

poignant grief, if record be here given to the heartfelt sympathy of the Church with their fellow-members, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, in the trying affliction they have been called upon to endure by the sad bereavement they have sustained in the loss of their last surviving child. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." "What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter."

The Church roll has been carefully revised, and the statistics for the year 1885, are as follows :—

Admissions :—

On Profession,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
By Restoration,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
By Letter,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
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Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

Removals :—

By Death,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
By Letter,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Dropped from Roll,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	14

Thus there has been a gain of three, leaving the number in fellowship at date, 241.

The Annual Missionary Meetings were held on the 24th and 25th February, at which Rev. Dr. Alden attended as a deputation from the A. B. C. F. M., and the Rev. Thomas Hall, and others of our own ministers, as representing our Home Missions. As on former occasions, the meetings, as regards speaking and topics dealt with, were stimulating, but the attendance was meagre and discouraging.

Messrs. Hague and Duff were appointed to represent the Church at the Union meetings, held in June, at Hamilton, which appointment they duly fulfilled, reporting on their return successful and satisfactory meetings.

The Church has invited the Quebec Association of Ministers and Delegates of our Churches to hold its next half-yearly meeting with us, in the second week of March, for which provision will have to be made. The proceedings of this meeting will be of varied interest and importance, and it is greatly to be desired that the Church will cordially co-operate with the members of the association, in the endeavour to make them productive of good to us as a denomination, and thus remove the reproach