

Spite of these drawbacks--the apathy of the city churches, the presence of the two Sams, and a continuous downpour of rain--we had a good meeting. We met in the Parkdale church, and made its pastor, Mr. Duff, our chairman. Mr. Wright, of Edgar, read a short paper on the subject of "Deacons." This proverbially dry subject was made very interesting. It was contended by the writer that the deacons were appointed to look after all money matters.

Mr. Burton called the attention of the Association to the question of our Home Missions. This is a most important matter as seen by the reports of the other Associations. As a result of this and subsequent deliberations, Messrs. Gerrie and Richardson were appointed to draw up a scheme for having the churches of the district visited and the claims of the society pressed home to them.

In the evening Mr. Gerrie, of Pine Grove, preached from Exodus xiv, 15. After the preaching we observed the Lord's Supper.

The next day was spent in the reading and discussion of papers. Mr. Warriner introduced the subject of "The interpretation of prophecy especially as regards the Messianic kingdom." This plunged us into a discussion which almost touched the question of Inspiration.

Mr. Richardson, discarding notes or MSS., gave to the meeting his ideas of successful preaching. What he contended for was, that he was successful whose preaching tended to make good characters.

Mr. Burton gave a most interesting address on the subject of "Church Union." The difficulty seems to be to find a basis--liberal enough to include all and yet conservative enough to maintain, intact, evangelical truth. The Association appointed a committee to draft a resolution on the subject, to be discussed at our next meeting.

Mr. McGregor's paper on "The two methods of preserving the purity of our church communion" was well received. He contended that there was a reform needed at both ends of our church. It ought to be easier than it is to get in, and it should be easier to get rid of unfaithful members.

A social in the evening brought the meetings to a close. Mrs. Revell, of the Northern, sang beautifully. Messrs. Gerrie, Wright, Revell, Warriner and Pedley gave short but sweet addresses. Then the meeting adjourned to meet next in Georgetown. We all felt thankful to the people of Parkdale for their kind hospitality. We wish them prosperity in their church life.

Georgetown.

J. A. P.

## News of the Churches.

**BARRIE.**--At a recent church meeting the following resolution was passed:--*Resolved*, That this church desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered it by Mr. J. P. Gerrie during the past summer. During the four months which Mr. Gerrie labored here, he performed all the sacred duties devolving upon him to the entire satisfaction of the church, and it was with extreme regret that we parted with one whose talents and zeal so eminently fit him for the work of the sacred ministry.

**CHEBOCTE.**--Another message from the "old church by the sea." A tea meeting was held in the Rockville Hall on Thursday evening, the 14th Oct., celebrating the 125th year of gospel preaching in this place. A bounteous repast was provided by the ladies in their usual happy way, after which, singing, readings, etc., filled in an enjoyable evening. Rev. W. McIntosh of Yarmouth, was present and made a few remarks, but owing to the lateness of the hour could not address the meeting on the theme, "Congregationalism, what it has done for the country." He stated, however, that at another time he would deliver the address, the which promise, when fulfilled, we shall have great pleasure in sending news concerning, to the C. I. Proceeds of evening were \$36. The hall of this place is much too small for an occasion of this sort, we realize how needful it is for every church to have a vestry, but cannot arise and build just yet. The tower has been removed from the parsonage as it was causing damage to the building during the high wind storms so prevalent down here. We are sadly troubled in these parts by removals to the States and elsewhere. Exodus is the ruling feature of these Lower Province churches. Yet withal, if we could get pastors to supply our vacant churches and take up new fields that are accessible, our cause would progress. It is needed very much. We are as you are aware living on *land almost surrounded by water*, and the water has been made use of to a large extent by our friends of another persuasion. The country around is dotted over with F. W. Baptist and C. C. Baptist churches. These supply the town churches with fresh material, while we, not having town churches, lose ground accordingly.

**GEORGETOWN.**--The basement of the Congregational church was well filled on Monday evening of Nov. 1st., the occasion being a bread and butter social, under the auspices of the Congregational Social Club. The programme consisted of solos, a recitation, a duet, a quartette, a reading and a "talk." The entertainment was a real social one throughout. The excellent tea provided helped to make the social even more sociable and