

preached always has a warm atmosphere. Any church that depends more on mere forms than on the power of Gospel truth must always be cold.

There are other tests by which the spiritual atmosphere of a congregation may be tried. The prayer meeting is a good one. It is one of the best. A congregation with a poorly-attended prayer meeting is generally cold. The attendance of the members at the sacrament of the Lord's supper is a good test. If the membership attach very little importance to this sacrament, and attend on communion Sabbath in small numbers, then rely upon it the spiritual atmosphere is below zero.—*Knoxonian, in Canada Presbyterian.*

## Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR,—Permit me to thank you for the good wishes expressed in your last issue in reference to my connection with Zion Church. One of your remarks—meant kindly, of course—may, however, be easily misunderstood. Since my separation from the Union I have never ceased to be a Congregationalist, and hence, on principle, have avoided connection with any other denomination.

The resignation of my college relationship arose, as you very well know, solely out of the position assumed by the late principal—a position which rendered an alternative impossible to any one possessed of even a moderate share of self-respect.

The following resolution, of which a copy was courteously forwarded by the secretary, will abundantly show the light in which my work was regarded by the board up to the date of my resignation :

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Congregational College of British North America, held on April 29th, 1884, the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved : That in accepting the resignation of Rev. Prof. Fenwick of his office of professor and vice-principal in this college, the board of directors have pleasure in placing on record and certifying that for eight years, as the regular professor of Church History, Historical Theology and Apologetics, and for six years as the vice-principal of the college, he has discharged his various duties with regularity, efficiency and ability.

“In addition to the subjects above named, Prof. Fenwick has, for longer or shorter periods, lectured on Hebrew and Hebrew Exegesis, on Old Testament Economy, and on Homiletics ; and he has always manifested a zealous interest in the spiritual welfare of the students.”

The resignation of my connection with the Union became a necessity. Ceasing to be one of the professors of the college, and having no pastoral charge, I had no right to membership in the Union, and consequently had to withdraw. I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,  
K. M. FENWICK.

Montreal, Que., January 18, 1887.

## News of the Churches.

BRANTFORD.—This church was blessed during the early part of January by the presence of the Rev. W. Wetherald, who conducted services each evening for a week, besides occupying the pulpit on two Sabbaths. The storms, which prevailed throughout the week, prevented large audiences, but the attendance was most encouraging. Many conversions cannot be claimed, but the church membership has been greatly strengthened and helped by the earnest spiritual addresses of the brother, who has endeared himself to so many, and been the means, in God's hands, of lifting many to a higher plane of Christian life. Other churches of our denomination will find it very profitable to give him an invitation to work among them. If Congregational Churches had more of Christ's likeness in their membership, there would not be any fear about our stability as a denomination, and if the line of life in Christ Jesus practised and preached by Mr. Wetherald was acted upon by each individual, there would be no need for special services, for we would live in a continual atmosphere of revival. The annual business meeting was held on Wednesday evening, January 19. The venerable treasurer, Mr. James Wilkes, has acted in that capacity for many years, with a faithfulness worthy of example, and his report this year showed financial prosperity, there being a slight balance on hand after meeting all expenses, including several items of an unforeseen and extra nature. Some twenty-two members of the church have adopted the system of benevolent offerings introduced in May last, and the treasurer reported that while over one-half of this number gave but five cents per Sabbath, the total thus pledged amounts to over \$200 per annum, divided among the College, Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and the Widows' and Orphans Fund. It is believed that the majority of the members will adopt this systematic plan, as it does away with the necessity of canvassing for these objects, and results in largely increased offerings. The secretary, Mr. G. A. Adams, presented an interesting summary of the year's operations, showing an increase of twenty-four members ; present membership, 164. The Sabbath school is more largely attended than ever before, and a growing interest is taken in its sessions. The average attendance for some time back has been about 200, with twenty officers and teachers.

FRANKLIN CENTRE.—Our friends here have been pretty busy keeping Christmas and New Year in the usual cheerful manner. The Episcopalians led off with a Christmas-tree entertainment in their church during Christmas week, and the Methodists followed with a similar one on New Year's Eve, both well attended. The Congregationalists gave a supper and entertainment in the town hall on January 7, which