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Editorial Jottings.

WE give in this issue a representation of the new church building at Woodstock, which was opened for public worship on the 3rd of June last, with services that continued until the 15th. A brief history of this church will here be appropriate. Woodstock for some time has been present to many of our friends, including the committee of the Missionary Society, as one of the growing towns in which we should not remain denominationally unrepresented, but so few of the inhabitants had received their early training in Congregationalism that but slight encouragement was offered until about the beginning of the year 1885, when, owing to a juncture of circumstances into the history of which it is not necessary here to enter,

a number of Christian men and women who had long been active members of other churches were led to seek a new home in what was hoped might prove to them a more congenial church organization. And so a new church, for which all felt there was ample room, was formed in the town. Mr. E. D. Silcox, of Embro, was near for counsel, and our Missionary Superintendent "scented the

battle from afar." As a result, a meeting for consultation was held in the month of May, 1885, in the town council chamber, that resulted in the immediate establishment of a Sunday school; and from that date Sabbath services were regularly held, first in the Town Hall, and afterward in the Court House. In the month of July following the organization was completed, and the church came into existence with a membership of between sixty and seventy. Mr. Gerrie, now of Pine Grove, did excellent service during that summer in consolidating the interest, and in October a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. William Cuthbertson, B.A., then of Chicago, and formerly of London, England, to become permanently their pastor. This call in the month of November was accepted, and on the 15th of December, 1885, Mr.

Cuthbertson was duly installed pastor of the Woodstock Church. The Woodstock *Sentinel-Review* says: "Nothing we could here say would increase the love of his flock or add to the esteem and respect of the community for Mr. Cuthbertson. His pulpit ministrations are of a very high order, and his social qualities all that could be desired." The efforts of the ladies of this church have been

