

May 19th of this year, 66 members were reported. Debt on the new property, \$5,600. The Sunday School has a membership of 70, an average attendance of 55. Last winter the attendance at the Sunday morning service averaged 60; evening, 125. The average at mid-week service is about 20.

The pastor writes:

In Westmount we are full of hope, not only for material things, but also for the spiritual.

With a church only one year old, already full of hope and promise, and a pastor optimistic in his every view, we shall except great things from Bethlehem, Montreal, by the blessing of the ever hopeful Christ.

EATON.—Rev. Robert Hay, pastor. Mr. Hay writes:

Our morning congregations are slowly increasing, and our Sunday School is improving. The Y. P. S. C. E. meetings are good and helpful. The Ladies' Helping Hand Society have on hand half the sum needed for the repair of our church building.

Writing in May, '97, Mr. Hay remarks:

In a region like this, where there are so many small churches of many denominations, the work is often discouraging. There is an amount of denominational rivalry that is demoralizing; and but for the fact that our people came first into the field, and that many of the old families cannot well be other than Congregationalists, my work would be discouraging.

During the past year, a young man formerly a member of this church (having been converted here), went out to the Congo as a missionary; and is, we hear, doing good work there. Other young Christians have gone, and still are going from us. At the present time the work is as hopeful as at any time since my coming.

FRANKLIN CENTRE.—Rev. J. L. Brown, pastor. Reporting for the first year, Mr. Brown writes:

The usual services have been regularly held, with an average of from 60 to 80. During the months of July and August, I was in Manitoba, on a visit; during which time my pulpit was very acceptably supplied by Mr. A. R. Ross, of Montreal, who has since become a student in our College. It has always been the custom to close the Sunday School during the winter months. We have done so this winter, but about the first of November we organized a school about 3 miles from the village, where a number of our families live close together. We have gathered in a number of Methodist families and one Episcopal; and the success has been such, that whereas it was intended to be a temporary arrangement, we are likely to make it permanent.