

pastor, said that the congregation was much larger than that of any previous year, and was steadily growing, so that it was found necessary to utilize the school room in order to provide sufficient accommodation. The membership had largely increased, the attendance at prayer meetings was also much larger than that of previous years. The pew rents had been done away with, and the current expenses of the church were met by the usual collections. Six years ago the congregation had consisted only of seventy-five people, while on the previous evening he had preached to about 1,200. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Silcox of a purse, containing \$150, from the young men of the congregation. Mr. Silcox acknowledged the compliment, and said that nothing gave him greater pleasure than the opportunity of preaching to so many young men, who made up nearly half of his Sunday evening congregations. They were great helpers in the work, and he was glad to have them around him. This was a young men's country, and in no way could they better promote its interests than by helping on the work of the church. Rev. Mr. Pitblado, of the Presbyterian Church, gave some interesting particulars regarding his recent trip across the ocean, and expressed pleasure at seeing the church prospering. Our correspondence column gives the impression of a friend on this subject.

### Personal.

Rev. C. E. Rolton, of Warton, has for some time been from his charge, seeking health. We were glad to receive a call from him the other day, and to learn that he expects to begin work with the new year, fully restored.

Rev. W. W. Smith is supplying Scotland and Burford just now, during Mr. Hay's sickness. May God's blessing attend on both.

Rev. H. D. Powis has removed to 32 Crescent Road, Bromley, Kent.

Friend Wetherald is engaged to give a week's special services in Brantford, beginning 8th inst.; then in Stratford for a season. May we be enabled to chronicle blessed results from these meetings.

Dr. Stevenson has preached his first sermon in the Brixton Chapel, December 6. Text, Psa. cxv. 12. Congregation large; everybody delighted, as well as they may be; prospects bright. Communion at the close largely attended, and one from the Northern Toronto present who gives the information. God bless our friend and his family.

Rev. J. W. Cox, who resigned the charge of Noel, etc., in September last on account of ill health, is staying and improving at Kingsport. As strength permits, our brother is supplying Cornwallis. May he soon be completely restored.

### CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The following subscriptions have been received on account of current expenses since 1st June, and are hereby thankfully acknowledged: Calvary, Montreal \$9; Martintown, \$9.80; Colonial Missionary Society, London, Eng., \$602.42; Sherbrooke, \$36.75; Hawkesbury, \$7.34; Vankleek Hill, \$4.66; Lennoxville, \$17; Franklin, \$2.50; Collections in England by Rev. Dr. Stevenson, \$32.68; Northern, Toronto, \$100; Speedside, \$12.43; Baddeck, N. S., \$3.50; Kingston, First, \$106.75; Kingston, Bethel, \$10; Rev. G. Robertson, \$2; Rev. C. Pedley, \$2; Eaton, \$10.50; Mrs. Ebbes, Plainfield, Ill., \$25; R. Anderson, Esq., for prizes, \$100; Mrs. Brigham, \$50; Pine Grove, \$11.25; Alton, \$1.75; North Erin, \$2.25; St. Elmo, \$10.62; Maxville, \$17.39; Humber Summit, \$4.90; Danville, \$50; Rev. Thos. Baker, Hamilton, \$24; Edgar, \$9; Rugby, \$8; Dalston, \$3; Emmanuel, Montreal, \$127.58; Rev. W. H. Allworth, Ont., \$5; received from other sources, \$1,606.14; total, \$3,026.21. Payments to date, \$3,063; debit balance from last year, \$1,311.23—\$4,374.23; balance due Endowment Fund, \$1,348.02.

R. C. JAMIESON, Treasurer.

Montreal, December 17, 1886.

### Literary Notices.

THE American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions have issued an Almanac for 1887, with what may be called a Directory of Missions. A list is given with post office address of all the missionaries in the employ of the society. We read:

WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

General postal address—*American Mission, Benguela, (via Lisbon), West Africa*—Walter T. Currie, Bailundu.

Will not some of our friends take advantage of this address? The board has 173 male, 261 female missionaries, 1,964 native helpers, 311 churches, 26,130 communicants, of which 3,496 were added last year, and its income, 1885-86 was \$658,755.

THE sales of the *Century Magazine* have gone up over 30,000 copies in six weeks, since beginning the Life of Lincoln. A second edition of December will be issued on the 15th. A veteran New York publisher predicts that the permanent edition of the magazine will go beyond 300,000 before the completion of the Lincoln history. The January instalment, which is said by the editors to be of most surpassing interest, occupies thirty pages of the magazine, and treats of Mr. Lincoln's settlement in Springfield; his practice of law in that city; marriage, and the campaign of 1844. The illustrations are numerous.

THE *Advance*, Chicago, has again changed hands, and our old friend, Dr. S. Gilbert is, as he himself expresses it, "Home again." Dr. Gilbert for four years has been with the Boston *Congregationalist*, but now, with Mr. F. A. Noble, will speak through the columns of our enterprising contemporary, well named the *Advance*. *Macte, virtute.*