

\$72 05 to meet an expenditure of \$62 57 for books and papers for distribution among the children during the year.

The Pastor reported that the numbers on the Church Roll, January 1875, was 144
Additions during the year..... 23

Total..... 167

Losses by dismissal, deaths, &c.... 23

The Church Roll, January, 1876... 144

He also referred to the satisfactory condition of the "Pastor's Bible Class," which had increased both in the number in attendance and interest of the meeting. There were 65 names on the roll of attendance, and a regular gathering every Monday of about 40. The condition of the regular weekly prayer meeting affords matter of great encouragement, there being an average attendance for the year of 64.

At the close of the reports, the meeting, which throughout was characterized by the heartiest good feeling, was brought to an end by devotional exercises.

ST. CATHARINES.—The social given by the ladies of the Congregational Church on Monday evening, 21st ult, was a very successful affair, the spacious edifice being crowded. The refreshments furnished by the ladies were of the most appetizing kind, and were deservedly praised by those who had the good fortune to partake of their bounty. The dissolving views were very fine, many local celebrities being exhibited, including Dr. Clarke, Mr. Rykert, Mr. Miller, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Currie, and others.

YORKVILLE.—Since the last issue of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, regular Sabbath morning services have been established, conducted chiefly by Mr. Hague. The quickening and edifying influences of the Holy Spirit have been manifested at these gatherings. Such is the testimony of the brethren whose privilege it has been to attend them. The evening services are carried on with increasing evidences of the Divine blessing. Brethren H. J. Clark, G. Hague, W. Revell,

S. E. Roberts and H. L. Thompson take the service in succession. This arrangement is to continue until the opening of the new church. God has put it into the hearts of His servants to look for the conversion of souls, and a renewed consecration of His people, at the dedication services next month. The Sabbath school is being blessed with new scholars every week. The self-denying labours of Mr. E. Bach, who canvasses from door to door on Sabbath afternoons, have been owned of God. The hearts of superintendent and teachers have been greatly cheered, and they cease not to pray for the salvation of the children. Mr. W. W. Copp and Mr. H. J. Clark, of the "Northern" church, have presented the school with a valuable selection of 150 books for the library. The appearance of the school-room is specially attractive—the inscription "Suffer little children to come unto Me," gratuitously painted by Mr. W. Elliott, at the northern extremity of the room, and the mottoes, executed and presented by Mr. S. E. Roberts, are both appropriate and artistic. A Young People's Association has been started, having for its object the "mutual improvement, upon Christian principles, of its members." Mr. Geo. Scott is its President, and Mr. C. Clark, Secretary. A constitution has been decided upon, and regular Friday evening meetings have been commenced.

HOWICK.—A soiree in connection with the First Congregational Church, Howick, was given on Monday, the 7th Feb., by the members of the Bible class. Miss Hattie E. Gray kindly came down from Paisley to train some of our young people to sing for the occasion. Suitable addresses were given by Mr. G. C. Wright, the Rev. Messrs. Gray, Hough and Blain. The church was crowded, and as the result about fifty dollars were handed to the Treasurer to liquidate debts contracted for painting and improving the church, and otherwise. All our friends will be glad to hear that the prospects of this church are brightening. We formed a Bible class last summer, which now numbers thirty young men and women. The prayer meetings are well attended, and several of our young peo-