

ing, the building was fired by an incendiary, now undergoing his punishment in the Penitentiary. Divine Providence has marvellously overruled his wicked act for good, as will appear from what we have now to tell.

There was an insurance on the building of \$3,500, beside \$800 on some of its contents. The people at once opened a new subscription list; \$1,700 were promised; their fellow-townsmen added about \$500 more. A circular issued to the sister churches in the Province, asking for a collection in each, produced a little over \$150. A personal application to friends in Paris, yielded \$75. Between \$300 and \$400 were furnished by the liberality of a brother of the pastor. But *no other external aid has been received.*

The site of the former church was not very conspicuous, nor was it in the present centre of the town. It was wisely determined to accept the offer of a new lot on Victoria Square, comprising every requisite of soil, size, and situation; and this at the very low price of \$750, towards which the old site yielded \$340. The plans for the new building were prepared by Mr. W. Mellish, a member of the church, and once proprietor of this periodical. Tenders received from builders were found greatly to exceed the estimate, \$6,000. The Building Committee accordingly determined, after very full consideration, to undertake the erection of the building themselves, under Mr. Mellish's superintendence. The result is, that the cost of the building is at least \$1,500 under the lowest responsible tender. A technical description of the building will be given in our next number, *in which we also expect to present an engraving of it*, kindly furnished by the Building Committee. In the meantime, we will merely say that to our unprofessional eye, it presents a most happy specimen of church architecture. The walls of white brick, resting on strong stone foundations, and the slate roof, give the impression of solidity and permanence. The spire, also slated, rises from a tower to the height of 165 feet. The whole mass of the building stands up well out of the ground. The interior is very tasteful and commodious. It will accommodate about 500 persons. All the world agrees that it is "a perfect gem." The basement will be dry, lofty, and well lighted. All this ample accommodation, and beauty of form, has been secured at the marvellously low cost, thus far, of about \$8,000. The sums quoted above, amount to some \$7,000. The church by a second effort, has recently added upwards of \$1,000 more; and thus the two sides of the balance-sheet stood about even when the opening day was over! The remaining expenditures cannot greatly trouble so generous a people. Besides their gifts to the building, they have raised \$500 (by five cents a-week subscriptions) for a bell (1,800 lbs.), which is hung in the tower.

This story is worth considering. It is a noble example of SELF-HELP, on the part of a congregation neither numerous nor wealthy. It shows what *latent resources* there are in our people, when occasion calls them out, and there is the spirit to meet the occasion. It proves the great value to the church of the *business talents* of its members, the builder being supported by a strong Committee. "All the members" of our body will "rejoice with" this "one" that rejoices, and "their zeal" will "provoke many" "to love and good works."

RECOGNITION SOIREE AT PARIS.

On Wednesday evening, November 8th, the members of the Congregational church in Paris, and other adherents of the cause, held a Social Meeting to welcome their new pastor, Rev. W. H. Allworth. After tea, the pastor took the chair, and Revs. T. Pullar, W. Hay and J. Wood, Rev. Messrs. Robertson and James, Canada Presbyterian, Henderson, Baptist, and Laird, Wesleyan, addressed the meeting, and cordially welcomed their new fellow-labourer. Pieces of sacred music were sung at intervals by the choir. A very pleasant and, it is hoped, profitable evening was thus spent. May this settlement be eminently prospered by Him who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks and holdeth the seven stars in His right hand!