

bath, 30th June, in which glowing references is made to the excellence of his pulpit and pastoral ministrations, and to the high esteem in which Mrs. Ebbs also was held. "We bid you farewell reluctantly, and we feel that in your removal you are sustaining a loss not to be easily repaired."

BROOKLYN, N. S.—Remembering your invitation some time since, that the churches would send you "news" in order that the columns relating thereto in the INDEPENDENT might be filled, I herewith enclose you a little about Brooklyn.

In your pressing this invitation, we thought that you well knew the desire of your readers. For notwithstanding your editorial columns are always replete with matter,—on subjects, too, of the highest importance; and although there are many articles from your numerous and gifted correspondents, yet we cannot even glance at one of them until we have read the "News from our Churches."

Brooklyn is a village situate on the eastern side of Liverpool Bay, Nova Scotia. The population is about 400, the greater number of whom are by profession mariners, and by creed Congregationalists. The Brooklyn congregation was formerly connected with the Liverpool Church, from which they separated about five years ago, and chose as their first pastor the Rev. Charles Duff, who remained here two years, during which time the church enjoyed a season of great prosperity, both in respect to an increase in number and Christian development. At the expiration of that time Mr. Duff removed to Liverpool, in accordance with a call which he received from the above town. Since then the flock here has been partially neglected. The Rev. Mr. Kean occupied the pulpit for about eighteen months, and Mr. Duff at intervals during the remainder.

The membership of the Brooklyn Church proper is now about 125, and the adherents about 200 more. A number of the members live about two and a half miles distant, at Beach Meadows, where a neat church has been erected for their convenience, in which service is held once a Sabbath by the minister officiating at Brooklyn.

Our cause here, as might be expected in the absence of a regular leader, had become "low,"—I mean low in regard to spiritual life,—but on the advent of Mr. Black (student) things soon began to assume a new aspect, our decaying hopes revived, and the losses of the past bid fair to be retrieved by the unusual vital force in our midst. Every one, whether male or female, old or young, rich or poor, soon learned that *they* must put their hand to the plough and go forward. The ladies were organized into a "sewing society,"—an organization, by the way, which distinguished itself in the erection of a handsome parsonage, by the efforts of its own members solely,—a choir was formed of 30 good singers, the Sunday Schools have been reorganized, numbers trebled, interest quadrupled; at preaching services the attendance is large, the preacher has unwavering attention from both saint and sinner, and a more than ordinary religious feeling is manifested among all classes, and altogether we anticipate here a season of unusual prosperity. May God grant that it may be so. E. W.

TORONTO, BOND STREET.—The Pastor's Bible Class has once more "surprised" their teacher with a proof of their kind feeling, in the form of a handsomely framed portrait in oil of Mrs. Marling. The presentation took place at the social meeting of the class at the close of the session, held this year at the pastor's house, on the 24th ult., where a company of seventy assembled. Revs. J. G. Sanderson and W. Williams were of the number. The class will re-assemble on the first Monday in September. The subjects taken up have been those of the Uniform Lesson Series for the following Sunday, so that the class answers in part the purpose of a teachers' meeting. A committee of their number conducted a successful series of monthly social meetings during the winter.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT.—We are once more unavoidably late, and several communications are postponed. But next month we expect to be punctual, and to have our several departments fairly represented.