

shows what an old friend thinks of the newly appointed Professor of our Institute at Woodstock:—

"Rev. C. Goodspeed has been appointed to the chair of Systematic Theology and Church History in the Canadian Theological Institute. Our old associate in the New Brunswick Seminary is a man of sound scholarship, logical mind, and orthodox views. He will do credit to his native Province, and bring his department into honorable competition with similar schools."

BRO. CHARLES COOK.—This excellent young minister, whose letter in the *CHRISTIAN HELPER* of August last created such a favourable impression among our readers, has received a hearty and unanimous invitation to labour with the Baptist Church in Kingston, Ont. with a view to the pastorate. In the event of Bro. Cook accepting the call he may be expected back from England about the middle of this month. His brief ministry at Hendon, near London, has been wonderfully blessed; and we pray that equal and greater blessing may be in store for the old church in Kingston through his instrumentality.

A YEAR OF BLESSING.—At a recent Tea Meeting celebrating the 7th Anniversary of the Parliament St. Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. E. M. C. Botterill was able to present the following very gratifying report of the work of grace in that church during the year:—Number baptized 75, received on experience 13, backsliders restored 2; received by letter 14; the decrease by letters of dismission and revision of church roll was 28; leaving a net gain to the membership of 76 souls.

As a working church Parliament St. sets an example to all other churches. Every member seems to be made use of. If there are any idlers it is certainly not the pastor's fault. This young church carries on three vigorous missions.

THE ORILLIA CHURCH—CORRECTION.—Our brother Rev. E. D. Sherman, writes as follows:—

"In regard to the sketch given in the last number of the *CHRISTIAN HELPER*, I would simply say that it was all correct with but one exception. As to this church having been 'founded on the ruins of former efforts,' like the flourishing church in Barrie,—that is a mistake. There was a small church organized at Marchmont, in the house of Peter Fowley (he lived in Marchmont then), by Rev. John Finch. But I am informed on

good authority that it never came to anything. But there never was a church or chapel or any property of any kind in the town of Orillia, belonging to our denomination, except the present. However, I can understand how the mistake was made. You were guided by old 'Registers.' Had I thought you were going back to Bro. Finch's time in the sketch, I would have given you the necessary information."

"**THE CHRISTIAN REPORTER.**"—We are informed that the Mutual Improvement Association in connection with Alexander Street Church has assumed the monthly publication of this eight-page paper, the first number to be issued in January. The following officers have been appointed to manage the various departments:—Managing Editor, Thos. Bengough; Subscription Superintendent, Chas. A. Morse; Advertising Superintendent, E. L. W. Moyle; Treasurer, George R. Morse. The prominent feature of the *Reporter* will be the sermons of Rev. Joshua Denovan, specially reported and revised for its columns. The paper will not, however, be a local one except in this sense, but will partake somewhat of the character of a review, suited to all denominations of Christians.

THE BARRIE CHAPEL DEDICATION SERVICES.—We rejoice with our noble brethren in Barrie on the completion and occupation of their beautiful and convenient chapel. We were exceedingly disappointed that unavoidable circumstances prevented our fulfilling the kind invitation to be present and take part at the Tea Meeting; but we hope to take a quiet run up there and see for ourselves on some early occasion. We expect to give a full description of the Barrie chapel accompanied by an engraving in a future issue. In the meantime, our readers will be glad of the following account of the opening services from the *Barrie Gazette* of December 11th:—

"The new Baptist Church was opened here last Sunday. The Rev. J. H. Castle, D.D., preached in the morning, from John xiv. and 12, and in the evening from 2nd Corinthians iv and 6. The Rev. S. A. Dyke, preached in the afternoon from Colossians ii. and 10. The Church both morning and afternoon was filled to its utmost capacity, but at the evening service the congregation was so large that the doors leading to the school room were thrown open as well as the back of the pulpit to accommodate all who could not get seats in the main body of the church. The Tea Meeting on Monday evening, notwithstanding the very wet and slushy state of the roads and streets, was a great success.

His Honor Judge Gowan occupied the chair and opened the proceedings with a very excellent address. The other speakers were the Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. Mr. Stone, Rev. Mr. Dyke (Baptists), Rev. Mr. Thornley (Primitive), Barrie, and Rev. Mr. Leiper, (Presbyterian) Barrie. At the close of the speeches, canvassers went through the congregation and solicited subscriptions. The members of the church led off by subscribing, in addition to what they had already given. The spirit of enthusiasm was kept up until \$1,350 was subscribed. The collections on Sunday amounted to \$54; proceeds of the tea, \$60. Collection on Monday evening, \$11. The total contributions on Sunday and Monday, \$1,475. This makes \$5,500 contributed towards the building of the Church, leaving only a debt of \$1,300 on the edifice. Our Baptist friends are to be congratulated on their achievements, through the energy of their energetic pastor, the Rev. Mr. Griffin."

"**FAITH AND WORKS.**"—This is the title of a monthly journal published by the Philadelphia Woman's Christian Association. It has been one of our most welcome exchanges for a year past. It is beautifully printed on toned paper. We cheerfully give currency to the following concerning "Faith and Works" from the *Philadelphia Christian Instructor* of Dec. 7th, and recommend all our readers who can to become subscribers.

"The paper has a place to fill in the ranks of journalism, as representing a branch of Christian work not represented by other papers. It must be remembered that while *Faith and Works* reports monthly the progress of the association in our own city, (Philadelphia) this is but a small part of its aim and purpose. By constant communication with similar associations throughout the country, in Canada, England, France, etc., information is obtained of the work of other societies, and this information, published from time to time in its columns, is not only valuable, but such as does not find its way into the ordinary religious papers of the day. In addition to this, the paper is made readable and attractive by choice variety of contributed and selected articles.

We wish the widest circulation for this journal, both among those especially interested in the cause it represents, and among those who know nothing of the noble work so quietly and efficiently done by the Women's Christian Associations of our land. The office is at 141 North Seventh street, Philadelphia, and the subscription price \$1.00 per annum."

Contributed Articles.

ALEXANDER ST. AND THE "HELPER."

Specimen copies of the *HELPER* were last month distributed among the teachers and officers of Alexander Street Sunday School. The Superintendent, Mr. C. A. Morse, referred to the *HELPER* as worthy of support,