

The meeting was opened with praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, conducted by Rev. J. A. Farrar, of Cowansville. The Secretary of the Missionary Committee then stated the two-fold object of the meeting. The Rev. E. J. Sherrill preached a most appropriate discourse from 1 Thess. ii. 20, "For ye are our glory and joy." It was then moved by deacon Cowles, seconded by deacon Cheaney, and carried unanimously, "That the South Congregational Church and Society do hereby invite the Rev. J. Rogers to be their pastor." In accepting this invitation, Mr. Rogers gave a most interesting and very satisfactory account of his conversion to God and subsequent Christian experience, and of his views of Christian doctrine and church polity. The installing prayer was offered, and the charge to the pastor (from 1 Tim. iv. 16) delivered, by Rev. A. Duff. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. J. A. Farrar, and the address to the church, by Rev. L. P. Adams. The district Secretary then introduced and pressed upon the notice of the meeting, the interests of our B. N. A. Congregational Missionary Society—especially in its new relationship to the Colonial Missionary Society. Rev. Mr. Tomkins, Wesleyan, presented the claims of missions in general, and of Canadian missions in particular; and Rev. Mr. Farrar urged the claims of the God of missions "*on us and ours.*" During the evening the choir sang hymns, anthems and chants, all exceedingly appropriate to the several parts of the service. A very respectable audience was gathered together, all were interested and the general feeling seemed to be, "it is good to be here." We trust the union now formed may be a permanent one, and conduce largely to the spiritual good of that locality.

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CHURCH DEDICATION IN BRANTFORD.

On Sabbath, 19th November, the new Congregational church in Brantford was opened for divine worship. The day was one of the finest of the Indian summer, and large congregations at each service, from town and country, manifested the interest of the surrounding community in the event. In the morning, after the prayer of dedication, offered by the pastor, Rev. John Wood, (who also composed the first hymn, which we print elsewhere,) Rev. Dr. Wilkes preached from 1 Tim. i. 11, "The blessed (happy) God." In the afternoon, Rev. F. H. Marling preached from Eph. ii. 20-22, and 1 Pet. ii. 4, 5, on the building of the "Spiritual House." The Rev. W. Stewart, Baptist, took part in the service. In the evening Dr. Wilkes was again the preacher, taking 2 Cor. ii. 14, "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ," &c. Rev. W. Hay closed the service. The collections amounted to the handsome sum of \$125, and the pastor announced in the evening, that *the church, as far as it was finished, was paid for, and that only from \$300 to \$500 were wanted to complete the basement!* On Monday evening, a meeting was held for the allotment of pews, which were not rented, but chosen by subscribers to the weekly offering, in the order of the amount of their subscriptions. A large number were present, and several new applicants came forward. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a Bible to E. H. Potter, Esq., who had given \$1,000 to the building, and had ever been most liberal to the cause, but was now expecting to remove from Brantford. Short addresses were also made by Revs. W. H. Allworth, W. Cochrane (Canada Presbyterian) and F. H. Marling.

The history of this erection is so interesting and instructive, that it must be told in some detail. The former frame building, erected in 1836, during Dr. Lillie's pastorate, was a handsome one for its day, but was much the worse for wear. At the Union meeting held in Brantford, in June, 1864, a delegate from Montreal, discovering that there remained on it a troublesome debt of \$1,000, for improvements, offered \$100 towards its liquidation. This was responded to by a subscription of \$300 from a member of the church; others came forward with proportionate liberality: some further help was obtained from Montreal, and soon the whole amount was pledged. This was considered an extraordinary effort on the part of a church most seriously weakened by the removal of members and the depression of business. On Sabbath morning, the 14th of August follow