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News of the Churches.

DANVILLE, QUE. The annual meeting of the church and congregation was held on Thursday, the 20th January. Encouraging report from the pastor. The treasurer reported no deficiency in the general fund, but referred to the debt on the building of nearly \$315, which had been reduced during the year to about \$270. Deacon J. Goodham and his sons offered to give \$120, on condition the whole should be paid off. The offer was readily accepted, and in a few minutes, by voluntary offerings, the full amount was arranged for. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

DURHAM, QUE. For what the Lord has been pleased to do for the people in Durham our hearts bless His holy name. A short series of meetings held during Christmas holidays and since, in which students Robertson, Skinner, Gerrie, and Unsworth gave us good help, has resulted in over 40 inquirers, nearly all of whom have found the blessed Christ. The work is not over. We trust it will spread and increase. The pastor, Mr. McIntosh, is much encouraged, and does his work with a joy heretofore almost unknown. The Sunday School, the young people's meeting, and regular Sunday services are one constant revival.

HAMILTON. The annual meeting of the church and congregation was held last evening. There was a large attendance of the members and their friends. After partaking of tea in the school room there was an adjournment to the lecture room, where the pastor, Rev. Joseph Griffith, took the chair. After the usual devotional exercises the pastor expressed the pleasure he felt in again meeting the members of the church and congregation at their annual gathering. He gave a favorable report of the general condition of the church from a pastor's stand-point, and expressed his conviction that a still more prosperous future was ahead of them. The rest of the evening was spent by listening to the numerous and very interesting reports made of the various departments of the church's work. Mr. Alexander, the treasurer, read the financial statement, which showed that about \$3,300 had been raised for local church purposes, besides nearly \$200 for missionary objects. For such a small church this appears to be a good showing. The secretary of the debt fund, Mr. S. Huxley, reported about \$500 as having been raised for the purpose of reducing the debt on the church by small weekly amounts since the 1st of August last. He further stated that \$1,000 had been paid off since the 1st of January, 1880. Mr. Huxley also reported the young people's monthly meeting—a society which meets once a month to review the subjects of the previous month's sermons, and read papers thereon. The Ladies' Sewing Society had handed over to the treasurer no less a sum than \$520 during the year. It was stated that this society, which meets monthly, has had an uninterrupted existence of fifteen years and been very useful. Reports from the Sabbath School and the Missionary Society were made by Mr. Savage, Mr. Thomas Bale, the superintendent of the school, being absent unavoidably. Both institutions are prosperous. The Ladies' Visiting Committee had an excellent report from its sec-

retary, Mrs. Bliss, from which we gather that 300 visits had been made since June last. Mr. Charles Duff reported the young men's morning class, and the southwest mission was favorably spoken of by Mr. Shawcross. After the usual votes of thanks to the various officers and the choir and organist, the meeting closed. Our friends are to be congratulated on the condition of their cause and their prosperity in face of all the difficulties they have had to contend with during the past year from removals and other causes. —*Hamilton Times, January 28th.*

LONDON.—On Sunday, 16th inst., the Rev. H. D. Hunter (late of Newmarket) preached his first sermons to a new congregation here. Considerable interest in the event was evinced throughout the city, and the services were well attended. It had been arranged that Mr. Hunter would begin his pastoral duties on the 9th, but owing to a painful accident he was confined to his house, much to the regret of the expectant congregation. Just before the sermon, in the morning service, Mr. H. Matthewson read the following telegram:—

Sabbath morning greeting to my London brethren, and their new pastor. Congratulations over their new relation. May the Union be happy and long continued. Read Titus, third chapter and fifteenth verse.

Affectionately yours,

R. W. WALLACE.

Mr. Hunter then made an admirable reply, in which he stated that he thoroughly appreciated Mr. Wallace's kindness in sending the message. He hoped that as the work of God had gone on in Mr. Wallace's hands, so might it go on in his. On Friday, 21st, a reception social was held. Invitations had been issued to the city ministers, and a large number of them responded. There was a very large gathering notwithstanding the heavy snowstorm, the lecture hall being almost packed. The chair was occupied by Mr. H. Matthewson, who in his opening address spoke of the happy circumstances under which they were gathered. The Rev. J. H. Robinson was then called upon. That aged veteran stated in his address that he felt very much at home among the Congregationalists, and that he had very much pleasure during the time he was "holding the fort" in that church until the new commandant came. The Rev. Mr. Forth was the next speaker, after which tea was discussed: but it being in itself so good it could not stand long before the hearty Londoners, who made it "mighty scarce." After the restoration of order, addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Murray, Phulp, Grant, Wright and Dimmick, Dr. Lancaster and Messrs. A. B. Powell, A. C. Johnson and John Cameron. Rev. Mr. Hunter was the last speaker, and on rising he was received with loud applause. He thanked the preceding speakers for their kind remarks, and stated that if in the future he and the other city ministers were not on good terms it would not be his fault. His replies to the pleasantries of some of the preceding speakers caused considerable merriment. He asked for the co-operation of the congregation, and felt sure that a good work would be done. After the usual votes of thanks this very happy meeting came to a close. Mr. Hunter has now fairly launched out on his new field of labor with every feeling

of good will from the congregation, and prospect of great success.

