

The missionary meetings in these parts were held as published in the *Independent*, and with the best results. Mr. Allworth, of Emmanuel church, Brantford, exchanged with our pastor, preaching here, at Burford, and Kelvin. His services were very acceptable indeed.

Rev. Mr. Barker, of the 1st Church, Brantford, gave his help at the platform meetings held during the week, and the people will long remember his humorous and oratorical efforts. The collections, I believe, amounted to over \$40. We shall be well satisfied should the same deputation visit us again.

Yours truly
H. W.

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HAMILTON.—The annual celebration of the settlement of the Rev. Henry Sanders as pastor of the Congregational Church in this city, was held on Wednesday night in the lecture and school-room of the Church. The ladies of the congregation had the lecture-room made quite gay with a fine assortment of articles, including plain and ornamental needle work, pictures, and a miscellaneous collection of contributions, all good, as was evidenced by the ready sale they met—the ladies having set their faces against “fancy” prices. Among the other things sent in for sale were quite a large number of very superior articles, sent from England through Mrs. Sanders by members of Mr. Sanders’ former Church in Wakefield. These were greatly admired, and, we believe, have nearly all been disposed of. Among the fancy articles was a model of the schooner yacht “Victoria,” built by Mr. A. Goulding, R.N., which brought \$28, and fell to the lot of the infant son of J. B. McQuesten, Esq. Over 200 sat down to the tea prepared in the school-room. A meeting was also held during the evening, presided over by the pastor, who spoke cheerfully of the past year, and gave kindly advice for the future. The choir supplied music, the whole proceedings being of a very pleasing character, and we could not help feeling that from the high esteem in which the pastor is held, and the high appreciation of his services, the future of the church seems

bright. We believe that a very handsome sum will be realized as the result of yesterday’s meeting.

ST. CATHARINES.—The second of a series of “penny readings,” given in the Tabernacle, under the auspices of the Young Men’s Association, was a great success. At a very early hour the edifice was filled, and those who came late were unable to secure seats. Indeed, many were unable to secure even standing room. The entertainment was opened by Miss Nay playing some choice selections on the piano, in which she showed great proficiency, being deservedly applauded. Then followed a reading—‘The Islands of the Scots’—by Mr. Christie, after which Mr. Orchard sang ‘My Old Friend John,’ in capital voice. Dr. Clark then read a selection from Tennyson’s ‘Enoch Arden,’ and Miss Nay sang ‘The Arab’s Farewell to His Steed.’ A song by Mr. Hope McIntyre was loudly applauded. A selection from Longfellow was next read by Dr. Clark, followed by another song by Miss Nay. The programme concluded by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Black reading Moseley’s ‘Love in a Balloon.’ We trust the Young Men’s Association will continue these delightful entertainments; but we fear from last night’s experience, the Tabernacle will be found too small to hold the immense audiences likely to attend.—*Journal*

ALTON.—A postal card from a correspondent in Alton informs us that a very gracious revival is in progress in that place, in connection with the efforts of the Y. M. C. Association. The other churches having been closed against them, the Congregational church was placed at their disposal, and the pastor, Rev. H. J. Colwell, threw himself cordially into the work, and under the Divine blessing very great good has resulted. Over one hundred souls are believed to have found Christ, of whom about thirty are applying for membership in the Congregational church. The success of the meetings has since opened one of the churches at first closed against them; the other has opened its door sufficiently wide to receive some of the lambs brought into the fold of the Good