

tion forbid particularizing the various phases of the growth of the mission. It will be sufficient here to mention that it gradually widened its influence in the Eastern part of the City, till it was deemed advisable to form those connected with it into a section of the Zion Church. A commodious church edifice was built, and the services of the following ministers were obtained for a longer or shorter period—first, Rev. S. N. Jackson; next, Rev. H. J. Colwell, and lastly, Rev. E. J. Robinson. In July, 1870, Rev. John Fraser, who had just returned to Canada, was invited to labour there, and amidst not a few misgivings, at last consented, knowing that hard, unceasing pastoral work was before him. He however threw himself heartily and untiringly into it, and in doing God's work left the results to Him. The evident smile of the Master was upon the cause, and about the beginning of the following year ten persons were admitted to Zion Church from this field, all on profession of faith. Greatly encouraged by these tokens of God's presence, it was resolved, after much prayer, to organize as an Independent Church; and accordingly, on Sunday, 12th of February, 1871, the Eastern Congregational Church was formed with a membership of forty, of whom only ten had originally belonged to Zion Church proper, the remaining thirty being the fruits of the mission, gathered at various times, and worshipping always there. The new church then invited Mr. Fraser to the pastoral oversight, elected two deacons, a church committee and trustees. Zion Church guaranteed a sum of eight hundred dollars per annum for three years—sold them the church building for \$2,500, to bear interest until paid for, and thus the young enterprise was launched amidst much fear and trembling, yet with a large amount of the hopefulness of youth, and of faith in the promised blessing of the great Head of the Church. This faith was not unrewarded, for with only two exceptions, no communion season of the past year has passed without the reception of members, more or less; the number of the names being now 65, and a large proportion of the increase on profession of faith. There are some others seeking admission this month.

These spiritual results have had their natural following in a self-sacrificing giving to the cause of God. The consequent increase financially emboldened the church to ask for a change in the basis of the former arrangement with Zion Church. They proposed to forego the guarantee of \$800 per annum for three years, provided they were put in possession of the church building, free of all debt. This proposition was most cordially assented to, and is now completed. The new position of endeavouring to become self-supporting was heartily seconded by the people through increased weekly subscriptions, (for the weekly offering and free seat system is there most thoroughly adopted) and the Treasurer's report shows the gratifying fact that since Mr. Fraser's settlement the subscriptions for the support of the Gospel have increased *four hundred per cent.*, and this among a people none of whom are rich and many very poor. Self-sustentation is not yet quite accomplished, but such results give faith that it will be before long.

The congregations are increasing, and the Sunday School has an average attendance of about 100.

These few facts in the history of a church but a year old may possibly give encouragement to some sister churches, and are but another proof that prayerful, earnest working for God will be blessed. Com.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS, Q. D.—Our second series of Missionary Meetings began at Waterville on Monday, 18th December, 1871. The house was nearly full, and all present showed deep interest. The speakers were Revs. L. P. Adams, E. J. Sherrill, J. E. Richardson (Wesleyan), and A. Duff. Rev. G. Purkis is making some progress here, slow, perhaps, but sure. Collection same as last year. On Tuesday we met at N. Hatley, or Massawippi Outlet, one of Mr. Purkis' out-stations. This village is now a railway station, and will grow. A Union Chapel has been built, in which Mr. Purkis will most likely preach when it is opened. Messrs. Adams, Duff and the Pastor were the only speakers; Mr. Sherrill, not being well, felt it necessary to return home.