

occur. Let love prevail, and as our system is the most manly, intelligent, and elevated of all church methods, it will with it become the most Christ-like, and the best fitted to train its followers for the membership of the church above where all is light and love.

We commend the following extract from the *Religious Herald*, of Hartford, to those good people who are pleading for sermons on Sabbath afternoon on the Island. The paragraph might do *mutatis mutandis* for the latitude of Toronto: "The saying of the *Methodist* is perfectly obvious and yet is worthy of repetition, that no one goes to Coney Island on purpose to hear a sermon. We have enough religious shams already; if Christians go to the beach on Sunday, let us hope that they will not pretend to be going to church."

REV. A. HANNAY.

The Rev. A. Hannay preached in the Hamilton Church on Sunday, 12th inst., and was in Toronto the next day for one hour on his way to Montreal. He proposes to stay two or three days here on his way to St. Louis about the end of the month. We hope to give due notice of the exact time so that the pastors, who are able, may meet Mr. Hannay. Referring to his visit to this side, the *London Congregationalist* takes the opportunity of paying a very cordial tribute to the virtue and excellence of the Rev. Alexander Hannay, in connection with an announcement that he had started for America in the *Batavia* steamer. The writer observes:—

"From the sin which is supposed specially to beset officials Mr. Hannay is singularly free. He is no diplomatist, and there is not a trace of mean selfishness or subtle intrigue to be detected in his conduct. He is generous to a fault, full of kindly sympathies and noble impulses, of stainless integrity, and of a lofty purpose which lifts him far above those small personal considerations which are too readily attributed to men in such a position as his. We feel bound to speak thus, because we feel that there is hardly an office among us which is so unenviable as that of the secretary. He is a target at which all kinds of assaults are aimed. Sometimes we even find it quietly assumed that a secretary must have some sinister aims, and opposition to his ideas and plans is almost regarded as a virtue. We do not claim infallibility for our secretary. All we ask is that he should be dealt with on the same principles which are applied to other men, and that the judgment of his schemes and conduct should not be approached with a hostile prejudice. The churches owe much to a thoroughly efficient and self-sacrificing secretary; they certainly owe very much to Mr. Hannay. They are all the more bound to recognize their obligation, as his office necessarily deprives him of the thousand and one refreshing influences which cheer a pastor who lives in the affections of his people."

DR. PARKER.

"Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D., of City Temple, London, and his wife, have," says the *Boston Congregationalist*, "just paid a flying visit to this country, arriving in New York, Aug. 6. They spent the Sabbath following at Ocean Grove, took a day up the Hudson, and another at Manhattan Beach, and were to have sailed August 14 for Liverpool. He visited the United States several years ago, preaching in several of our pulpits."

We suppose that the exigencies of time press upon Dr. Parker, as well as upon other men, but congregationalists on this side the lakes would like him and all other of our ministers to remember that there is such a place as Canada, and that our Churches would rejoice to see them when they cross the Atlantic. We need the sympathetic presence of our English brethren.

Referring to this visit a writer in the *Christian World* contributes the following piece of gossip. We give it for what it is worth.

I see a paragraph in a New York paper, stating that Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, with Mrs. Parker, arrived there on the 6th of

August and sailed for home on Saturday, the 14th. The writer says, "They came for the sea-voyage and a brief recreation in our American air." The quibbles in ecclesiastical matters, on this side the water, will live it that there is some project in "the American air" for calling Dr. Parker to succeed the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in the pastorate. Mr. Beecher, it is said, being about to retire. Dr. Parker's friends, however, will feel reassured when they hear of his brief stay; for even in America eight days—particularly dog days—would hardly be sufficient for the negotiation of such an important piece of business. I suspect that there is no truth in the rumor, not that more improbable thing have not often happened and I hope that nobody will accuse me of "unsettling people's minds" because I have mentioned it.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF B. N. A.

On Thursday evening, 16th inst., in Emmanuel Church, Montreal, the forty-second Session of this College was opened with a fair number of friends present. Dr. Stevenson presiding. Dr. Wilkes, Principal, gave a short statement from which it appears that eight students of former years returned, and some four or five are expected to be enrolled for the first time. The College meets in Emmanuel Church at present, but a College building is earnestly desired. Mr. Robert Anderson has liberally offered three prizes for competition, one of \$50, another of \$30 and a third of \$20. Calvary Church offers a Silver Medal. The Rev. Alexander Hannay, Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, addressed the meeting, referring to long communication with Dr. Wilkes on the Colonial interests, and expressing the interest felt by himself in the work of the denomination in the Dominion.

