

after spending a pleasant evening together and partaking of refreshments provided by the friends, Mr. F. D. Sinclair was chosen chairman, a kind appreciative address was read to the pastor by Mr. John Wood, who handed the pastor a purse of \$77.75 as a token of the esteem in which he is held. Many other articles were presented at the same time, though the value was not estimated. We could plainly see the effects of the recent work of grace among us during the evening, not in lessening the good cheer, but in bringing us more closely together and in giving us a common and great joy in Jesus.

MONTREAL. Very pleasant have been the public services in this city connected with the leave-taking of Mr. and Mrs. Currie. He addressed Sunday schools on the 14th inst., including that of the American Presbyterian church, and addressed a large audience in Emmanuel church that evening. This address was able, earnest and full of information concerning the field of labor to which he was going. It has made an excellent impression. Calvary church had invited, by a deputation to each of them, Emmanuel and Zion churches, to a social entertainment to bid the Missionaries farewell, on Monday evening, 15th. The night was unfavorable but the place was crowded. The pastor, Mr. Hill, presided. The speakers were Drs. Stevenson and Cornish, Mr. McIntyre and the chairman: the response of Mr. Currie was all that could be desired. Mrs. Currie was presented with a nice folding chair by the young people, other kind remembrances were not wanting, among others one friend present, a member of another church, gave Mr. Currie £10 str. to purchase for himself in London certain scientific instruments which he desires to possess. On Wednesday evening they left for Boston. Our students were at the station, and surrounding the window of the sleeping car at which they sat, sang two or three favorite hymns with much effect. The travellers were greatly moved, and have expressed since their arrival at Boston by private letter the ineffaceable impression produced, they will never forget the scene. Emmanuel church received seven young men and maidens by profession at last communion and expect some five additional in April.

[Although another report of the gathering is in type, we felt these words from our venerable father D. Wilkes should not be put aside.—ED.]

STRATHORN.—In hope of being able to keep open the church and to save it from being sold, the friends have been making a vigorous effort to reduce the debt of arrears of interest, with the assurance if the arrears are paid at once the rate of interest on the principal will be reduced, thus saving \$50 a year. With the kindly response to appeals made to individuals and churches and this special effort the friends are within \$100 of the end of their arrear trouble, but it is the last feather that breaks the camel's back oftentimes, and unless this last hundred can be had outside the church the internal effort is vain and the property sacrificed. Will any of the Lord's stewards come to the rescue? The pastor's series of Sabbath evening sermons on "The Experience of an Exile," or Jacob's night at Bethel, have drawn large congregations and several have recently settled as pew holders. The long promised visit of the Rev. W. Cutbertson, B.A., is yet to come. The evening was almost at hand and had been widely

advertised and largely anticipated when he should give us a view of the British House of Commons, when affliction fell upon him to prevent his coming. We are glad to hear of his recovery and await his coming. The Rev. Thos. Hall gave a missionary address on March 8th, and was heartily welcomed. We hope his way may open to the old land, and that his appearance in the great gathering of the Congregational Union may be as acceptable as it was some years ago when it was our pleasure to hear him and see how he gained the ear and heart of the great mass as he pleaded the case of Newfoundland. We hope if he goes to celebrate the jubilee of Her Majesty's reign and the Colonial Missionary Society, he may return with golden trophies of a glorious campaign in the interests of Canadian Congregational missions. Mr. Roger Roberts, who has most efficiently presided at the organ for some years, has felt necessary to resign his position, which is much regretted, he having won the esteem of all. Mr. A. H. Alexander has accepted the position, kindly promising gratuitous service. The Rev. C. E. Gordon-Smith announces a series of Sabbath morning sermons commencing with the first Sabbath in April, entitled: The Sanctuary, a plea for a spiritual and attractive service. 1, The day of special public assembly; 2, Attendance at the Sanctuary a necessity and duty; 3, The nature and character of true worship; 4, The service of praise; 5, The communion of prayer; 6, The sermon, in relation to pulpit and pew; 7, The support of the Temple; 8, The practical effect of Christian worship.

SHERBROOKE.—From this church we seldom hear. We trust however that hereafter we may be in more frequent communication. At a church meeting recently held the trustees were authorized to increase their pastor's salary \$300. In the report of the trustees we read some words worth quoting for their suggestiveness:—"During the two years of Mr. Brainerd's services as pastor, the church has steadily prospered. We have paid off a debt of \$1,000; the attendance at both morning and evening services has largely increased; our Sunday school has grown in numbers and interest; our prayer meetings have more than doubled in attendance; large additions have been made to the church, and we feel that these results are largely attributable to his work among us, and that we owe it to him to make at least an effort to meet his views. In addition to this, our interests should lead us most earnestly to deprecate a change of pastorate which would certainly interrupt our progress; while we cannot be blind to the fact that the talent which the church desires in its service, commands elsewhere, year by year, increasing remuneration, and that our Pastor's abilities might obtain elsewhere a return fully equal to what he requests from us."

SARNIA.—This church has enjoyed for quite a season the services of our mission superintendent, Mr. Hall. A correspondent writes: "We regret that we cannot always have him. We have been holding special meetings and not without success. On Sunday, March 7th, Mr. Hall preached his farewell sermon, and at the close was presented with an address, to which he replied in fitting terms. It is now seven months since Mr. Claris resigned the pastorate of our church. The pulpit has been regularly filled either by Mr. Hall or by surrounding ministers. Our Sunday