

isters invited to the pastoral office, carried on the services according to the denomination to which they belonged, instead of having them in accordance with the undenominational character of the church organization. A number of the members disapproved of this and withdrew, among them Mr. Thomas Jordan, his family and his brother. Obtaining letters of dismission, the four named transferred their membership to the Congregational Church, with which they united in 1876. Mr. Jordan also resigned his position as trustee of Zion's.

Failing health prevented him from taking as active a part as he had done hitherto, but he had ever a warm interest in whatever pertained to the welfare of the Congregational Church with which he had united. He was much grieved a few years ago, when Zion's church edifice was transformed into an Art Gallery.

For a few years past he suffered much from disease of the eye. His sufferings from this and other causes were borne with Christian fortitude. He attended services whenever it was in his power until a short time before his death, which occurred on the 20th June last. He was esteemed and respected by all denominations of Christians.

MRS. JACOB SWACKHAMER.

On the 15th of June, Mary, the relict of Deacon Jacob Swackhamer, of Churchill, Esquimaux Townships, in her ninety-first year, passed away to her rest above. She was born in the District of Niagara, and with her parents passed through the troubles of 1812. They experienced great annoyances and losses from both the Americans and Indians, until the termination of the war.

Seventy years ago she settled with her husband on the lot, on which through those years she lived and died.

The country for miles was an unbroken wilderness. Like many other pioneers of our civilization, their hardships were many and varied.

The privileges of the sanctuary were, for many years, very few. About the year 1835, Rev. Hiram Denny, the pastor of the Guelph Church, visited their neighbourhood and preached in a log school house, which had been erected on a corner of the "Deacon's lot." Their destitution of spir-

itual privileges led Mr. Denny to settle among them. A church was organized, and our departed sister with her husband and others, formed the nucleus of the present church. From that day, to the day of her death, her love to, and interest in the church and its progress, never abated. She loved the house of God and the servants of God. Under her hospitable roof, nearly all the first missionaries found a welcome not surpassed anywhere. As a wife, she was devoted and faithful, for seven long years her husband was sorely afflicted, and required her attention night and day; which attention she rendered without a murmur or expression of weariness. The writer never saw its equal anywhere. Her love and patience seemed to be inexhaustible.

As the mother of thirteen children and the care of two more of her husband's by a previous marriage, she was kind, watchful and affectionate. She lived to see them all profess Christ. Two went before her to heaven. The rest with many of their children are walking in God's ways. As a neighbour, in her stronger days she was the friend of the sick, poor and struggling. Her life was full of good works in those early days; for with a willing heart she had a strong healthy body.

During the last few years of her life, her health has been failing; but her love to Jesus remained firm. Ripe in years she departed from our midst amid the affection and care of her loved ones.

Her death was improved by the Rev. Mr. McCormack, her pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rae, Presbyterian, of Acton, to a large and sympathetic congregation. Another link of the past being broken that unites the present with our early struggles in the churches. J. U.

Our College Column.

Anent the migration of the students to the gentiles in the United States, we commend the example of the Woodstock Church, as the best solution of the problem.

Time flies! Another month, and our students will once more haunt the shades of McGill University and the Congregational College. Summer labours will be at an end; literary and theological studies will absorb the student mind.