R. W. H.

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MANILLA.—A very successful tea-meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 26th inst. A church meeting was held in the afternoon, when Revs. Ebbs and Sikox conferred with the Church relative to their financial position. They hope soon to liquidate their present indebtedness. Excellent music was given by a select choir from Sunderland. The entire service was a success.

PERSONAL.—Rev. W. J. Cuthbertson has received and accepted a call to a Congregational Church in Jefferson Co., New York State. Mrs. Cuthbertson is expected to arrive from England in about two weeks.

PINEGROVE.—Rev. R. Hay has been holding special services for the past few weeks with encouraging prospects.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Hector McIntyre, (student) who has been laboring so successfully in special services at Turnberry, reports having received between thirty and forty into the membership of the Church. He has been spending a few weeks at Manilla previous to his return to college.

NEWMARKET.—Rev. A. F. McGregor supplied on the 30th.

FROME AND SHEDDEN.—Here is a good field for an active working man. Any person requiring information will do well to write to Wm. F. Silcox, Frome P. O.

NOEL.—We worshipped in our new church in Noel yesterday. The congregation was large. A goodly number sat down to the Lord's Supper at the close of the service. We are in a fair way now to have this church finished, having it plastered, painted upon the outside, with lumber for the pews, which we hope to have put up before the Union. (As the Union is to be here in July, I hope to see the faces of some of my western brethren here at that time). My field has become greatly enlarged since Rev. Mr. Hawes went to the States, his field being now in connection with mine, which gives me 30 miles to drive along the shore of the lake.

Jan. 24, 1881.

J. W. COX.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—A festival and Christmas tree, in connection with the Union street Congregational Sunday School, were held yesterday afternoon and evening. The Christmas tree was beautifully illuminated, and presents were distributed therefrom to the members of the school by the superintendent, A. Rowan, Esq., by Mrs. John White, Mrs. G. W. Swett and others. The pastor of the church, Rev. Addison Blanchard, was not forgotten, receiving an envelope with a handsome donation, accompanied by the compliments of the ladies and members of the congregation. Before the presents were given out the scholars were provided with refreshments. Included in the entertainment were hymns rendered by a choir of the Sunday School, a duet by Master Saunders and Miss Rankine, and a duet by Misses Maria Odell and Maud Swett. After the younger scholars had retired, a number of teachers and members of the congregation sat down to a bounteous repast. —*St. John Telegraph, 30th December.*

The Union Street Congregational Church commenced in its morning service yesterday the responsive reading of the Scriptures by the congregation alternately with the pastor, in the public worship. In the evening, at the close of the service, six new members were received into the church on profession of faith, three of the candidates receiving the ordinance of baptism. —*St. John Telegraph, Jan. 3, 1881.*

MARINTOWN.—The friends of this place surprised their pastor by a visit to the parsonage on Friday evening last, spent an exceedingly agreeable evening, and left behind them many substantial tokens of their regard.

TURNBERRY.—Student McIntyre left here on the 23rd of December for his home in the township of Brock, from whence he will return to College. Thirty-three have been added to the churches of Howick and Turnberry through his instrumentality while in this field; many more professing faith in Christ and going with other denominations. We trust that the Lord will crown his labors with abundant success as he goes forth to unfurl the banner of King Jesus. He did not hesitate to speak to the oldest as well as the young about their spiritual welfare. He watched for souls as one who must give an account. The evening before Mr. McIntyre's departure a social was held in the Turnberry Church. After tea had been served Mr. John Gombell took the chair, and several speakers addressed the meeting. An address was then read by Mr. Gombell on behalf of the church and congregation, after which Mr. Robert Harris presented Mr. McIntyre with a purse containing \$35, to which he made an appropriate reply. The meeting was then brought to a close, and all left in good spirits with the feeling of having spent a social time together.

DAVID MINNS.

Jan 31, 1881.

WATFORD.—On Friday, the 14th ult., kind friends from Zion Church and some from Watford made us a donation visit, bringing large quantities of provisions, and setting a sumptuous feast. A very pleasant time was spent, and although the day was intensely cold quite a number gathered at the parsonage. We had presented to us, in goods and money, the sum of \$25, and on the Leap-year tree about \$12 in useful articles and money.

The people of the congregation here, not quite understanding the arrangements at the time of the last donation, surprised us, and came in large number, and took possession of the parsonage, bringing considerable provisions, and the amount stated in money, on 27th ult., making in all \$69. This timely and generous gift has made us feel very grateful to the Good Giver, and the friends whose hearts He has touched.

May our Heavenly Father reward them.

Yours in Christ,

H. J. COLWELL,

Pastor.

P.S.—I have been requested to send you this address

The following address was presented at a surprise party held at the Congregational Parsonage, Watford, Jan. 27th, 1881.

To the Rev. H. J. Colwell.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

It affords us pleasure to meet you on this occasion, and to present our con-