

all denominational purposes some \$1,750. The chairman's address on the independence of the Congregational church, its unity and work,—brief and to the point—was received with hearty applause. The meeting closed about ten o'clock, all present feeling that they had spent a delightful "Thanksgiving evening," and that it was a good thing to be a Congregationalist.

As Mr. Aylward removes to London, 1st Dec., all correspondence respecting pulpit services, etc., should be addressed to Wm. Toms, jr., Secretary of the church.

SELMA, N. S.—A promising Christian Endeavor Society has recently been formed in connection with this church. There are already thirteen members, active and associate, meeting weekly. Two brothers who are non-resident at Selma, of which church they are members, not only continue in active Christian work in connection with churches in the U. S., but fully keep up their former contributions towards the sustentation of the means of grace at home. They have recently joined to further express their attachment to their church at Selma, by the gift of a very handsome communion set, complete.

This is truly an example to the many young persons who were led to the Saviour in Canada, but whose occupation is now elsewhere. Other absentees from this, their former church home, are still, commendably, helping the congregation in its comparative weakness.

Selma was this year the place of meeting for the general delegation of the four co-operating churches along the Bay shore, having the same pastor. Entire satisfaction was expressed, under the circumstances, with past, or rather present arrangements, and their renewal was unanimously advised.

BRIEFS.—Rev. C. H. Whisker of *St. Thomas*, collected about \$300 in Toronto for his church debt.

Frome had a very pleasant and successful anniversary tea. The pastor, Rev. W. H. A. Claris preached a Sunday lately in *Glencoe*, where there are a number of people desirous of forming a Congregational church.

Rev. I. J. Swanson, of *Woodstock*, was married on the 11th Nov., to a young lady of Montreal.

Rev. W. H. Watson, late of Nova Scotia, has been preaching in *London* and *Paris, Ont.*

Rev. R. Aylward, of *Cobourg*, has been invited by the First Church in *London*, to become their pastor. Rev. R. Neal, who had been supplying the pulpit for a few months, has left—under a cloud.

The Editor of the INDEPENDENT supplied two Sabbaths at *Edgar* and *Dalston*.

Rev. J. M. Austin is at present preaching at *Newmarket*.

MONTREAL CONGREGATIONAL CLUB.—Although the idea of a Congregational Club is a familiar one to our friends across the border, it has been left for Montreal to introduce it among the churches of the Dominion. Early in the spring of the present year, the thought of such a club took shape in the minds of a few; and the result was, a meeting for organization at Calvary Church, on the evening of May 15th. The feeling at that meeting, and at a subsequent one for the election of officers, was so enthusiastic, that the membership list is already full, and the question of an extension in this direction will soon have to be considered.

The list of officers for the coming year is as follows: Rev. E. M. Hill, *Pres.*; J. M. M. Duff, *1st Vice-Pres.*; Thomas Moodie, *2nd Vice-Pres.*; Chas. T. Williams, *Sec.*; Chas. Cushing, *Treas.* The Secretary will be glad to learn of any other Congregational Clubs, when formed, among our Canadian churches. Address, C. T. Williams, 785 Craig St., Montreal.

MAXVILLE.—On the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day a company of twenty ladies met in the sitting-room of Elmwood Manse, to hold a thank-offering service. After singing and prayer, Mrs. Macallum, who led the meeting, read the 103rd Psalm. One of the ladies then gave instances of thanksgiving recorded in the Bible. A most interesting item came next. Two of the ladies present related the history of the Maxville church, from its beginning more than fifty years ago, with five members, until the present time. Grateful mention was made of help received from the C. C. M. S. in past years, and the pleasure of now being able to give to it was spoken of. A Thanksgiving story, and a letter from Mrs. F. W. Macallum, describing the journey from Trebizond to Erzroom, were listened to with much interest. The offerings, which amounted to \$16, were then collected; and after the close of the meeting a social time was spent. R. M.

LONDON.—First Congregational Church.—The 53rd anniversary of the organization of this church was observed on Sunday, October 26th. Rev. W. H. Watson, of Liverpool, N. S., preached sermons suitable to the occasion. On the Monday evening a tea-meeting was held, and proved a splendid success. The tea was good, the music was good and the speeches full of encouragement and cheer. Addresses were given by Dr. Leonard, U.S. Consul, who filled the chair in his usual genial manner; Rev. Mr. Watson, Rev. R. Aylward, of Cobourg, and several of the city ministers. A unanimous call has been given to Mr. Aylward