

MONTREAL UNITED MEETING OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS.—On New-Year's morning, the Sabbath-Schools connected with Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, and some other churches, met in Zion Church; but on account of a previous gathering of the Presbyterian schools on Christmas, and the severe cold and high wind of the morning, the attendance was much smaller than on previous occasions. Rev. J. B. Bonar, of the American Presbyterian Church, presided, and Dr. Wilkes of the Congregational Church, offered prayer, and the meeting was conducted as has been customary on New-Year's morning for many years—with alternate singing and addresses,—only there used to be three addresses, one each, to scholars, teachers and parents, whereas, on this occasion, there were only two, and both of these to scholars. The limiting the number to two was probably to get the exercises all included within one hour, viz., from 10 to 11, as it was inconvenient on that morning for lady teachers especially to be later out than eleven. Notwithstanding repeated pledges in former years to conclude the meeting at eleven, we believe it was never done. The addresses always occupied more time than was calculated, and, we may add, more time than was suitable for a meeting of children. Yesterday there was no pledge, and it was just as well, for notwithstanding the diminution of the number of addresses, the exercises, as usual, exceeded the hour.

The Rev. Mr. Alexander, of the Baptist church, delivered the first address to the scholars, in which he urged them to attend to the most important thing first this year, namely, to give themselves to the Lord, and to do whatsoever their hands found to do with all their might. He called upon them for great thankfulness for past and present mercies. He offered them the love of Jesus as the best of all New Year's gifts.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of the Scotch Presbyterian church, delivered the second address to the scholars, in which he illustrated by a variety of

lively and instructing instances the truth that "the child is father of the man," and that all children are now engaged in laying the foundation of future character. He showed that celebrated painters, warriors, and others had indicated their future career by their plays and pursuits when children. Mrs. Fry, the celebrated philanthropist, when a child had gathered poor people to read the Scriptures to them, instead of giving her attention to dress and dolls; and he knew one who was now a minister and who would not exchange his calling for that of the Emperor of Russia—who had when a little boy gathered all the chairs in a room of his father's house around him, and standing on one preached to the others. In all these cases the boy was father of the man, and the girl mother of the woman. Boys who were adventurous in climbing trees and other hazardous exercises, are likely to be adventurous through life. Bad language when learned in youth was very difficult to leave off. He knew an old gentleman, who had learned swearing in his youth, and though highly respectable, and a professor of religion, used oaths unknowingly in his conversation, to the great regret and disgust of his family, and all who came in contact with him. Those who dare to do right, like Capt. Hammond, when young, will dare to do right when old. In the part of the country where he was born, boys used to twist twigs together to see how they would grow up. Some had grown into great knots, and others had twisted themselves together in the most fantastic shape, showing that just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined, and that the twig is father of the tree. So the purposes and resolutions of youth are likely to shape the whole course of life. He wished them all a very happy New Year, and to that end a very holy New Year.

A collection was then taken up, and the meeting closed with a hymn and the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of the Canada Presbyterian Church.—*Montreal Witness.*

Miscellaneous.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

The Upper Canada College question is again before the Educational Committee of the Legislature. We conceive that no honest man can rise from a perusal of Monday's proceedings without mingled emotions of contempt and indignation—ineffable contempt for the puerile, pitiful artifices brought to the support of this Toronto monopoly, unspeakable indignation that the people should be so betrayed through their representatives. Truly it is matter for no surprise that certain members of the Educational Committee were opposed to the recording of their proceedings! Like the mystical writing on the palace wall which dismayed the Oriental tyrant, the records of this Committee will appear and re-appear before certain astonished eyes, and among the electors there will not be wanting interpreters to explain the apparition.

If ever there was a direct plain issue placed before any committee of investigation, surely the Educational Committee were given this advantage. Allegations of the gravest and most definite character have not only been made, but have been sustained by appeal to the rolls of Parliament. Certain formidable facts have been incontrovertibly established. Enough of the evidence has already been placed in the hands of the reading community to prove that this Province has unwittingly, and for a series of years, fostered, under the designation of Upper Canada College, an institution which has in turn conspired against the prosperity of every class of our educational establishments, from the humblest Common School to our National University itself. And as it appears that the attacks on the Academical endowment only ceased when there was nothing more to seize, the question naturally arises in the public mind—"What guarantee do we possess that,