

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Union takes great pleasure in meeting in Montreal, after the usual period of four years. We are indeed pleased to visit this City so familiar to many of us in our student days, and to whom will come in connection with these gatherings, pleasant associations and memories of days gone by. McGill University will be to many of us a centre of attraction, while the Congregational College will be found to have lost none of her claims upon our thoughts and affections. The churches, too, Zion, Calvary, Emmanuel, we remember them all, nor are these latter memories confined to the graduates of the College, since from the organization of the Union the annual gathering has assembled in this city every four years, so that among our churches none are more familiar friends than these three already named.

Of these three, it will not seem invidious to make special mention of Zion, whose hospitality we enjoy at the present time. We recall with gratitude to God, the great power and influence for good which this historic church exerted, not only in Montreal, but also throughout the Dominion. We remember with regret the vicissitudes and trying experiences of more recent years, but rejoice that amidst them all, Zion never was without a light, though at times it seemed a dim and uncertain flame. We look now upon the new, comfortable and commodious home, which was entered into a few months ago; and as we view the many evidences of prosperity about us, our hearts are filled with praise to God, that under the able and faithful ministrations of Rev. Prof. Warriner, Zion is again moving forward with rapid steps toward her former position of power and influence in this city, and in our denomination. We extend to these friends of "Auld Lang Syne" our hearty greeting; and in the pleasant recognition of old friends we are not forgetful of the new ones which have appeared on the scene, to extend the hand of welcome. Four years ago it was the new and progressive church at Point St. Charles; now it is the promising cause at Westmount, under the young and energetic pastor, Rev. Robert Hopkin, for whose labors we pray the richest blessings of God.

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