

church of young men especially are encouraging the pastor, and enlivening the members. Calvary is also blessed. Zion has been holding special services in union with its immediate neighbor the First Baptist Church. They are greatly encouraged by manifest tokens of the Divine presence in the conversion of the wanderers, and in the quickening of the disciples. How much better is all this than an overmastering devotion to winter sports, however good they may be in their proper place, and in such measure as healthful recreation demands.

MONTREAL, CALVARY.—There was a large attendance of the members of Calvary church in the building on Guy street., on 20th ult, when the ninth annual meeting was held. The pastor the Rev. E. M. Hill presided, and reviewing the work of the church during its ninth year, showed that much genuine progress had been made. The report of the Board of Deacons and the Treasurer's report were read, and the Treasurer of the Building Fund presented a report which gives assurance that the debt is being rapidly reduced, and that a few years will see its complete extinction. The Sunday-school Secretary reported that there were at present on the roll seven officers, 17 teachers, 230 pupils; the average attendance being 20 officers and teachers, and 143 pupils. One hundred and fifty-one dollars had been collected during the year, the large moiety of which has been expended in missionary work in India and China. The report of the Ladies' Missionary Association showed that over one hundred and thirty dollars had been expended in Labrador, and more collected for the building fund of the church. The Foreign Missionary Society's report showed that one hundred dollars had been raised during the year. The Dorcas Society report having collected \$65. The Missionary Needles report a successful year's work, having held a weekly meeting regularly with a fair attendance at each. A bazaar was held which realized \$70. The Young Men's Literary Society and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor also made satisfactory reports. A summary of the contributions of the church during the year 1885 showed that \$2,349 has been contributed for church purposes; \$169 for denominational objects; \$161 for local benevolent work, and \$304 for foreign missions, or in all \$2,983. After tea had been taken, and the closing services, the meeting was adjourned.

PLYMPTON.—A new church has been formed in this place which will be supplied by Mr. Shannon, who hands Ebenezer over to Mr. R. Hay. This rearrangement of the field gives strength to the two pastorates, and adds to us a new and promising church.

PARKDALE.—The anniversary services in connexion with the church and Sunday school in this growing locality, under the pastorate of the Rev. C. DuT. M.A., were held during the month of December, two weeks intervening. At the Sunday school anniversary the Rev. R. McKay, (Presbyterian,) and Rev. T. Cullen, (Methodist,) preached morning and evening respectively; the editor addressing the school in the afternoon. Rev. H. D. Powis and Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, (Methodist,) preached the church anniversary sermons. At all these services the attendance and financial results were encouraging. Special mention should be made of the service of song, which was conducted solely by the members of the church and congregation, and was ex-

ceptionally good. On the evening of Dec. 29th the annual social was held, and the speeches of Drs. Ingham and Wild, Rev. Messrs. Mutch and Salmon were to the point, and well received. Here again the singing was of a high order. This church is established in a needy and promising locality, and heartily sustained should give a good account of itself. We bespeak for it hearty sympathy.

SARNIA.—Mr. Hall supplie the field in the meantime, and a little later expects to go to the Maritime Provinces, spending a short time in St. John to relieve our friend Mr. Saer, who desires to make some collection for the heavy debt on the church building there. May God bless the earnest efforts to rebuild the walls of our Zion and send Sarnia and St. John prosperity.

STRATFORD.—The friends here are struggling manfully to recover themselves. Back arrears of interest are crushing them, but they are slowly recovering themselves. We hope other friends will manifest active sympathy with them. The membership has risen from 22 to 63 during the year, and the attendance is steadily growing. A little aid from friends who have not yet assisted will be gratefully received by the pastor and judiciously spent.

ST. CATHARINES.—Mr. W. Wetherald has resigned the pastorate of this church, and his resignation was accepted Dec. 30th last. He supplies however until June. Our excellent brother longs for thorough evangelistic work. May not his talents in this direction find among us suitable fields? The few friends in this church have had many discouragements, but it was our privilege a few weeks ago to meet with them; we were touched by their manifest earnestness and hopefulness.

SOUTH CALEDON.—The S. S. anniversary entertainment was held in the Union Chapel on New Year's night. The children were out in full strength, and the "ladder" holding the presents was there in all its attractiveness. Alex. McLaren, Esq., of Rockside Castle, was in the chair, friendly, ready and genial. A good tea, and then an array of "pieces" by the children: wonderfully well done, and appropriate in their sentiment. The choir, considering their small number, did very well. Rev. Messrs. Mihel, (Baptist), W. W. Smith, and J. W. Pedley spoke. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Richardson, was necessarily here and there and everywhere in the audience, managing matters; except when he was helping the choir with a good sonorous voice. The reunion was enjoyed by all and the children especially, who had a free ticket on entering, and a nice book from Santa Claus at departing, were delighted. Things seem to be moving on well with brother Richardson and his people. May the Lord's work in church and school prosper with him and them.

STOUFFVILLE.—The annual entertainment of the Congregational Sabbath school, Stouffville, was held on New Year's Eve, in the body of the church. The platform was beautifully decorated with evergreens, representing an open door, through which you could look and see the many blessings that were in store for you in the coming year. The attendance of both adults and children was very large, all manifesting great interest in the programme of the evening. The