

ist, gave a talk to students a few days ago in the Methodist college. We were invited, and went. Dr. Peck is a live man and believes in enthusiasm. He told us the aim of preaching is to save men. In every revival there is a Divine factor, always invariable, and a human factor which is variable. Let the human unite with the Divine and a revival is sure to follow. All socials, &c., must be abolished, a beginning must be made in faith. Personal appeal accomplishes more than preaching from the pulpit. A revival should be a *siege*, not a *sortie*. The vessels that carry the Water of Life must be very pure, through consecration. It was good to be there.

So we are making ready for the conflict. Soon our college days will be over. Soon shall we be called to enter upon the active work of our ministry, to receive the banner of the cross from the hands of those who have borne it long and who even now are ready to "enter through the gates into the city." May God make us worthy of the confidence of the churches, and of the great trust He has committed to our charge.

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News of the Churches.

MONTREAL, ZION.—A correspondent in the *Montreal Witness* gives a very pleasing account of this historic church. By church we mean, not the building, but the living organization. Here are some remarks about the present pastor:—The Rev. H. A. McIntyre is the present pastor, and he "magnifies" his office by his diligence and zeal in the cause of the Master." He is about thirty years of age, has a good physique, and impresses you favorably at the first glance. That is an important matter for a young minister. Mr. McIntyre is a Canadian by birth, and graduated in Arts at McGill University and in theology at Yale, U. S.; so that he is well furnished, as far as education and theological training are concerned, for the work of the ministry. When he commenced his work, a little more than a year ago, he found a mere remnant of old Zion, but by prudence, prayer and hard work, he has been encouraged in seeing every department of the church prosper. The congregation, membership and Sunday school are constantly increasing, and the friends of the old church are not without hope of one day seeing her again strong and useful as in days of yore. This, I believe, is Mr. McIntyre's first pastorate, and so far he has met with much encouragement. The sermon was good and evidently prepared with great care. The whole service was pleasant and helpful. The neighborhood is not over-churched, so that there is plenty of room for "Zion" to grow and prosper.

MARGAREE, C. B.—This community is now passing through a financial crisis which is shared by the church. There is an old adage which runs: "When poverty comes in at the door love flies out at the window." However that may be, poverty anywhere is very inconvenient, and here has had a depressing influence on the church which seems to be paralyzed with a fear of getting into debt. The pastor seeing this anxiety, offered to withdraw his demands until the promised stipend was subscribed and in the meantime feel himself at liberty to do missionary work elsewhere in the neighborhood, receiving what help he could by means

of collections, etc. This offer was accepted, but soon some members of the church feeling its position to be an unenviable one, made a strenuous effort and obtained in a short time increased subscriptions to the amount of \$90 as required, when ordinary work was formally resumed, though in fact never suspended. Payments, however, have nearly all to be made in produce, which is this year very limited, hence the crisis and absence of money. Collections are merely nominal and scarcely worth even a name. The church deeply regrets inability to respond to the just demands of our College, Widow and Orphan's fund and Foreign missions. An effort will, as soon as possible, be made on behalf of our C. C. M. S., with what results we do not predict. Lest the pastor's family should be discouraged, a few zealous ladies collected, worked and presented as the result of their effort, a new dining-room carpet to their minister, who received also other special marks of regard.

STRATFORD.—Mr. Gordon-Smith desires to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of twenty-five dollars from some friend in the Northern Congregational Church, of Toronto, and ten dollars from a friend in Clinton, towards the arrears of interest pressing the work there.

TORONTO, ZION CHURCH.—This church has been the recipient of a legacy of \$2,000 from a Mrs. Ford, for many years a resident of this city, and who lately died.

OBITUARY SKETCH.

WILLIAM KAYE.

The subject of this sketch was born at Shelley, in the Parish of Kirkburton, County of York, in England, the 25th of Aug., 1841. In 1865 he came to Montreal, where he resided about six years. Thence he removed to Cobourg. The Congregational church was then in charge of Rev. Jos. Griffith, and during his pastorate Mr. Kaye and his wife became members of the church. From the day of his admission until the day he left Cobourg he was a most faithful and consistent member of the church. Without forgetting his relation to the great brotherhood of Christians, keeping himself free from all taint of bigotry, he was exceedingly faithful to the more immediate obligations of church fellowship. All felt that he was a man to be trusted, and a man whose love for Christ must find expression in practical ways. He was regular in his attendance at public worship, a devoted teacher in the Sunday school, a worker to be counted on in every emergency. There was nothing fitful about his service. He needed no petting to get him to work. Steadily, and from love to Christ, he worked on in all weather and under all circumstances. There was nothing sombre or forbidding about his religion. His bright face was never brighter than when engaged in his Master's service.

About four years ago his business engagements required his removal from Cobourg to Whitby. So long as the Whitby church held together he was a true friend to it. After it closed he was without a regular church home for some time, but feeling that this was not the best thing for himself and his growing family, he finally settled down as a worshipper in the Methodist church.

His death was somewhat sudden. On the 11th of January he caught a cold which developed into inflam-