. A phenomenal tea meeting, at which the sum of \$230 was raised, is one of the recent indications of advancement under present administration. Mr. Hawes is much interested in college work, and some of his parishioners are blessed with a few of this world's goods. We may therefore expect that the Keswick Church will be numbered among those who contribute to the college funds.

NEW DURHAM.—This church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. James Webb, late of North Shields, Eng., which call, we believe, has been accepted. Mr. Webb has just come over, and we trust he may find this settlement happy and prosperous.

SHEFFIELD, N. B., has been the birthplace of some of the leading men in legal, political, commercial and educational life in New Brunswick, and the Congregational Church is one of the oldest—perhaps the oldest—of any denomination in the Province. Sheffield has always been renowned for its excellent schools, and the average intelligence is of a high order. The church has responded to the utmost of its ability to any appeal made on behalf of any of our