

rar substitute. Mr. Macdonald was appointed also to read an essay on "The work of the Holy Spirit in conversion;" A. J. Parker, "Perseverance of the Saints;" E. J. Sherrill, an "Exposition" of Luke xvi. 1-12; D. C. Frink and J. A. Far-
rar, each "Plan of a sermon."

E. J. SHERRILL, *Scribe*.

PRESENTATION.

The church and congregation at Manilla, aided by a few warm-hearted friends of other denominations, have presented the Rev. D. McGregor with a new cutter and set of harness. A soiree was got up on the 7th of February to pay for some improvements in the chapel, and this opportunity was taken to present a very flattering address to this devoted and earnest pastor, read by one of the young men of the church, and ending with, "As a small token of our attachment to you, a cutter and set of harness waits you at the door." Such an expression of interest is calculated to draw closer the bands of love, and encourage the heart of the servant of Christ.

DONATION VISIT.

The friends of the Rev. John Wood paid him a donation visit at his residence, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large company assembled, and the handsome sum of \$75, in money, was presented to him. Such instances are peculiarly gratifying, as showing the warm attachment existing between minister and people. May it long continue.
—*Brantford Expositor*.

A MOST IMPORTANT MEETING.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the welfare and progress of Congregationalism, was held in the Old South Chapel, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 2d inst., on invitation of the Directors of the American Congregational Association. The object of it was to consider the position of Congregationalism in New England, and throughout the country, in connection with the proposed meeting of the National Council in June next, and with some special reference to the relation of the prosperity of that Association thereto. The meeting was presided over by Dea. Chas. Stoddard, (Mr. Henry Edwards, Secretary,) and was addressed by Mr. Stoddard, by Drs. R. Anderson, Blagden, Treat, Kirk and A. C. Thompson; by Rev. Messrs. Langworthy and Tenney; by Messrs. E. S. Tobey, E. Farnsworth, J. R. Bradford, Geo. Odiorne, A. Kingman, Linus Child, and by Rev. Messrs. Marvin of the *Recorder*, Dexter of the *Congregationalist*, and others. A very decided opinion was expressed, in consideration of the approaching meeting of the council, and more especially in view of the wide doors now opening before Congregationalists for progress in portions of the land newly opened before them and now inviting them; that the sum of \$100,000,—at all events not less than \$50,000,—ought to be immediately raised to aid the Association in carrying out its plans for the general cause. Pending the adoption of a resolution to this effect, the meeting adjourned to meet in the Old South Chapel (upper room) on Thursday afternoon, the 16th instant, at 3 o'clock; to consult further in regard to the matter, and inaugurate the subscription. The expression of opinion was, most earnest, and those large hearted merchants of our denomination who were present, especially seemed to feel deeply that it was high time that this historic home and centre of Congregationalism, had a house—a Congregational house—in some central and comely position, to which it can invite its children from every whither, and where it could entertain them; where it can garner, in fire-proof safe-keeping, all the priceless memorials and mementoes of its past; and which