

exercises consisted in a concert by the whole school, entitled "Heaven: Our Father's House," which was beautifully rendered. Then followed recitations, dialogues, solos, by members of the school, interspersed with singing by the choir and school. The report of the school read by the secretary showed the average attendance during the year to have been 106, being an increase upon the previous year, fifteen of whom had attended every Sabbath. Collections taken up in the school amounted to \$65. Prizes to the amount of \$35 were then distributed to the scholars. The pastor received from the teachers an envelope containing a sum of money, and a beautifully worded note expressing their appreciation of his services as their teacher in the weekly meeting for the study of the lesson, requesting that he would apply the money in purchasing a copy of the parallel edition of the revised version of the Bible to suit his own taste. In the distribution of presents from teachers, scholars, parents and friends, the organist of the church, Miss Unsworth, received a well filled purse, and the organist of the school a beautiful plush album, while for one hour love tokens and kind expressions in all forms were scattered through the congregation, to the joy and advantage of many who thought they were forgotten by others.

STRATFORD.—The Ministerial Association of this city resolved upon commencing this year with a series of united evangelistic services which have been held daily in the various churches, all the ministers co-operating together with such help as could be procured to represent the several denominations: the Rev. Geo. Fuller, of Brantford, representing the Congregationalists, and that in a most efficient manner; his genial spirit, thoughtful words, kindly manner and special adaptation for this service, peculiarly fit him for the work of an Evangelist. If any of our churches purpose special efforts and can secure Mr. Fuller's help he will render most acceptable service. The Rev. A. Gant, of London, represented the Baptist friends, and his labours were not without reward. The Rev. Mr. Smith, of Galt, represented the Presbyterians, of whose special gift in this work it is needless to speak. While rejoicing in times of refreshing and quickening and the conversion to God of not a few, it is evident that the class of people for whom these special services have been arranged have not been induced largely to attend although efforts have been put forth to reach every householder of the city. We are waiting for the more abundant blessing—"Brethren pray for us."

TORONTO, MR. ZION CHURCH.—This church reports increase all around for 1887. It has two schools every Sabbath in the same building, one union and the other denominational. In the former there are a few teachers from outside the church. There is an aggregate of 319 children under the church's care in these two schools, so that, in this respect, the church stands high in comparison with the schools of other Congregational churches in the Dominion. Out of a church membership of 39, 25 are engaged in the school. The total contributions for last year were \$309.82. The church raised for all purposes \$1453.92, of which \$746.75 were collected especially for the new addition to the building. About \$250 of this latter sum was contributed towards church enlargement by parties in Toronto and elsewhere outside of the church. Both church and congregation have steadily increased, al-

though the pastor could do little more than fill the pulpit, owing to the necessity of other engagements for self support. A good share of pastoral and missionary work is done by a noble band of tract distributors.

TORONTO, WESTERN.—The annual social of this church took place on Wednesday evening, the 13th ult. After tea had been partaken of, the Treasurer's report was read, showing that financially the church has prospered during the year notwithstanding its having dispensed with the Missionary grant heretofore allowed. A few brief and encouraging addresses from the deacons and Mr. Ashdown of Zion church, and the presentation of a purse of \$50 to the pastor, Rev. A. F. McGregor, B. A., as a slight token of the love and esteem in which he is held by the members of the church and congregation, brought the evening's pleasantries to a close. There is in connexion with this church a "society of Christian endeavor," which meets weekly for the threefold purpose of (1) Individual training in the Christian life: (2) Combined Missionary work: (3) Witnessing to Christ. This society, chiefly of young people, has had already one year of successful endeavor.

UNIONVILLE. Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd, the members of the church being well provided with baskets, paid a surprise visit to their pastor, Rev. W. F. Wilmot. The object of the visit was to make a presentation of a purse containing some twenty-seven dollars to Mrs. Wilmot. This was given by the members to testify the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot are held, and the warm appreciation of their very zealous and successful labors in the cause of Christ. After partaking of tea, the evening was spent in merriment and jollification, and all seemed to cherish the hope that ere long they might spend another such an evening, believing that such gatherings tend to draw the members into fuller sympathy with one another and to establish a closer relationship between pastor and people.

ENDOWMENT FUND CONG. COLL. OF B. N. A.

Thanks, Mr. Editor, for the good word concerning this Fund in your New Year's number. My impression of its importance for the present and the future is deep; would that one could sink it into the hearts of the many who are able to give, though the times are hard. I have no little pleasure in stating that the sum of two hundred dollars has just been handed to me by Mrs. McKeand in memory of her late husband, Mr. James McKeand of Hamilton, whose warm interest in all that concerned the college, and indeed the denomination generally, continued to the close of his life. This brings up the amount in the Savings Bank to nearly \$590. An equal amount contributed soon would enable me to hand another thousand to the Trustees for investment, so as to add sixty dollars to our annual income. Let me call special attention to the Year Book 1885-86, pp. 134-161.

HENRY WILKES, Treasurer.
Montreal, 9th Jan., 1886.

AN aged Christian, with the snow of time on his head, may remind us that those points of earth are whitest which are nearest heaven.