

Rev. Dr. Wilkes moved the next resolution.—“That the churches of Toronto, in their metropolitan position, are rightly expected by their brethren throughout Ontario to take the lead in aggressive movements, not only in the city, but in the Province at large.” The rev. speaker dwelt upon the necessary result of earnest and Christian effort; he referred with gratitude to the work they had accomplished in Montreal, and he hoped the Toronto churches would render noble assistance. He believed that it was a wise policy to establish missions in towns and cities, and extend thence to rural portions. The Rev. Mr. Marling seconded the resolution in a brief address. A collection was then taken up and the meeting closed with the benediction.—*Globe*, Dec. 21.

GARAFRAXA.—The First Congregational Church of Garafraxa have just completed a fine shed, or rather, stable, at their church, which will accommodate twenty-four teams. The building is entirely enclosed, and cost, with the labour done voluntarily, about \$200. Every country church should have such a convenience; it would not only be mercy to the beast, but would help to increase the congregation, as many will stay at home rather than have their horses suffer from exposure.

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MARKHAM.—The Ladies' Aid in connection with the Congregational Church of Markham Village have made some changes for the better in their church, carpeting the aisles, raising the platform, replacing the pulpit by a desk and providing a sofa for it, besides some other improvements. We trust also that shortly a room will be erected for the use of the Sabbath school, which is much needed, and for which some provision is already made.—*Com.*

TORONTO, BOND STREET.—The anniversary sermons were preached on Sunday, 24th December, by Revs. W. M. Pimshon and Dr. Wilkes. The former, preaching in the morning, from Heb. ii., 14, “Forasmuch, then, as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the

same,” set forth the assumption of human nature by Christ as condescending, voluntary, complete and atoning, with all the power for which he is justly distinguished. In the evening Dr. Wilkes preached from Matthew vii., 17, and other passages, a discourse which impressively showed the necessity of inward holiness to active usefulness. The congregations were good, the collections liberal, and the whole occasion was enjoyed by the people, and felt to be a means of grace.

BRANTFORD CHRISTMAS TREE AND PRESENTATION.—The Congregational Church held their annual entertainment last evening, on behalf of the Sabbath School, when a large gathering of parents and children were present. The Christmas Tree presented a very beautiful appearance, being very heavily laden with the rarest and choicest fruits ever seen to grow on a *liquum eta*. Each scholar received a bag of candy and one or more presents, and at the close some cake, etc. After the tree had been denuded, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wood, was presented with a very handsome silver tea service, together with an address, congratulating him on his entrance on the twentieth year of his ministry among them, to which Mr. Wood made a very feeling and suitable reply. Mr. C. B. Moore was also the recipient of a very beautiful Bible from his Bible Class, on the occasion of his leaving the town. The meeting was altogether one of very great interest.—*Courier*, Dec. 23rd. [The Teachers have since added a cake basket to the Scholar's present.]

BURFORD.—On the evening of the 8th December the new Parsonage was the scene of a pleasant gathering. A donation party composed of members of the church and friends in the neighbourhood, spent a very profitable time, and on leaving left *substantial* tokens of their respect and affection for the pastor, Rev. E. J. Robinson.

ONTARIO EASTERN MISSIONARY DISTRICT.—Rev. A. McGregor having removed to Nova Scotia, Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, has been appointed Secretary of the District Committee for the remainder of the term.