

most people prefer joining larger bodies. If we do not value independency we may as well join Presbyterians or Methodists. We glory in teaching our people to be liberal and say, "Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." We dare not teach them to be narrow and exclusive, even to make ourselves a large body.

I do not think we are likely ever to be a large body in Canada. Nor do I know that it is very desirable that we should be. Other denominations are gradually adopting our principles, getting more liberal, and the people are having more to say. When any number of them are tired of bondage and do not want to be governed by the clergy, it is quite open to them to be free, and by God's help govern themselves. Many of them would now if they dared. On the other hand, there are plenty of churches governed by the clergy, open to those who do not like government by the people.

W. H. ALLWORTH

News of the Churches.

USIONVILLE. On Sunday evening, 13th inst., a few minutes before the audience gathered for worship, a twelve lamp chandelier fell and set fire to the body of the church. Fortunately the flames were soon extinguished. The kalsomining was totally spoiled, and two or three seats burned. Total damage about \$200, fully covered by insurance.

STONFVILLE. The deacons of the church have addressed a letter to the sister church in Embro, praying them to release Rev. E. D. Silcox from his pastoral engagement with them. The matter will be settled this week.

WINNIPIC. Rev. J. B. Silcox, in a private letter, speaks very hopefully of the church there. Congregations are growing and interesting increasing. The Sunday School is as yet small, but the Pastor's Bible Class is well attended.

COWANSVILLE. A fire broke out in the out buildings connected with the residence of the Rev. Geo. Willatts, on Sunday last at 3.50 a.m. The carriage house, stable and wood shed were totally destroyed with the contents, including horse, carriage, harness, robes, hay, oats &c. Providentially the house was saved, but the furniture and library were somewhat injured by removal. Origin of fire unknown.

NEWFOUNDLAND. The following address was presented to the Rev. Thomas Hall, by the Church at Smith's Sound:

To the Rev. Thomas Hall, pastor of Queen's Road Chapel, St. John's, Newfoundland.

We, the undersigned Deacons and officers of Smith's Sound Congregational Church, on behalf of its members, have learned with regret that you are about to leave this country for a more extended field of labor, and we feel it our duty before your departure, to express to you our sentiments of respect and appreciation for the manner in which you have sustained your exalted and responsible position as Superintendent of Missions in this country. We have had to observe with admiration, the deep interest which you have ever evinced in all matters affecting the education of youth, and we have noted with great satisfaction the measure of success which has attended your earnest and arduous efforts in this noble cause. Relations so kindly as those which have existed between us cannot be severed without mutual sorrow; and we can assure you and your good lady, Mrs. Hall, of our sincere desire and prayers, that the Great Head of the Church will ever bless you, and that your anticipated field may be as satisfactory to all parties, as have been your relations to our little Church.

William Tavener, Elder; William Bagdon, Treasurer; Edwin McGregor, M.D., Secretary; George Carbery, Dea-

con. Henry Dibbon, Deacon; Joseph Pitman, Deacon. John J. Bute, Teacher; John Squires, Pastor, Smith's Sound Congregational Church.

Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, Dec. 30, 1880. Newfoundland.

ECONOMY, N. S. Dear Mr. Editor: We have now held the third anniversary of the settlement of our pastor in our midst, the Rev. Edwin Rose, and I have much pleasure in sending you reports. As the Parsonage is very convenient for large gatherings, the deacons asked Mrs. Rose if she would kindly permit the anniversary to be held there. She immediately gave the church and friends a very hearty welcome, so on the 3rd of February, with baskets in hand, we went in a goodly number and had a most enjoyable time. Supper being over, Deacon James Hill was called to the chair, and after singing and prayer, the chairman stated that it gave him great pleasure to take the chair on that occasion, as it was no formal gathering, but one convened by the love and esteem all the members and friends bore to their pastor and his family; and he thought they had every reason to be thankful to God for the spiritual prosperity He had given the Church, and for the peace and unity which, without an exception, prevailed in their midst. He was of the opinion that such social gatherings were conducive to the well being and growth of the Church, and he trusted many such glad occasions were in store for them.

Deacon A. K. Moore was requested to give a financial statement of the church's position. Mr. Moore stated that owing to the blessing of God and the unity and good-will existing in the church, it was short, but very encouraging. The collectors had that day put their treasurer in a position to pay their pastor in full. During the month \$30 had been sent by the Church and Ladies Missionary Society to our Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Missions. During the year the church property had been improved by the addition of a wood shed, and porch. The barn and stable are almost finished, and there is in hand \$125 to go towards the remaining small debt on the parsonage, without touching the subscriptions which were due. Thus the financial condition is very encouraging.

