

knowing nothing of the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

Habitual groaning in a Christian, however, is nothing less than rebellion against a wise and loving Heavenly Father, and conveys to the worldling the impression that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is productive of gloom, rather than of joy and gladness, in its possessor. We are all more or less influenced by our surroundings, and the fretful Christian exerts a baneful influence upon others.

The Christian who is addicted to this evil habit need not be surprised if some corrective dispensation be sent, giving real cause for groaning. "Rejoice evermore," 1 Thes. v : 16 ; "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous." Ps. xxxiii : 1 ; "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion," Zech. ix : 9.

"Why should the children of a King,
Go mourning all their days?"

News of the Churches.

MONTREAL, POINT ST. CHARLES.—The annual meeting of this church was held a month since, and indicated vitality in every branch of the work. The membership has now exceeded the one hundred limit, and the receipts from all sources during the past year amounted to upwards of two thousand dollars, or within five or six hundred dollars of the receipts of the largest church at Point St. Charles. The Sunday school showed a membership of more than two hundred and fifty; and there was a small balance to the credit of the trustees on the current expenses of the church.

The annual report of the Point St. Charles Institute will not appear with the annual report of the church this year, as the Institute has only recently been in running order; but the attendance of the "Cromwell Cadets" and the gymnasium classes, both junior and senior, has been very gratifying. Mr. Michael O'Brien, a brother of the organizer of the cadets, continues the work enthusiastically; and the gymnasium classes are under the leadership of Mr. J. O. Richardson, a veteran gymnast of the Barnjum school, who is exceedingly popular with the young men at the Point.

In addition to its being the first church to organize the institutional church system in Canada, the Point St. Charles Congregational church has also led Canadian Congregational churches in the election of a board of deaconesses, which took place at the annual meeting; and its action has been marvellously justified by the usefulness of

this Board, in drawing within the church those who have been brought to Christ during the services conducted by Rev. B. Fay Mills; and their influence on the church life is already very manifest for good.

The Point church took a leading part, not only in correspondence with Mr. Mills and about him, before his arrival in the city, but also in the organization of union meetings at Point St. Charles, and the members and friends of the church were conveyed to the various meetings in large express sleighs, and every method was adopted that might conduce to the success of the Mills work. As a result, nearly the entire associate membership of the Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies are before the church to be received on profession of faith, fifty-six names having been proposed at the last monthly church meeting, and many others are expected to come in shortly. Special services are being held in the church, school-room or Congregational house, almost nightly.

A new movement known in England as "The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society," is being organized, and meetings are being held in O'Brien Hall at 4.15 p.m. Sunday. Two such gatherings have been held, the opening meeting being addressed by William Darlington, a gifted speaker, and one of the most popular leaders of the labor organizations of this city, who was converted during the Mills' meetings, and whose name is before the church to be received into fellowship.

Last Sunday hundreds of workmen, besides a number of others, were addressed by the Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Emmanuel church, whose remarks created a sensation among the workmen. Three or four organization meetings are being held this week, and a committee, which will be composed, for the most part, of non-church-going workmen, is being appointed, and the organization is expected to go into working order in a couple of weeks. Next Sunday afternoon the question before the meeting will be "Temperance," and the following Sunday the men will listen to George Hague, president of the Merchants' Bank. Interest is added by the aid given through the church choir and the Sunday school orchestra, numbering together about thirty persons.

TORONTO AND CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—This Association held its regular monthly meeting on the 12th inst. in Zion Church. The President, Mr. Henry O'Hara, in the chair. A resolution was passed for the election of a committee to examine and guide in their studies such persons as evince adaptability to the ministerial work, yet who are unable to go through the regular theological course of the college. A paper, read by the Rev. W. S. Pritchard, of Bowmanville, on "The Flood, Theologically and Scientifically considered,"