

churches at a service held at Stouffville, where Mr. Day will reside, and therefore have his post office address. The service was opened by Rev. H. H. Budge, of Whitby, who made an introductory address, and asked the members of the church present (of whom there were a considerable number both from Markham and Unionville) to signify their desire to have Mr. Day as their pastor, by rising, and requested the pastor elect to indicate his acceptance of their call in the same manner. After which, the recognition prayer was offered by Rev. F. H. Marling. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. J. G. Sanderson, of Oro, and the address to the people by Mr. Marling. The attendance was large, and the services were entered into with evident interest.

At 5 o'clock, a bountiful tea was provided by the ladies of the congregation, to which about 150 persons sat down. No charge was made, but a collection was taken up afterwards, to assist in defraying the expense of the minister's removal. It amounted to \$13.45.

In the evening, the Missionary Meeting was held, the above named gentlemen, with Rev. Mr. Godson, W. M., being the speakers. The house was crowded above and below, and the meeting was full of life and interest, and quite successful in a pecuniary point of view.

It should be premised, that on the previous evening, the first meeting in the eastern section of the Middle District, was held at Unionville, by the same deputation. The chapel was well filled by a most attentive audience. Wm. Eakin, Esq., presided. The collectors had done their work as usual beforehand, and brought in \$30, double the amount of last year, to which the collection added \$5 more. These facts were a sufficient inspiration to the speakers. The liberality of the people was the more commendable, since *they had just resolved*, in concert with their fellow members in Markham Village, *to declare themselves self-supporting*, and to make up their moiety of the pastor's salary among themselves.

The Stouffville church has not yet taken action on this matter, but there is no doubt that they will follow the example of their co-partners. At the Missionary Meeting, there also the collectors were ready with their lists and the money, missionary boxes were brought forward, a good collection made, and nearly \$55 were paid to the deputation, within \$5 of the amount in 1865.

On Wednesday evening, the Missionary Meeting at Markham was held, some friends being present from Stouffville and Unionville. The collectors, though equally laborious, had not been quite so successful as in the other places. The whole amount from this part of the field was \$26, making a total of \$116.17, or 5 cents more than in 1865, while the Society is relieved of a grant of \$100 heretofore made to these churches.

The friends at Stouffville have already begun to accumulate a fund for the erection of a *parsonage*. We trust they will proceed vigorously with so important an undertaking. Every rural church ought to have a dwelling for its minister.

It will be seen from the above statements that Mr. Day enters upon his work with every prospect of comfort and success. He has been very cordially received by the people.

#### THE COLLECTION ON FOREFATHERS' DAY.

The first fruits, pecuniarily, of the Boston Congregational Council, were gathered in about the time of the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in New England, December 21st. The Council recommended that \$200,000 be raised for church building, to be distributed by the American Congregational Union. Of 3,000 churches, 1,000 report having made contributions, amounting to \$116,000. Another appeal is to be made to the 2,000 unheard from.