

a place worthy of our traditions and worthy of our resources, we must be able to present to the nation an aspect of unity, a fair, ethereal unity, if you like, but still a unity born of a common faith and a common consecration to the service of our Lord.

Here our extracts must end. There was much more that we would like to insert, but our space is small. The speech throughout was most interesting and was interrupted by frequent bursts of applause.

### A FAREWELL AND A WELCOME.

SOCIAL TO REV. MR. EWING AND REV. J. B. SILCOX.

Nearly four hundred people assembled in the city hall on Tuesday evening at the social entertainment given as an expression of appreciation of the services of Rev. W. Ewing, the retiring pastor, and as a welcome to Rev. J. B. Silcox, the future pastor of the First Congregational Church. After all the guests had been given the opportunity of tasting the substantial provisions and the delicacies which were abundantly furnished, the meeting was called to order, when Rev. T. L. Helliwell led the congregation in prayer.

Mr. J. Dodimead then rose, and, in the absence of Mr. Lockhart, who had been expected to perform the duty, read in behalf of the congregation the following address to the retiring pastor, the Rev. W. Ewing, B. A.

ADDRESS.

To the Rev. W. Ewing, B. A.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR, As you have now resigned the pastorate of this church for more extended work in connection with missionary enterprise in Manitoba and the North-West, we cannot allow you to depart from our midst without expressing to you our regret at parting.

When you came to this city about a year and a half ago to organize a Congregational Church, you had much to contend with, but with the Divine blessing you have succeeded, and now have the satisfaction to know that with God's help you have laid the foundation of Congregationalism in this new city and country, which we trust will extend far and wide. We pray that your future life may be full of usefulness and earnest work for the Lord Jesus Christ. Your labors here have not been without fruit, and we pray that you may be long spared to hold aloft the blood stained banner of the cross and call sinners to repentance; and when in God's good time you may be called home to receive your crown, may it sparkle with many a jewel in token of the many souls you have been instrumental in leading to their reconciled Father.

We are, Reverend and Dear Sir,  
Yours in Christ.

On behalf of the Church.

ROBT. MUIR,  
JOHN VILLIERS,  
K.W. LOCKHART,  
J.W. WELLSBAND, ) Deacons.

Dec. 11th, 1880.

Rev. Mr. Ewing, in the course of a brief but feeling reply, made allusion to his conviction at the time of his coming here, a year and a half ago, that there was not only room but necessity for more church work in this city. He also referred with expressions of deep gratitude to the kindness and sympathy shown to him and to his church by the ministers of the city, and to his co-operation with them under circumstances of the most pleasant character. He thanked the people generally for the interest shown by them in their church work, and rejoiced that they had been able to accomplish so much. As he had already spoken his farewell words to his congregation pub-

licly and privately, he said he would not now add anything further than his thanks for the address.

Mr. Robert Muir, who presided as chairman of the meeting, then called upon Rev. Mr. Ewing to extend in the name of the church a formal welcome to the Rev. J. B. Silcox, their future pastor.

Rev. Mr. Ewing said he thought it was perhaps fitting that he should be the one to welcome Rev. Mr. Silcox, seeing that, although he had resigned the pastorate, he had still the honor to be a member of this church. He therefore extended to the rev. gentleman, on behalf of the church, a most cordial and happy welcome. He had heard him preach his first sermon. He had been a fellow student with him and as such had heard his inspiring words at prayer-meetings, and had witnessed the love extended to him by his fellow-students. He had pleasant associations with him since that time, and now welcomed him as a tried friend. The church welcomed him because he brought with him a noble helper, Mrs. Silcox, who was known to some of the members. He assured Mr. Silcox that he would meet with earnest, devoted co-workers in the ministry, and he had pleasure now in introducing him to a number of his brethren who had extended to himself, notwithstanding his youth the utmost courtesy, kindness and consideration, and who, he knew, would only be too willing to extend the same to one more honored and abler than he.

Rev. Mr. Silcox then received a hearty greeting from the ministers on the stage, Rev. Messrs. Robertson, McDonald, Dr. Rice and T. L. Helliwell.

A quartette was then sung by four gentlemen, Messrs. Woodman, Wells, Johnson and Shea, after which

Rev. A. McDonald gave an address of welcome.

Other ministers spoke, after which

Rev. Mr. Silcox addressed the assembly in an easy and graceful style, relating the circumstances of his call to this field of labor, and the influences which had led him to accept the same. He said he was surprised to find himself welcomed here as the pastor of this church, as it was something which he had not planned for himself, and which he had little thought of last summer when he was here supplying for Rev. Mr. Ewing. In Toronto he had had a people whom he loved and who loved him, and they had worked together for nearly five years. The church was almost wholly composed of men and women who had been brought to Christ during his ministry there, and he was consequently bound to them by strong ties. Nevertheless it had been brought about that he had felt it to be his duty to come here, though his church had said, and his aged father and mother had said, that he ought not to come. He had come here to work for Christ simply because he had felt it to be his duty to do so, and he felt strong because he knew that he had the prayers and the confidence of those among whom he had labored in the past. It was in answer to the prayers of a band of praying men and women that many had been brought to the Saviour. At the beginning they had had only a handful of men who worked together for a while in a house; but many had been gathered in, so that they had a Sunday School with over 280 scholars, and an average attendance of 230. He loved the boys and girls, and he hoped to be a pastor to them.

He concluded by saying that, though he might not be able to answer all expectations in the way of pastoral visiting, nevertheless he was here to work and would do what he could. He trusted he would show himself worthy of the confidence of his brethren in welcoming him without catechizing him.

The chairman then, in the absence of Mr. Lockhart, presented to the Rev. Mr. Ewing a purse of \$54, which he said the

ladies of the congregation had placed in his hands for the purpose.

