

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Sunday-school was commenced just after the organization of the church, and has passed through the same changes with regard to location. The infant class was instituted under the care of Miss Vandersmissen in 1842, and was the first formed in Toronto. There have been in all twelve superintendents, most of them, like the present, being deacons of the church.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

On the 3rd of April, 1849, twenty-five members of the church withdrew to organize the second (Bond Street) Congregational Church; on January 3rd, 1868, twenty-eight members were accorded letters of dismission to form the Northern Congregational Church, and again on November 24th, 1875, thirty members were dismissed to form the Western Congregational Church.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members added to the church from the date of its organization up to this time, December 31st, 1875, is 1041, of which number 809 have been removed, many by death, leaving the present membership 232.

FINANCES.

For several years previous to 1844, the church received pecuniary aid from the Colonial Missionary Society, but from that year became self-sustaining. In 1846 the present system of maintaining the church revenue by Weekly Voluntary Offerings was adopted. This dispenses with the sale or rent of pews; and while sittings are allotted for the convenience of families and individuals, practically they are free. Besides its ordinary financial operations, special efforts have been made from time to time with great success. Thus in 1839, the first church edifice was erected; in 1855 the present building was placed on the site of the former destroyed by fire; in 1867 the incumbrance upon the property amounting to \$2,000 was removed; in 1871 \$1,000 was subscribed to improve the interior of the building, and in 1875 a floating debt of \$500 was extinguished. The support of our denominational objects has increased year by year, while claims of a Catholic nature have not been neglected.