

dience. The attendance was very satisfactory at all the meetings, but the collections indicated the distress prevailing in the neighborhood among the working classes.

On Thursday evening, January 18th, the services were concluded by a platform meeting, H. O'Hara, Esq., being in the chair. Rousing addresses were given by Rev. Sampson Nicholls, Rev. J. D. Dinick, and the pastor, Rev. Thomas Webb. The church choir was greatly assisted by the colored choir from the Chestnut Street church, who rendered several appropriate selections. The Misses Dickson and Harvey, of the Centennial Methodist church choir, gave two solos and a duet, with autoharp accompaniment, which were exceedingly well received. Extra seating accommodation had to be borrowed from the nearest residences to seat late comers. A collection was taken up during the evening, for running expenses. Votes of thanks were tendered those who took part in the programme, and supper provided for them by the ladies of the church, and thus ended one of our most successful anniversary meetings.

W. B. P.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The annual meetings of the Congregational church were held in January; Mr. C. E. MacMichael presiding. The usual reports were received. The Clerk's report showed—received by letter, 3; deaths, 3; names discontinued on revision of roll, 6. The Treasurer's report showed ordinary income, \$1,850; from Jubilee Debt Fund, \$850; total, \$2,700. Receipts not included in Treasurer's accounts, about \$130. The sum of \$850 was paid on mortgage debt, also \$700 additional after Treasurer's accounts were closed, which had also been paid on mortgage debt. The following officers were elected: Treasurer, Mr. William Kerr; Clerk, James Woodrow; Financial Secretary, E. C. Foster; Missionary Treasurer, C. H. Dearborn; Deacons, Messrs. William Kerr, C. E. MacMichael, Josiah Fowler, John Wade and James Harrison; Jubilee Debt Fund Committee, Messrs. C. H. Dearborn (Treas.), A. J. Heath, John Wade and James Woodrow; Trustees, James Woodrow, C. H. Dearborn, Wm. Kerr, Samuel Crothers, Josiah Fowler, S. B. Paterson, G. S. Fisher, John Wade and Charles Clarke. The Jubilee Debt Fund in two years had realized \$1,957, of which \$1,025 had been given by one member; and the sum of \$50 had been received from a bequest. Of the amount named, \$361 had been paid for sundries and on floating debt, and \$1,550 on mortgage debt. Balance still due on mortgage debt, \$1,850.—*Sec.*

FOREST.—The Y. P. S. C. E. arranged for a sunrise prayer meeting on New Year's morning, to be led by our pastor. There was a good atten-

dance, and the Holy Spirit's influence seemed to be felt in our midst. Meetings were held during the week of prayer; our pastor conducting the meetings on Monday and Wednesday evenings; the Lookout Committee on Tuesday; Missionary Committee on Thursday, and the Prayer Meeting Committee were to have had Friday evening, but Rev. John Salmon, of Toronto, was in town, and kindly came to our help. Rev. Dr. Hindley is endeavoring to keep up week-night services at the country churches, until they secure a pastor, so we have to conduct more meetings without him.

The annual business meeting of the Forest Congregational church was held on the evening of Jan. 17, in the church. Reports were given from pastor, secretary and treasurer, showing that the year had been a prosperous one. The secretary spoke of it being a critical year, owing to the many changes; but also one of blessing. The church membership had an increase of eight. The church property has been improved and the mortgage reduced to \$392. The different departments of work all report progress, with funds on hand.

Treasurer reported total amount raised \$1,632; disbursements for church purposes \$1,527. Reports were received from Sunday school. Raised during the year, \$53; Ladies' Aid, contribution, \$49; Y. P. S. C. E., \$29 for general purposes; Junior C. E., \$3.83; Missionary Auxiliary and Band, \$20. The young men have been organized for mutual improvement for about a month, but are likely now to branch out into a Y. M. C. A. These reports were all accepted; after which followed the election of officers, which resulted as follows: The retiring Deacon, Mr. James Maylor, re-elected; Sec., Miss Mary Gammon; Treas., Mr. R. Prout; Ushers, Messrs. Barnes and Martin; Collectors, Messrs. Jennings and J. Anderson. The meeting then closed with prayer, and adjournment was made to the school room to partake of refreshments, by invitation from the Social Committee of Y. P. S. C. E. This was the best attended meeting that we have ever had, and the reports more satisfactory; which showed, as the pastor remarked, that it was a thoroughly organized, as well as a live and working, church. F. R.

WOODSTOCK.—Our annual Congregational meeting was held on Monday evening, January 29th, when officers were elected for the ensuing year. Reports were received; from the pastor, expressing his gratefulness to God for the many blessings enjoyed throughout the ten months of his pastoral work here, and his joy at the harmony so manifest in the life of our church, and from the officers and various societies in connection with the congregation; showing that since the Rev. A. F. McGregor became our pastor there has been greater interest and marked progress in all branches of the work,