

Band of Hope in connection with the Sunday school, carried on by the officers and teachers, and it is proving a very successful auxiliary to the work. We have organized an Invitation Society, which is working with a will in constraining the non-churchgoers of our city to hear the Gospel. The deacons also are at their work. We hold an after-meeting at the close of every Sunday evening service, and our hearts are gladdened with meeting anxious ones, and pointing them to the Lamb of God. Many an heir of glory has been born in our midst during the past year. Many of our family circles have been cheered by the conversion of some of their number. We held our annual meeting last Wednesday evening, and our treasurer reports a large surplus. A short time ago a number of our young people, who have been blessed through my ministrations, expressed their thankfulness in the tangible way of presenting me with valuable books, and reading an address, which I appreciate very highly. The church granted me four months' vacation during the summer. Mr. Watt, student of our college, carried on the work during my absence, and proved himself to be an earnest and painstaking worker for his Master. I took a trip across the Atlantic Ocean, and came back well seasoned for more work.

OTTAWA.—The annual meeting of this church was held 12th ult. The general spirit of the church, as one would expect from its earnest and faithful pastor, is excellent. Seventeen have been added to the roll, twelve on profession of faith; ten have been removed from death or otherwise. The roll now numbers ninety-nine. The amount raised for all purposes is reported as \$2,452. Many improvements have been made on the building, and all departments of church work are in active operation. The pastor says: "Our people are liberal, according to their means, as the total contributions for the year will show, and giving, so purely voluntary in character as in their case, where there is no compulsory 'pew rent,' may be taken as proof of appreciation of the church and its services. They are sociable, and attentive to strangers, generally ready to extend the hand of welcome when opportunity is afforded, or to offer a seat, or a hymn book, as occasion may require; and they are also, for the most part, fairly regular and punctual in their attendance upon public worship, always making a little allowance for long distances and bad weather. No doubt we are all capable of some improvement in these respects, but yet praise should be given where praise is due." The Sunday school held its annual festival on the following evening, and a most happy evening was spent.

PARIS.—On the 2nd February, our church issued a call to the Rev. W. H. Wanner, which we hope he may accept. Since the resignation of the Rev. H. Hughes we have kept up the weekly prayer meetings,

which have been fairly attended, also the usual Sunday services, and have had no little difficulty in securing the pastoral supply. We have been favoured with a variety in this respect, but the variety has given us an indecision as to what we require. We hope soon to have a settled pastor, and throw ourselves fully into work. All the denominational objects to which we contributed have suffered because of want of regularity in bringing their claims before us. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing good work, not only in supplying us with funds to pay off the instalment due on the mortgage, \$154, but in bringing, through socials, the members in contact with each other, so creating a greater friendliness. A novelty in the shape of a social under Fleischmann's Yeast Company was given, advertised as a pancake social, which was quite a success. The Rev. J. Wylie and Mr. Ward, of Hamilton, gave us addresses, the former urging upon us unity and a determination to work together as Congregationalists, as there was a large field open for Christian men and women for evangelization even in Paris, and expressed a desire for hearty co-operation in every good work.

YARMOUTH, N.S.—THE TABERNACLE CHURCH.—The year just closed brought nothing very startling by way of spiritual growth, and yet the heaven has been quietly and steadily at work. New members by dozens have not come to the church, but one by one—as drop by drop—they have sought admission as the months came round, till thirteen have been added to our communion, twelve of the thirteen professing to have found Jesus through the preaching of the Word during the year. The regular Wednesday evening prayer meetings are well attended, and are very interesting. A young ladies' prayer meeting, held after the session of the Sunday school, and the young men's meeting on Monday evening, have both been well sustained, and have proved to be very helpful and profitable meetings. The Sunday school is growing, and the earnest work being done by the teachers as a whole is marked. We should also be very thankful from a financial point of view. "The good times coming" have not reached us yet; business all around us has been, and is, very much depressed. Yet at our annual meeting, held a few evenings ago, the treasurer's statement showed that we had raised \$2,485 during 1886; \$242 of this amount has been given for missionary and denominational work, while quite extensive repairs have been put upon both the church building and the parsonage, and the outside of both buildings has been thoroughly and handsomely painted; and the inside of the lecture room adjoining the "Tabernacle" has been beautifully decorated in oil colours. Before we leave this financial paragraph, we wish to say that the church has not a rich man among its supporters, but "the people have a mind to work." When times are bad and the church