Rev. Mr. Ewing responded briefly, expressing his thanks for the pleasant surprise, he not having had the slightest suspicion beforehand that such a thing was intended. He assured the donors that their kindness would afford him encouragement in his work in the future.

The proceedings were then brought to a close with the pronouncing of the benediction. - *Abridged from Winnipeg Times.*

### A CHRISTMAS TREE.

FRENCH BAY, Saugeen Reserve, December, 1880.

A social was held in the Congregational Church, French Bay, on Christmas Eve, 1880. The Christmas trees were beautifully got up, one on each side of the pulpit, decorated with paper roses, and were under the management of Miss McCue, Mrs. Lowiser George, Mrs. Maria Madwayush, Luke Kewagum, H. H. Madwayush, and Wm. Walker. The trees were hung with presents, toys, dolls, balls, and flowers, which Mrs. McDunnough and others, of Toronto, were so kind as to send. The young and the old folks were well pleased with the Christmas trees. The church was well filled. There was also a large number of white people present. The meeting was called to order by Luke Kewagum. The young choir, with Miss Maria Walker as organist, sang the piece, "Oh, I love to look at Jesus as He sat beside the sea," and the chairman, after a few words, called on Mr. Walker, who spoke briefly to the young people, telling them to be good scholars, to know our language, by all means to attend the Sabbath school, to learn the wonderful story of Jesus our Saviour. The chairman then called on the choir, who sang the piece, "When He cometh, when He cometh, to make up His jewels." The chairman called on the chief H. H. Madwayush, who briefly reviewed the welfare of the young people, dwelling on manners, soberness, and the ten commandments of God. The chief dwelt on these three important questions. The choir sang, "Come to the Saviour, make no longer delay." Mr. David Root, one of the school trustees, briefly remarked on Education, and exhorted young people to become good Christians. There was more singing by the choir, and some excellent recitations by the scholars, after which the presents were distributed, with which all were highly delighted. The benediction was pronounced and the meeting terminated.

[We regret having to abridge this; we should like to have given it as sent to us in its fulness and simplicity, but it was impossible with the space at our command. - Ed. C. I.]

### Correspondence

TO CORRESPONDENTS. We cannot ensure the insertion of any matter in the week's issue reaching us later than the Monday preceding. The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of Correspondents.

### THE REVIVAL IN WINNIPEG.

To the Editor of the Canadian Independent.

DEAR SIR, - Many inquiries show that a deep interest has been taken in the labours of Mr. Hammond in this city, which were so greatly blessed. President Edwards has said that "the news of revival is one means of promoting a revival." With this desire a few facts will be given in relation to the union meetings in this place. This can be done with all the more assurance now that a few weeks have passed since the special labours have closed. In the first place there was united effort on the part of all the ministers, who, after careful inquiry, united heartily in inviting Mr. Hammond to undertake the work, and thus pledged their co-operation. Previous to his coming a week was set apart for special prayer that a baptism of the Holy Spirit might be given to God's

people, to prepare them for the work. In this, several of the churches held united meetings. Mr. Hammond began his work among

### THE CHILDREN

who attended in large numbers. Parents, teachers and pastors bear thankful testimony to the good work that was accomplished among them. If any are sceptical upon the conversion of children it would be well to study again such texts as "they that seek me early shall find me," "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," and "Feed my lambs;" and also practically to test the question by trying to lead some little ones to Christ.

In Winnipeg not only were the children blessed, but through their sweet hymns and happy faces the gospel was preached effectively in many a home.

### THE MORNING MEETINGS

for conference and study of the Bible by Christians occupied a very prominent place in the work. By this means God's people were greatly strengthened and quickened, and those of different denominations were drawn into very close and happy sympathy.

In the evenings, meetings were held in the

### OPEN AIR.

preceding the large gatherings.

Most of the ministers took part in this effort, and felt nobly rewarded by the testimony frequently given by those who had been attracted by them, and had heard words of truth which had led them to a new life. The evening meetings were generally densely packed, and the deepest interest manifested by all. Each meeting, both in morning and evening, was followed by the

### INQUIRY MEETINGS.

which it was admitted by all appeared to be the most blessed of any means used in the revival.

All the ministers of the city, and a number from the country with a very large band of Christian workers, night after night entered heartily into conversation with anxious inquirers who were seeking the way of life. Not unfrequently an earnest word spoken to some who remained merely as spectators was the means of bringing conviction and conversion to careless ones.

Now that the special meetings are over, better attended Sunday services, the larger prayer-meetings, and deeper interest taken in them, as well as increase in membership, bear ample testimony to the power of God resting upon earnest, united, Christian effort.

This work, which has caused so much thankfulness to so many earnest Christians, was not carried on without some

### OPPOSITION.

It was noticed that it arose chiefly from two sources. From the openly irreligious, and the Christians seldom found in a prayer-meeting, or taking an interest in the spiritual work of the church.

The esteem in which Mr. Hammond is held in Winnipeg, is set forth in some measure by the following letter, signed by all the ministers in this city, on his departure to begin labours in Emerson.

WINNIPEG, December 9th, 1880.

Dear Brethren of the Ministry:

We, the ministers of the city of Winnipeg, would lovingly commend to you our dear brother, Rev. E. Payson Hammond, M.A., an honored evangelist, who has labored among us most earnestly and lovingly for the last six weeks with blessed results whereof we are glad. We now rejoice over the salvation of many for whom our hearts have long yearned. His modes of work which were new to some of us, and seemed strange at first, we have found to be rational and effective.

The singing conducted in his own way has been a feature of the meetings productive of great good.

We have found it better to give our brother perfect control, and in regard to some plans of work, to wait and find that they are the result of long and useful experience.

Mr. Hammond honors the office of the Christian ministry, and strengthens the