

the pulpit very tastefully at her own expense; and the ladies of the Alton church furnished the chandelier, pulpit and side lamps, which cost \$30. Thus in a few short months, a good work has been done, "for the people had a mind to work."

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**NORTHERN CHURCH, TORONTO.**—Our correspondent writes:—We have cause for much thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, that since the settlement of the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, our beloved pastor, amongst us, a continuous tide of blessing has set in upon the church. There has been a marked improvement in our congregations at the Sabbath services, and at our weekly meetings for prayer. At our prayer meetings the Master's presence has been especially manifest. During the past ten months, twenty-eight names have been added to the roll, the larger proportion on profession of faith. Our prayer is for an increase of faith, so that we may receive the yet more abundant blessing, which will surely descend upon us. A number of very interesting meetings have been recently held in connection with the church and Sabbath Schools.

On Friday, February 9th, George Hague, Esq., delivered an exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture on "A recent tour in England," in which, in addition to elaborate descriptions of cities and rural districts; the ancestral mansions of the rich, the humbler dwellings of the poor; the ancient Abbeys, and other edifices of historic renown, the lecturer reviewed in eloquent language, the spiritual, social and commercial life of the country; reminding his hearers that "England was our nationality, and the Union Jack our flag." The hour and a half spent in listening to this lecture will not be soon forgotten. It is hoped that it will be again delivered in a more commodious room—so that the friends of the three churches of the city may have an opportunity of hearing it. At its close, a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Sunday School.

On Sunday, the 11th February, the Anniversary Sermons of the Church were preached to full congregations, in

the morning, by the Rev. Professor Inglis, of Knox College, and in the evening by the Rev. Hugh Johnson, M.A., of the Queen Street W. M. Church. Collections were made on behalf of the Building Fund.

On Friday evening, the 16th February, a social gathering of the members of the church and congregation took place in the lecture room, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. After refreshments, an hour was enjoyed in social converse. Our pastor then introduced our venerable friend and brother, the Rev. Thomas Baker, who, after a humorous and anecdotal introduction, favoured us with a 'ten minutes' address on "Church Growth." The distinctive duties of Pastor, Officers and "Rank and File" were clearly indicated; the younger members being specially warned against the evil tendencies of the age in which we live. Our Reverend friend dealt with his subject, in that happy characteristic manner, which is peculiarly his own. Messrs. G. W. Hodgetts and Thomas Elgar, in the name of the teachers of the Sabbath School, in conjunction with the members of the Monday evening Bible Class, then presented to Henry J. Clark, Esq., Superintendent of the Sunday School and President of the Bible class, an address beautifully engrossed on vellum, together with an elegant tea service of silver-plate, as a feeble token of their affection and esteem. Mr. Clark, in a few words of acknowledgment, expressed his gratitude to God for the measure of success, which had attended the labours of the teachers, during the twelve years of his connection with the school; and mentioned the pleasing fact, that in all parts of the Dominion there were those, sowing the seed of the kingdom—who formerly were either teachers or scholars with us. He also referred briefly to the mutual pleasure and profit, that had been experienced by all who had attended the meetings of the Bible class, since its formation two years ago.

One of our most active members, a brother in Christ Jesus much beloved, having been under the cloud of affliction for more than two years, a number of his more intimate friends in the church took occasion to call upon him a few evenings since, and leave him a substan-