Mr. Hannay spoke of the Church of the future, maintaining that the Church which sends forth the best men must be the Church which will survive and remain; he held true church work to be not the mere planting of organization but the manifestation of Christian power. Denominational extension is secondary, the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ, all. In the prosecution of this work the College was the very heart of whatever organization became necessary. Yet the Church is before the College, hence the importance of churches sending and certifying only such as give evidence of fitness for the work of the Ministry. A block however finely carved, after all remains a wooden head; let churches then see to it that fit candidates only are put forward. Mr. Hannay concluded by reminding the students that this was a time of great activity demanding their intense devotion to, and energy in, the work to which they were looking forward. Thus and only thus could they hope to succeed. Rev. J. M. Roy, M.A., conducted the opening exercises; Rev. J. L. Foster the closing. May God's blessing follow the Session thus begun.

News of the Churches.

LOWER SELMA, N. S.—The Congregationalists of Lower Selma, N. S., worshipped in their new church for the first time on Sabbath the 12th inst. Rev. T. W. Cox, the pastor, preaching the opening sermon from Hag. 2, 9, (last clause.) The church is very neat in appearance, with room to seat all with comfort. "We thank God and take courage."

Sept. 13, 1880. J. W. C.

GRANBY, P. Q.—The Congregational Church, Granby, has lately been made the recipient of present of a bell for their new church edifice. The bell is the gift of George, T. Miner, Esq., of Burton, N. S., son of the late Deacon Miner, and is in keeping with the well known liberality of that gentleman. It is over one thousand pounds in weight, of deep, rich tone, and having already been placed in the church tower rung a glad welcome to the congregation last Sabbath.

13th Sep. 1880. R. K. B.

TORONTO. DON MONSIEU. A meeting to bid farewell to Mr. Currie, who has been laboring at this mission during the summer, and who is now returning to the College, was held on Thursday 10th inst. There was a large attendance and a great deal of interest was manifested. Rev. H. D. Powis, of Zion Church, addressed the meeting, as did also Mr. Currie. Heartly good wishes were given to him, and the people among whom he had been laboring will retain the warm feelings of affection which his work now and in previous years amongst them has created.

GUYNOROUGH. A special despatch the *Halifax Chronicle* says: "The house and barn of John J. Simpson, of Manchester, Guynborough county, was totally destroyed by fire on the 4th inst. The fire when discovered had made such headway on the interior of the house that all efforts to extinguish the flames proved unavailing, and the wind blowing fresh at the time flames were soon carried to the barn, which was full of hay. The whole was soon reduced to ashes. The cause is supposed to be carelessness with matches. Great sympathy is expressed for the Rev. Mr. Whiteman, Congregational minister, who boarded at Mr. Simpson's, his loss being very heavy, all his clothing, a large sum of money and a valuable library were all destroyed. There was no insurance on any of the property."

YORKVILLE.—For a long time past the school room of this church has been too cramped for the large number of scholars who gather Sabbath after Sabbath to study God's word. As a result several classes had to be taught in the church, causing a division of interest and otherwise interfering with the practical working of the school. The matter pressed so heavily upon the friends that they finally decided to enlarge their borders. This has been done and the school room enlarged to double its former capacity. A social gathering of a dedicatory character was held on the evening of Friday, the 10th inst., and was very pleasant and successful. The Rev. H. D. Powis, J. Burton, and J. B. Silcox addressed the meeting, as also Mr. Parker, the Superintendent of the school, and Mr. H. J. Clark, Superintendent of the Northern School. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Warrister, presided.

LONDON.—The following extracts from the *London Advertiser* we present to our readers with much regret. We can ill afford to lose from Canada men like Mr. Wallace:

"We understand the Rev. R. W. Wallace, B. D., pastor of the Congregational Church, of London, has received a call from Detroit, which it is probable he will accept. Mr. Wallace's resignation will be accepted by his congregation here with unanimous and sincere regret. His nine years' labor in this his first charge has been greatly blessed. Under his pastorate the church has been largely prospered, and he leaves it in a satisfactory condition in every respect. Mr. Wallace's abilities as a thinker and as a public speaker are of a very high order, and his friends here will not be surprised to hear of him advancing higher and higher in desirable fame and in Christian usefulness. Mr. Wallace has no doubt thought well over the matter of accepting the hearty and unanimous call extended to him from Detroit; and, if the "translation" is consummated, the members of his London congregation will part from him with sincere reluctance and regret, but still with the friendliest feelings, and with earnest wishes for his future welfare and usefulness in a wider sphere of opportunity."

