

Fourteen have united with the church, and the attendance and finances have increased. The congregation is now well organized, and praising God for the blessings of the past year; we have every reason to look for a bright and useful future. On Wednesday evening, February 7th, Rev. Peter Rijnhart, missionary to Tibet, Asia, gave a very interesting address on the work there. Our pastor is assisting Rev. Mr. Main in his revival services at Embro, for a few days, after which we expect Rev. Mr. Main to come to us, and we pray that God may abundantly bless his labors in our midst.

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MONTREAL, ZION CHURCH, held its annual meeting on Wednesday, 17th January; the pastor, Rev. W. H. Warriner, in the chair. Reports of a most encouraging nature were presented by the several societies connected with the church. The Treasurer's statement was especially favorable, showing a large increase in the receipts for the current year, and a considerable balance on the right side of the account.

The Ladies' Association, one of the church's most active organizations, reported a large amount of work done, both in the home and foreign mission fields. Y. P. S. C. E. prospering; while the Musical Committee report the purchase of a new pipe organ, which adds much to the excellence of the service of song.

After the business meeting, a surprise was sprung on the pastor, when he was presented with a handsome set of furs. The recipient responded very feelingly, speaking of the loving union which exists between pastor and people. Refreshments and a social hour's intercourse, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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SHEFFIELD, N.B.—Rev. James M. Austin, pastor. The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held Dec. 21st. Interesting reports were read by the different officers, showing the finances to be in a satisfactory condition; although a slight decrease in membership. An improvement has been made in the fence around the cemetery—over \$100 having been expended on it and in shingling the parsonage. The Y. P. S. C. E. were able to report \$41 sent towards supporting an evangelist in the Maritime Provinces. After a short address by Rev. A. D. McCully (Methodist), the friends were invited into the vestry, where refreshments were served by members of the Y. P. S. C. E. The choir furnished special music.

The following Thursday a reception was held at the parsonage, on the arrival of pastor and bride from Kingsport, N.S. After a bountiful supper had been partaken of, the happy couple were made

the recipients of a handsome plush lounge, easy chair and small centre table. Mrs. Austin comes to a number not as a stranger, but a friend beloved; and we trust her arrival amongst us may be a blessing.—*Com.*

CHURCHILL.—Special services are being conducted here by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Adams. The attendance is good and much interest is manifested. Rev. W. H. Madill, of Alton, will preach here next Sunday afternoon. The annual tea-meeting held here last Wednesday evening was a complete success. The attendance was good, and the people at "The Hill" appreciated very much the presence of sixty or seventy visitors from Acton. After tea the programme was opened with an anthem by the Acton Quartette, composed of Misses Jessie Nicklin and Bella Hill, Messrs. William Williams and Councillor Jeans. Their numerous selections were much enjoyed. Emma and Joey Adams, the children of the pastor, sang several duets very nicely. Their sweet childish voices rang out in holy song with good effect. Miss Susy Bennett recited with much ability "The Wreck." She is a local elocutionist of promise. Earnest and practical addresses were delivered by Rev. J. K. Unsworth, Georgetown; Mr. Lewis Cann, Erin; Rev. W. H. Madill, of Alton, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Adams. Mr. H. P. Moore, of the *Free Press*, presided. The proceeds were \$34.20.—*Acton Paper.*

HAMILTON, IMMANUEL CHURCH.—A reception to our new pastor, Rev. W. H. Watson, was held in the church on the evening of Thursday, 25th January; a large number being with us from the First church. The Rev. John Morton occupied the chair, giving also an address to the pastor. The Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A., Woodstock, gave an address to the people. These addresses were full of interest, and were appreciated.

Rev. T. G. Thomson, pastor Herkimer Street Presbyterian church, welcomed Rev. Mr. Watson on behalf of the denomination to which he belonged. Rev. G. A. Blackstock, Methodist Episcopal (who had several times supplied the church before a pastor was secured), expressed his pleasure at the success of the church, and was glad in the absence of Rev. Mr. Kerby to welcome Mr. Watson on behalf of Methodism. Rev. Mr. Bennett, Baptist, sent a letter of regret, being out of town. Addresses were also made by Messrs. John Black, Jas. Bale, Wm. Edgar, R. Robertson, and A. Alexander, all of the First church. The programme was interspersed with music and singing. The church was full.

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