

its divine thoughts and histories may be interwoven with their mental life? While we may do very much in that direction by keeping the temper of our home-life healthy and Christ-like, we shall be unwise if we neglect the important aid which the Sabbath School, by its studied and systematic methods of teaching, is so well adapted to supply.

May He who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think bless both Pastor and People, and manifest His presence among us in the conversion of sinners and the spiritual growth of those who believe.

I am, dear friends,

Your affectionate Pastor,

J. F. STEVENSON.

Emmanuel Church, Montreal, January, 1877.

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOARD.

The duty which now devolves upon the Board of presenting to the Church a Report of its work and life during another year is one specially agreeable. For the year has been bright and rich in mercies to this Church; and if the key-note of the last Annual Report was one of praise and gratitude, still more should it be that of the present one. Pastor and people have been blessed with a goodly measure of health and strength; death has not stricken down any from our ranks; amid commercial depression and disaster that have made stout hearts to quail, and have brought desolation into many a household, we have been favoured with manifold temporal blessings and with much exemption from calamity; our numbers have grown from more to more, and as brethren in Christ we have dwelt together in peace and unity, with no root of bitterness springing up to trouble us; our beautiful house, around which so many fond anxieties and eager anticipations have clustered, as stone was laid upon stone, has been opened to receive the tread of our feet, and to hear the voice of our thanksgiving and worship; and thus have we now a permanent habitation and name, and the period of our transition has passed, let us hope, into a bright summer-time of growth and happiness and usefulness. For all these favours we may, as a Church, well thank God and take courage.