

by small amounts upwards of one hundred dollars. May they live many years, and be rewarded by seeing their children's children flocking to the place they have thus assisted to build.

The Committee cannot close this brief report without acknowledging the services rendered by their esteemed and talented Architect, H. H. Horsey, Esq., of Kingston, and the contractors, Messrs. Gallaher and Hodgson of this city, for the highly creditable, substantial and workmanlike manner in which the work has been done, and for the interest, attention, and courtesy they have manifested on all occasions.

And now in conclusion the Committee would earnestly, and respectfully solicit the assembly (connected with us or not) to assist in paying off the small balance due to the contractors, so that we may be able to hand over to the Church and congregation worshipping here, a neat, commodious, substantial building, free from debt. The *Ottawa Banner* says of the services on Sabbath:

"Rev. Mr. Wardrope, pastor of the Canada Presbyterian Church in this city, was to have preached (in the new church) on Sabbath morning, but was prevented from doing so by illness. Rev. J. Elliot occupied his place. Rev. A. Spence, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, preached in the afternoon. Rev. W. Scott, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, preached in the evening. We are happy to learn that the Congregationalists have been enabled to enter their new church with the pleasing consciousness that only a comparatively small debt remains on it."

Fragment Basket.

TO CHRISTIAN PARENTS.—As I grow older as a parent, my views are changing fast as to the degree of conformity to the world which we should allow to our children. I am horror-struck to count up the profligate children of pious persons and even ministers. The door at which those influences enter which countervail parental instruction and example, I am persuaded, is, yielding to the ways of good society. By dress, books and amusements, an atmosphere is formed which is not that of Christianity. More than ever do I feel that our families must stand in a kind but determined opposition to the fashions of the world, braving the waves like the Eddystone lighthouse. And I have found nothing yet which requires more courage and independence than to rise even a little, but decidedly, above the par of the religious world around us. Surely the way in which we commonly go on is not that way of self-denial, and sacrifice, and cross-bearing which the New Testament talks of. Then is the offence of the cross ceased. Our slender influences on the circle of our friends is often to be traced to our leaving so little difference between us.—*Dr. W. Alexander.*

A GATE OF HELL.—"I know it is not quite the thing, but then—" I heard a young man say. "Quite the thing" meant "right," only he did not dare put it so. In plain words, it should have been, "I know it is not right, but then."—Ab, he was beginning to make excuses for going off the straight track of right. Hear what a great preacher says about "but then." *But then* is a gate of hell. Hell has three or four gates; "*but*" is one, and "*if*" is another, and either of them is large enough to take in a whole platoon. I know I ought to be honest *but*—. I know that lying is wicked, *but then*—. I know that virtue is good, *if*—, *but* and *if* are to a man's conscience what a knife is to his throat.