

pray for more labourers, and we believe they are coming. There are one or two verses which have been in my mind much lately—

Hark the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work to-day?"

Fields are white and harvest waiting, "who will bear the sheaves away?"

Loud and strong the master calleth, rich reward he offers thee;

Who will answer, gladly saying, "*Here am I, send me, send me!*"

We would that many many would soon give this answer! How the faces of Miss Murray and Miss Clark beamed with joy when they hear of this one and that one offering to come and labour in the Lord's work; but how much more pleased do you think, God must be with his full heart of love.

"Let all that look for, hasten the coming joyful day,
By earnest consecration to walk the narrow way;
By gathering in the lost ones, for whom our Lord did die,
For the crowning day that's coming by and by."

News of the Churches.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—The annual meeting of the Congregational Church, held, January 11th, was well attended. The pastor, Dr. Barnes, after giving words of welcome, and suggestions for the future, read a short report of the work of the past year, showing a marked improvement in the different branches of work in the church, and also in its contributions. The Treasurer's report was also encouraging, showing a good condition of the finances of the Church. Business being over, coffee and cake were served, and a very happy and social hour was spent. We trust another year will find every member of the Society present at its annual gathering.

A few words about some of the branches of our church work may be of interest. A few months after coming among us, our pastor formed a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, which we trust is doing good work for the Master. We have about sixty members. The meetings are held after the church service on Sunday evenings, which is found a good preparation for the week. Our pastor is always with us, but the meetings are led by the young people, with the exception of consecration night, when the pastor leads. The prayer-meeting committee report they have no trouble in procuring leaders, and one night three young ladies came prepared to take the meeting! We think every Church would be the stronger with a society of this kind, for its various committees endeavour to aid the pastor in the different departments of his work; for instance, the "Look Out" and "Calling" Committee are expected to visit all strangers who come to the

church. The "Sunday-school" Committee have the interest of the Sunday-school at heart. Once in two months we have a missionary meeting. We have been interested of late in the Home Mission work of our Dominion, and are indebted to the columns of the INDEPENDENT for the information found there. There are socials in connection with the Society, so that the young people may become better acquainted. We consider this an important part of the work. We think there should be a Society of Christian Endeavour in every Church if possible; for the future of each Church, of course, depends upon the young people, and if they become accustomed to taking part in these meetings, it will prepare the way for their assisting in the meetings of the Church. Our Woman's Board of Missions has, within the past year, become auxiliary to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society. A Young Ladies' Missionary Society has been formed, and there is quite a flourishing Children's Mission Band; so we trust our hearts will be fitted more and more for the cause of Christ, both "at home and abroad."

During the winter our pastor's Sabbath evening discourses have been on the subject of Elijah, and as the character and life of the grand old prophet have been unfolded, the attendance and interest of the congregation have been steadily increased.

ENDEAVOR.

WINNIPEG.—ANNUAL MEETING.—The parlors of the Central Congregational church were well filled Wednesday evening by members of the congregation, to participate in the business of the annual meeting. At the conclusion of the weekly prayer-meeting, Rev. Mr. Pedley resumed the chair and proceeded with business. The deacons reported having visited some fifty persons, who had made applications for membership on confession of faith, since the last monthly meeting. All applications were received, together with several others on presentation of letters of dismission from sister churches, and the parties will be received into fellowship at the monthly communion service on Sunday morning next. The annual reports of the several officers were presented, all showing a very satisfactory condition of affairs. Every department of work in the church exhibited a surplus on hand, with all indebtedness of the year paid. During the year the congregation has raised, in its several departments, a sum aggregating between \$7,000 and \$8,000, which is a very large amount, considering that its membership does not exceed 200, although it has generally very large congregations at the various church services. The Ladies' Aid Society has the largest surplus of cash on hand, followed closely by the Sunday school, with the church general fund third. The several reports were referred to the auditors, who will