

age attendance of 188. During the year 39 new pupils had been taken in, while there had been 34 removals. The school comprises 23 classes and 27 officers and teachers. Although the year's expenses amounted to \$190.51, there is still a balance on hand of \$139.54. The sum of \$100 had been expended on the library, which now comprised 600 volumes. The mission-box collections amounted to \$37.19.

The annual meeting of the church was held on Thursday, 31st January, and was well attended. All things passed off harmoniously and pleasantly. Under a new rule adopted a year ago, seven deacons serve the church, one falling out every year, the longest term being seven years, so this year there was only one deacon to elect. This is thought by most to be better than the old plan of having six deacons, two going out every year, making the full term for any to be three years.

Since the annual meeting, the pastor has been pretty closely confined to his house by his old enemy rheumatism.

A hearty invitation has been given by the church to the Western Association, to hold their next meeting in London, and the members look forward to a good and profitable time.

DAVID NASMITH.

The late John Nasmith of Toronto, used often to speak of his brother, in terms of great affection. To the editor of this Magazine he particularly spoke of him, as the originator of "Ragged Schools." The philanthropic strain in the blood still asserts itself, through Toronto's well-known and rising citizen, John D. Nasmith.

To David Nasmith, founder of the London, (Eng.) City Mission, must be accorded the honor of being the instrument in God's hand of forming the first Young Men's Society in Canada, in 1831.

David Nasmith was born in the City of Glasgow, March 21, 1799. He was converted in early youth, and was soon distinguished by his energy of character and great zeal for the salvation of souls. Soon after his conversion, he, with some school companions, formed the Glasgow Youth's Bible Association, and he became Secretary of the organization. About 1824 he became desirous of forming Young Men's Societies for religious improvement. To conceive, with him was to execute and we soon find him busily engaged in enlisting the labors of the first preachers of the age in their behalf. So indefatigable was he in his efforts that he travelled throughout the United Kingdom, France and America, establishing in these places, about seventy Young Men's Societies. But devoutly attached as he was to those societies, he had

another great work pressing upon his heart, that of City Missions, and with these his name will go down to posterity. In 1826 (January 1) he formed the Glasgow City Mission. On the 16th May, 1835, was formed the London City Mission. Similar societies were also formed in Dublin, Leith, and other cities.

On the 27th July, 1830, he set sail from Greenock, Scotland, for New York, reaching there on 3rd September and landing on the following day. On the 28th September he organized the New York City Mission. From that date he travelled throughout the length and breadth of the land, forming City Missions and Young Men's Societies. In thirty days' visit to the South he formed six City Missions and six Young Men's Societies.

THE LATE REV. L. P. ADAMS.



Mr. Adams, whose portrait is given above, was a native of Reading, Vermont, where he was born 15th March, 1812. He was settled as pastor of the Congregational church at Fitch Bay, Que., in 1854; and labored there steadily till 1888. He died on the 8th of September. A further account of this faithful servant of Christ may be found in the October and November issues of this Magazine.

THE C. C. M. S.

A special meeting of the Executive was held in Montreal, 12th February. A few facts for our readers:

Encouragements.—St. John, N.B., Rev. J. R. Saer, B.D., pastor. This church has so far progressed as to voluntarily relinquish the mission grant with the new year. Stratford, Rev. J. P. Gerrie, expects to manage with largely diminished