

MELBOURNE.—On December 16, the Ladies' Aid of this church held a bazaar, tea and concert in the Town Hall, Richmond. The bazaar tables were laden with beautiful and useful articles. In the evening a most successful concert was held, the hall being well filled, and the entertainment all that could be desired. Proceeds, over \$150. The Christmas tree entertainment of the Sabbath school was held on December 30. The large audience was entertained by the school, and addresses were given by Mr. J. P. Gerrie and Mr. Wilberforce Lee, students of the Congregational College. Quite a missionary spirit is growing among the children of the school. The first Sunday in every month is called Missionary Sabbath, and the collections of that day are devoted to missions. We are hopeful for the future, and look for a work of grace among the young. The school begins its new year with a surplus of about \$30. On the evening of the anniversary it voted \$21 toward missions. Mr. Alexander McDonald, who has been Sabbath school superintendent for a number of years, has been re-appointed. The work of the Lord in this field, as well as in Durham, is not without elements of hope. Many kind remembrances found their way to the parsonage during the holidays.

MONTREAL EMMANUEL.—We hear that this church is calling Dr. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Dr. Baker has been in his present charge for fifteen years, and stands deservedly high in general estimation. The stipend offered is \$4,000.

SARNIA.—This church has called our esteemed brother, Mr. R. K. Black. The call has not yet been accepted, but if sufficient outside encouragement is received to remove the pressing financial obligations resting upon the building, we anticipate a happy and hopeful settlement. Mr. Black has already received encouragement in Montreal, and from some of the Eastern churches.

TORONTO BOND STREET.—Over five hundred members, we hear, sat down at the Lord's table in this church on the morning of the first Sabbath of the New Year.

WINNIPEG.—The following item appears in some of the secular papers: "The pastor of the Congregational Church at Winnipeg, Rev. J. B. Silcox, and the trustees, Messrs. G. Mortimer and Robert Waugh, have resigned. The church has been dissolved." This is not, as we understand it, an extinction of our cause there, or of Mr. Silcox's ministry. Circumstances outside ordinary church lines have called for the step. The great work will, we trust, go on.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Subscriptions received since last acknowledgment: Richmond and Melbourne, \$10; Rev. Thomas Baker,

Hamilton, \$25; Bowmanville, \$6.76; Barrie, \$4.68; Toronto Zion, \$9; Chebogue, N. S., \$9.50. Debt Fund: Warwick, \$8; Toronto, Western, \$25.40; Belwood, \$11; Cobourg, \$25; Coldsprings, \$25; Emmanuel Sabbath School, \$15; Kingston Bethel, \$50; Garafraxa, \$13.15; Brockville, \$10; Kincardine, \$15; Keswick Ridge, \$5; Chebogue, 5; Baddeck, \$5.

B. W. ROBERTSON, *Treasurer*.

Personal.

Our old friend, Rev. F. Wrigley, having accepted an unanimous call from the church at Washburn Wis., a thriving village of over two thousand inhabitants, has left Brodhead amid the regrets of the entire community there. We pray for our brother a prosperous and happy pastorate.

We had a pleasant visit from Mr. W. F. Wilmott, of Unionville, who has been modestly and earnestly pursuing his work. He is anxious for more work! After all, happy is the man who longs for labour in the vineyard of his Lord. We were glad to find our brother in good health, and to hear of his pleasant relations to his people.

The Fergus *Advocate* thus speaks of Mr. J. R. Black's probable removal to Barrie: "Mr. Black has spent a number of years in this field; his removal will be deeply regretted. He has been a faithful minister—an ardent temperance worker, a kind and obliging neighbour. He will carry with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends should he make this change.

We have noticed lately Prof. K. N. Fenwick's name in frequent connection with Zion Church, Montreal. May we venture to hope that yet among old friends he should find a final place of restful work, and that his last years may be eminently his best ones?

We have received the list of results of the examinations at McGill College. Our students show a creditable record. The friend who sent it added these significant words, "None plucked." What eloquence in these words to those who feel their significance. We congratulate the boys; may they go on passing and to pass.

THE following, written by Miss Lorimer, of the Ladies' Missionary Society connected with the Free Church of Scotland, applies as well to the ladies' societies of this country as if it had been written for them: We have the workers ready and anxious to go, if we could send them. Our income is far below what it should be, and what it would be if only all our congregations would give, little or much, according to their means. We should then be able to have the happiness of responding to the applications. It is just the blessing and success which have attended the work that cause the need for increased supplies; and is not that a cheering state of matters? This is true woman's work, woman's mission to women, and in every congregation there are women whose duty and privilege it is thus to take part in it.