

second day of the new year, a residence of twenty-one years and six months in the old one. The new building is only a few rods from the church.

May the material improvement be followed by spiritual advancement; and to God shall be all the glory.—*Com.*

BROOKLYN, N.S.—On Christmas day, the pastor, Rev. M. M. Goldberg, preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. On Monday evening, 31st Dec, the "Young People's Christian Society" met at the house of Captain and Mrs. Wharton for an evening's refreshment and entertainment. At 11 p.m. they adjourned to the church, where a large congregation was assembled, and Mr. Goldberg preached from John xix : 30, "It is finished." The New Year came in amid perfect and reverent stillness, and the service closed by the singing of a hymn and the benediction by the pastor.

PERSONAL.—Miss Hattie Turner of Hamilton, having by the good hand of God, reached the interior of China, in connection with Hudson Taylor's mission, sends us a long letter, which will be the *piece de resistance* in our next number. She sends us her Chinese signature; but it is beyond our erudition. Transliterated it is "Tuen-shi-teh."

PERSONAL.—We have a communication from Rev. Robert Brown, formerly of Ontario, and lately of Manitoba. He is in Washington Territory, in Congregational pioneer work. His letter in our next.

Official Notices.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

A *Happy New Year* to all the friends of the Central District Association and a challenge to them to unite in an effort not only to cause it to pass out of its late moribund stage, but to restore it to more than its early efficiency and fame! I submit herewith a list of subjects assigned to members for the next meeting at Warton on April 9th and 10th. "Time is fleeting" and before we are well aware, Spring will be at hand. Hence the importance of letting the Associational work come into our minds this early. Brethren "fall into line"!

LIST OF SUBJECTS.

1. "How can the Churches *help one another*," Rev. Joseph Wild, D. D. 2. "The Church doing its duty toward the churchless and *Christless*," Rev. C. S. Bolton. 3. The consecration of *possessions* to the Lord," Rev. Geo. Robertson. 4. "What can be done to improve the *S. S. Teachers Meeting*," Rev. W. H. Warriner. 5. "The true functions

of a *Christian State*," Rev. John Burton. 6. "The relation of the Church to *moral reforms*," Rev. F. Davey. 7. "The better utilization of *latent power* in the church," Rev. Chas. Duff. 8. "The *anecdote* in the sermon and address, Rev. W. W. Smith. 9. *Disbelief and unbelief* in religion—their cure, Rev. J. R. Black. 10. "The power of prayer," Rev. M. S. Gray.

A. F. MCGREGOR, Sec.

Toronto, Jan. 8th, 1889.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following sums have been received for the Society, since the last acknowledgement dated September 1st, 1888:

Barrie, Ont., \$11.30; Chebogue, N.S., La'ies' H. M. S.; \$14.50; Margaree, N.S., \$2.20. Edgar, Ont., \$10; Warton, Ont., \$22; Miss E. Smith, Dorchester, Ont., \$5; Rev. W. T. Currie, W. Africa, \$10; Watford, Ont., \$20; Loan to students, \$135; Colonial Missionary Society, \$1069.60; London, Ont., \$3.10; do. Mrs. James, \$2; Watford Ont., \$1.75; Warwick, (Ebenezer), Ont., \$1.70; Plympton, Ont., \$4.75; Forest, Ont., \$5.41; do Lake Shore, \$2.30; Guelph, Ont., \$8; do Branch School, \$7; Toronto, Zion, \$44.11; A. B. interest to G. R. M. F., \$66; Montreal, Calvary, \$100; W. M. Montreal, for Vancouver, \$2; Hamilton, Ont. S. S., \$20; Martintown, Ont., \$25; Miss Mary L. Ball, Huntingville, P. Q., \$20.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, Treas.

Kingston, Dec. 31st, 1888.

CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

65 ST. PETER ST., MONTREAL.

Receipts from churches since May 31st, 1888:

London.....	\$15 25
Embro.....	8 20
	\$23 45
Individual donations.....	12

Total.....\$35 45

The above is a great falling off from the same period of last year, and the directors would earnestly urge the churches not to forget the Fund; as their assistance is absolutely necessary to enable them to pay the annuities in full. We don't ask for *large* collections; but we *do* ask to be remembered, no matter how small the collection may be.

CHAS. R. BLACK, Sec.-Treas.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts, to date:

Toronto Northern, \$25; Montreal, Mr. C. Alexander, \$20; Toronto Bond St. S. S., to purchase mule for Mr. Currie, \$100; Danville S. S., \$5;