

people His Will will be sure to be revealed to them if they wait long enough for it. And so they concluded that deciding by a majority was too summary and rough a way of deciding matters. Better to adjourn and meet again and agree in one." Is not this the more excellent way?

Signed by the unanimous order of Council.

(Signed), HENRY J. CLARK, Chairman.  
GEO. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

AYER'S FLAT, QUE.—A new church has been organized at Ayer's Flat. Twenty-two members dismissed from the Fitch Bay Church, and thirteen on profession of faith, composed the charter membership. Seven persons received baptism on confession of their faith. The sister churches of Fitch Bay and Waterville were represented at the organization. Rev. J. W. Goffin from Waterville, and Deacon L. Magoon, and Mr. Barber from Fitch Bay. M. E. Hunt and C. Whellar were elected and ordained Deacons. H. Ashman, Secretary, and brother Clough, Jr, Treasurer. By a unanimous vote the new Society is to be known as "Beulah" Congregational Church, Ayer's Flat. The members and a number of visitors then partook of the Lord's Supper. This brought to a close one of the most delightful services it has ever been my privilege to attend.

*Fitch Bay.*—A short series of special services were held at this place. Just as the interest had reached a point in which much fruit would have been reaped, we had to close; yet our members here seemed to be greatly revived and encouraged. The church was reorganized. Deacons Magoon, Brown and Blake elected and ordained. Brother Barber was elected Secretary-Treasurer. There are over forty members in good standing in this church. The building needs extensive alterations. For the present this church must be worked in conjunction with Ayer's Flat, but eventually a pastor must be sought for this neighborhood. It is ten miles from Ayer's Flat, and the congregation is scattered around the village, — Rev. T. Hall, in *Missionary Advocate*.

TORONTO, BOND ST.—On Monday evening, Dec. 30th, the Teachers of the Bond St. Sabbath School, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Wild, paid a surprise visit to the house of Mr. McCartney, the Superintendent of the School, where Dr. Wild, on behalf of the Teachers, presented to Mr. and Mrs. McCartney a very handsome Silver Epergne, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

Mr. McCartney has been Superintendent of the Bond St. Sabbath School for eight years, during which period the most cordial feelings of esteem and regard have marked the intercourse of all engaged in the work of the School.

BELWOOD.—We gave a unanimous call to the Rev. James Webb. We have not received his acceptance yet. The Rev. Mr. Austin is preaching here—next Sabâath his last. Our Choir was entertained to a fine supper on the evening of the 22nd Jan., at the residence of John Hannah, Esq. A fine enjoyable time was spent upon the occasion. The Choir has had no quarrel for a year.

Yours, R. Y. BLYTH.

## THE COLLEGE.

### EDITORIAL.

We wish we could impress more upon the members of the various Churches the necessity of their doing more financially, for the College. A special appeal was made, first in our columns, and then by circular on the part of the Treasurer—and which has resulted in almost nothing. The sums sent in for the last two or three months being, not only less than the current needs, but less than for the same period last year.

Now imagine twenty young men, who have deliberately turued aside from money-making in this eminently bustling and commercial age, to seek a training for the ministry. How disheartening the thought that they are eating bread for which the College is going in debt, and listening to lectures provided on an empty treasury! And behind all this, the very natural thought, that the Churches which thus fail in sustaining their one College, can care little for the ministry—least of all for an educated ministry.

If no other plea can prevail, that of making sure of the retention of Principal Barbour, ought to be sufficient. It cannot be that a lofty-spirited Christian gentleman, of delicate sensibility, will long consent to act on the business principle of receiving his salary from the Treasurer without ever thinking where it comes from; and as in many such cases in the Ministry of the Churches there is first unrest, then a resignation.

From hints that have reached us, such thoughts are not unknown in Montreal. We assert most plainly and strongly, that the possible loss of Principal Barbour would be nothing short of a calamity to the College and the Churches. As a theologian, as a teacher, as a man, as a Christian he has few equals and no superiors. Nay, as a teacher, he has perhaps not an equal in America!