

our own recollection. I speaks urgently of the necessity for keeping property insured. Accidents will happen, even where the utmost care is exercised.

**Hamilton.—CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**—On Wednesday evening the annual meeting of the above church was held, when the Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Edgar, read the reports of the general fund and of the various religious and benevolent societies connected with the congregation. During the past year \$2,440 have been collected for all purposes, and nearly \$800 of that sum have been expended on religious and benevolent objects beyond the local church. Since the extinction of the debt on the church edifice in 1865, the contributions for the different departments have been steadily increasing, and this year far exceeds any former year, except that in which the building was erected. It was unanimously resolved to increase the pastor's salary from the first of this year, being the third handsome addition that has been made within the last five years. While this matter was before the meeting the chair was occupied by the oldest member present, Mr. James Kent, senior. A unanimous and cordial vote of thanks was passed to the deacons and treasurer for their valuable services; to the ladies' sewing society for their kind exertions by which a new organ was presented to the church in the early part of this year, and \$275 have been recently raised towards improving the church buildings, and to the choir (which under the leadership of Messrs. Beasley and MacKeand has become very efficient). The Sabbath school now requires enlarged accommodation, and there is a large number of active teachers, while as usual for many years past the number of scholars in actual attendance at each meeting is nearly equal to the number on the roll. The young men's Sabbath morning meeting is regularly increasing, the pastor's monthly young people's meeting is growing in interest, while the attendance ranges from 80 to 100 persons. There has been added to the church membership one-fifth, and a large number of new families to the congregation since the last annual meeting.—*Spectator*.

**Whitby**—The Rev. S. T. Gibbs and family were very agreeably surprised, on the evening of Thursday, December 29th, 1870, by a visit from a number of friends of the Congregational Church, who after spending a very pleasant evening, left substantial tokens of their regard, both for the pastor's wife and himself.

**Mr. Manly's Lecture.**—On Friday evening last, the Rev. J. G. Manly, the Agent of the U. Canada Bible Society, delivered an eloquent and interesting lecture at the annual meeting of the Branch Society of this place. The subject was, "The Bible and the War;" and, as might be expected, its treatment at such hands secured marked attention from the audience, and was greatly enjoyed. The theme proper was the propagation of the Word throughout the world; and in illustrating this by considering the course of God's grace and Providence, the Rev. lecturer gave his hearers the benefit of his wide and careful reading in a most instructive way.

We trust to hear Mr. Manly lecture again in Whitby, on which occasion, doubtless, he would receive a cordial greeting from a larger audience than met him on Friday night.—*Whitby Gazette*.

**Waterloo, Shefford, Quebec.**—The friends of the Rev. H. J. Colwell, in this field, have recently in various ways, chiefly on a donation visit, given expression to their esteem for him, by gifts of money and other good things, to the value of \$85.

Spotted Tail has written to Commissioner Welsh asking that his people may have a missionary and some teachers sent to them. But he wants the whiskey kept away. As he sententiously says: "To us whiskey is death."