Mr. J. M. Murphy was requested to make a statement on behalf of the Church, which he took out of his pocket in the shape of an address. It was as follows:

TO THE REV. EDWIN ROSE

Beloved Pastor. We have met here this evening to celebrate the third anniversary of your ministry in our midst. In reviewing these three years of ministerial labor, doubtless you have had many trials and perplexities, that generally fall to the lot of a pastor; but, on the whole, we trust these three years have been a time of profit and pleasure to you, as we are sure they have been to us. You have not only had the gratification of bringing this church into existence, but have seen it grow under your ministry into a healthy and vigorous one, the influence of which is being felt throughout the whole community. And you have the satisfaction of knowing that the labors of your excellent wife and yourself have to a large extent, by the grace of God, been the means of placing this church in the happy, Christian, established position which she now enjoys. And now, dear sir, it is my very pleasant privilege to state, that the friends of your church for many months past have been anxious to express to you, through the medium of some helpful gift, their love and gratitude for your indefatigable efforts for the cause of Christ and our own spiritual good. Hence, on the behalf of a united, happy, and prosperous Church and people, I present you with this robe and sleigh; and be assured, as you wrap this robe around

yourself and your wife, whom we all love, that whatever adds to your joy and comfort imparts pleasant satisfaction to us. May this robe defend you and your family from the storms of winter, and God's grace in storms it will not cover. Howeverappy you may be in receiving these tokens of our love, we assure you it cannot exceed the joy we have in bestowing them, and it is the prayer of your church that this sleigh and robe may grow old in your service here so as to require them to be replaced again and again.

Signed on behalf of the Church,

JAMES HILL,
SAMUEL G. MOORE, }
CHARLES ED. HILL, Deacons
ROBERT HILL,
ANDREW K. MOORE. }

J. M. MURPHY

In responding, Mr. Rose said

Mr. Chairman, and Beloved Friends

It is not an easy thing, through the emotions which overwhelm the soul on such an occasion, to address you, and that in the presence of your tokens of affection. However, on behalf of my dear ones and myself, I thank you for your beautiful robe and very tasty sleigh, and trust they will never be absent from any door where the sick and the sorrowful need comfort. As your pastor I am also very grateful to you for your vigorous efforts to right your church finances, which has been a glad surprise to us all. Dear friends, I feel grateful to you for your hearty co-operation in the spiritual work of the church, and trust we shall be encouraged to make greater efforts for the Master.

After several other interesting addresses, the pastor closed the most enjoyable anniversary it has been our privilege to attend by reading a psalm of praise and offering up a prayer of gratitude. We are glad to state our ministers health is improved. May like Joseph his bow abide in strength, and God grant as pastor and people for many years we may abide with each other in useful labor.

GEORGE M. HILL,
Church Secretary

February 2, 1880

We have received a very interesting account of the dedication of the new Congregational Church at Granby, Que. It is too interesting to abridge, and too long to insert this week, so that we must perforce hold it over until next week.

Obituary.

Mrs. Sarah J. Auld, widow of the late Jos. Auld, Esq., of Quebec, exchanged mortality for life, in that city, on Feb. 3rd, 1881, aged 65 years. Mrs. Auld was led to the Saviour in her youth, and forty years ago united with the Congregational people worshipping in Palace Street Church, and ever remained a consistent and useful Christian.

Of a quiet and retiring nature, she did what she could for the Lord, and was always found in her place in the sanctuary of God. She died as she had lived, resting on her Lord, and has gone to be with Him and to rejoin many of her loved ones who had gone on before. As her minister for nearly a quarter of a century the writer will ever pleasurably recall her sterling excellence.

H. D. P.

DENOMINATIONAL NOTES.

There are said to be 20,000 volumes and 100,000 manuscripts pertaining to the history and theology of Congregationalism in the Congregational House at Boston, and that the building stands on the ground where the first stone house was built 217 years ago.

Zion's Herald seems to be a little sceptical as to whether such a council as our recent one at St. Louis can exert

much or any influence over independent bodies like our churches. The difference between the influence of such a council and that of the governing body among the Methodists is, that the former advises while the latter dictates. The former stimulates reflection and educates in a greater degree than the latter. The difference is that between saying, "Is not this the wiser course?" and saying, "You must do this."

The Congregationalists of the United States maintain sixty six colleges and seminaries in heathen and Mahomedan lands.

The committee appointed by the National Council, Rev. A. L. Chapin, D. D., chairman, to select a commission of twenty five whose business it shall be to prepare a new creed and catechism, is about to meet in New York for conference. It has an important work, and the names of the twenty five are looked for with decided interest.

Literary Notes.

READERS of *St. Nicholas* who remember Mrs. Oliphant's charming "Windsor Castle Papers," which appeared in that magazine two years ago, will welcome her stories of "Liddy Jane Grey," and "Mary, Queen of Scots," the first of which is to appear in the March *St. Nicholas*, illustrated with a frontispiece portrait, in antique setting. This number has also some interesting recollections of Adeline Patt. Years ago, it will be remembered, Patt travelled through the United States with Ole Bull, and Maurice Strakosch, then the leading pianist of the day. The largest letters on the posters spelled out: "Mademoiselle Adeline Patt, Aged Eleven Years. The Wonderful Child Prima Donna." Two little girls, Wilmington, Delaware, spent a never-to-be-forgotten rainy day playing with the little lady, when she passed through Wilmington, and one of them now writes out the story of the day's adventures.

THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY is received regularly as published, and will prove we are sure very helpful, not to ministers alone, but to Sunday School teachers and all engaged in Christian work. The title will probably deter some from subscribing under the idea that it is for preachers alone; such is not the case, its contents are varied and interesting, and should be of use to all live Christian men, if it be not an anomaly to speak of any as being otherwise.

Truth and love are two of the most powerful things in the world, and when they both go together they cannot easily be withstood. *Cudworth*

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