The following letter, read from the pulpit of the Congregational Church, of this city, fully explains itself:

396 King St., London, 1
Sept. 19th, 1880.)

To the Congregational Church in London:

DEAR BRETHREN,—I have to inform you that I have received from the Fort Street Congregational Church, in Detroit, of which the Rev. Dr. Eddy is the esteemed pastor, a very earnest and cordial invitation to take charge of the two Missions of that church—the one on Ninth avenue, the other at Springwells—with the view of organizing and establishing a church in each of these localities. As carefully as possible I have weighed all the circumstances, both those of this church and those of the Missions

to which I have been summoned by my brethren in Detroit. And I find, after calmly reviewing the whole matter, that though I love this church and its Christian associations and labor most heartily, it appears to me to be the part of wisdom to accept the call so unannouncedly tendered me.

In asking you to relieve me from the pastoral oversight of this church, I acknowledge the uniform kindness which I have met with from you these past nine years of our acquaintance and fellowship. Your confidence has been a joy to me; your forbearance fills me with thankfulness. When away from you, I shall never forget the fraternal sympathy I enjoyed during my first pastorate, when I was climbing to experience and success in the Ministry of Jesus Christ. If at any time I can render you any assistance, I shall cheerfully do so. And in my daily prayers, I shall fill some niche in with a prayer for you all. And may I not go forth in the pleasant faith that you will kindly remember and pray for me and mine?

Will you, therefore, be good enough to relieve me from the pastorate by the fourth day of October? I remain, dear brethren, very sincerely yours.

ROBERT W. WALLACE

MISSION NOTES.

—Eleven Jesuit missionaries left England in January last, to establish a Mission in Central Africa.

The 71st annual meeting of the American Board will be held in Lowell, Mass., beginning Oct. 5th.

Joseph Cook speaks of the American Board as "The Congregationalist's World-Girding Missionary Association."

—The Congregational Publishing Co., Boston, are publishing a fourth, and revised edition of Professor Christlieb's volume on Protestant Foreign Missions. Every friend of Missions needs this valuable work.

—The French Protestant Mission among the Basutos, in South Africa, have pushed forward a branch enterprise into the Great Barotsi Valley, north of the Zambezi River.

—The gospel is making progress in France. Pastor Fisch, of Paris, reports that during the last year the Evangelical Society, with which he is connected, has added forty-seven new preaching stations, with a total number of nine thousand hearers, all Roman Catholics.

—The Rev. Julius W. Parsons, a Missionary of the American Board in Nicomedia, Turkey, was recently shot dead by two Zusak shepherds, a semi-nomadic tribe. The assassins are Mahomedans. They have been arrested, and have confessed the crime. It is doubtful whether they will be punished, as they do not consider it wrong to kill a Christian.

—There are fifty-six Congregational churches in the Sandwich Islands, with a membership of 7,258. Last year these churches gave \$3,893.62 for foreign missions—nearly a half dollar per member. One of these churches has a membership of 1,200, whose benevolent contributions during the year amounted to over \$1,500. The Sabbath schools connected with these churches recently raised \$1,200, as a thank offering to the missionary who prepared helps for their lessons. Their Theological Institute at Honolulu is educating native preachers both for the home field and foreign work.

Literary Notes.

The Preacher and Homiletic Monthly, J. K. Fink & Co., New York, for September, devotes a long and interesting article to the work of the Foreign Sunday School Association—in view of the Raikes Centenary. Its general contents are eminently adapted to be useful to the Minister in his study.

Littell's Living Age comes to us week by week, a very welcome visitor, bringing as it does the cream of English Periodical Literature. A constant reader of "Littell" will be well informed on all current topics.

Deaths.

MCGREGOR.—Rev. Dugald McGregor, of Uptergrove, Ont., at the Manoe on Sunday, 19th inst., after an illness of about five weeks, in the 71st year of his age.