

during the past few weeks. A goodly number of conversions are reported, and it is expected that the Church will gain considerably in strength and influence. Cornwall has lost heavily through deaths and removals, and probably is somewhat weaker than it was a year ago. The Church and the Board may confidently reckon on a protracted and costly effort before self-support is won for Cornwall, yet neither Church nor Board must falter, for the town has grown to the dimensions of a city, and is by all odds the most important point between Montreal and Brockville.

No marked change has taken place at Kenmore, but the pastor has rendered very helpful service to other fields in special work. We cannot too strongly express our approval of such co-operation on the part of churches and pastors.

Concession Street, Ottawa, has enjoyed a year laden with blessing and encouragement. Crowded congregations, frequent baptisms and a commodious chapel nearing completion cheer all hearts. Student labor has been bestowed on Dempsey, South Indian, and Riceville with happy results. Riceville experienced a very gracious revival, and if the church were in a happier condition a large proportion of the converts would have found within the Baptist church their spiritual home.

The churches in the Canada Central Association are not making the progress that could be desired. We are barely holding our own in the large and important district embraced within the limits of this Association. Some of the churches seem to have lost confidence in their ability to make any headway, and are losing that confidence and healthy expectant aggressiveness that neither anticipates nor accepts defeat. It would be folly to overlook or underestimate the obstacles that stand in the way of progress, but, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain, and he shall bring forth the headstone with shoutings, Grace, grace unto it. The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house, his hands shall also finish it."

Under the gaze of the hosts that have gone before and the conquering legions that are to-day winning the world for Christ, let us with the confidence of assured victory shout the old battle cry, "God is our refuge and strength," a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea: the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge," and march right on.

Real progress has also been made on several of the Mission fields. Pembroke has we presume entered upon self-support, as no application for help has appeared; so have Arnprior, White Lake and McNab, and within the past few weeks "showers of blessings" have fallen upon Arnprior. Evangelist Pugsley assisted the pastor. Renfrew became pastorless the first of July, but an acceptable student was ready to step into his place the following Sunday, and the work has moved on very