

One important item of general interest we must not omit: "We have secured an excellent College room, under the organ and behind the pulpit." Our friends in the commercial metropolis have not escaped the universal fate of builders, for, says the *Witness*, "between \$5,000 and \$6,000 have been expended in the reconstruction of the building more than was received from the insurance companies in consequence of the fire which rendered the reconstruction necessary. The old galleries were taken down and replaced with new ones, in consequence of a portion of the beams or foundations which sustained them having been discovered to be decayed, and consequently insecure." A large circle of Christian brethren, of various denominations, in Canada, Britain and the United States, to whom "Zion Church, Montreal," suggests pleasant memories and hopes of Christian work and worship, and of manifold helpfulness and hospitality, will join with us in congratulating pastor and people on their re-entrance upon their noble sanctuary, and in the prayer that it may be the birth-place and home of many souls, for long years to come.

We had hoped to present herewith, *apropos* of this occasion, an additional chapter of "Church History," in the shape of a sketch of Congregational movements in Montreal, but want of space has deferred the execution of the plan. We are not sure that the modesty of our readers in that quarter will not suffer from their finding themselves already occupying so prominent a position in the present number!

Presentation to the Rev. Mr. Elliot.—The social gathering which took place on Tuesday evening, 28th April, in the Congregational Church, for the purpose of presenting parting testimonials to the Rev. Mr. Elliot, on the occasion of his leaving this city to minister in Halifax, was numerously attended, many warm and personal friends, members of other congregations, being present with the congregation. Amongst others, we noticed the Rev. Messrs. Wardrope, Gordon and Stone, also His Worship the Mayor. A well supplied table was spread in the basement of the church. The evergreen decorations were very neat, and the mottoes much admired. After the good things had been discussed, and the choir had sung some suitable pieces of music, the chairman, G. Maclean Rose, Esq., in a few highly appropriate remarks, stated the object of the meeting, and called on Mr. Foote to read the address which had been prepared, Mr. Lamb presenting a gold watch and chain at the proper time. We can quote but one paragraph:—

"This love-offering very feebly expresses our regard for you as a faithful pastor, a wise counsellor, a sympathising friend, and a pattern of godliness and social excellence. We shall fondly cherish the remembrance of you; and not only your own flock, but the friends of Christ of every name have highly appreciated the benign influence of your whole deportment and labors in this city."

The ladies of the congregation having brought in and presented to Mrs. Elliot an elegant silver cake basket, sugar bowl and pitcher, the Rev. Mr. Elliot replied, referring also in eloquent and touching terms to the testimonial presented to Mrs. Elliot, and thanking the ladies in her name: after grateful acknowledgements of the gifts received, he said,—

"In 1859 I came hither as an agent of the London Colonial Missionary Society, and the Canada Missionary Society conjointly, for the purpose of seeking to commence and forward a Congregational cause in this city. A few joined me in the enterprise. The Temperance Hall was rented, and in it I ministered for a time. In 1860 a Congregational Church was organized; and in 1862 this excellent stone edifice was reared and opened for worship. Somewhat recently the gallery was erected; and, through your liberality, aided by generous contributions from different quarters, the building is now free from debt. I am thankful to the great Head of the church, and to you, for the respectful, confiding, and cordial co-operation of my endeared friends, the Deacons of the Church, and not only of other members of the church, but of the congregation also." "Ever dear to me will be the recollection, not only of association with you, but of cordialities and co-operations in association with beloved ministerial brethren and other Christian