

evening by rendering a few choice selections of music. Altogether the entertainment was a most happy one.—*Bowmanville Statesman*.

ZION CHURCH, MONTREAL.—At a meeting of the congregation of Zion Church, held on Wednesday last, it was resolved to extend a call to the Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., of Reading, England, to become the associate minister with the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., the present pastor, and thus to furnish the additional strength requisite to the carrying out of the work of extension on which the church has for some time been intent. It is intended to open services in the higher part of the city in a temporary building, till the new church on Stanley and St. Catherine streets can be erected; and there will be a retention of the present Zion Church, so as to form one membership, with two pastors alternately preaching in the two places of worship. This collegiate form of church action has proved a very great success in London in the case of the Rev. Dr. Raleigh's church; and it is pleasing to know that in the present instance it is taken up by the people of Zion Church with a spirit of brotherly union and generous zeal. The Rev. J. F. Stevenson was visiting Montreal last fall, and produced a most favourable impression by the services he then conducted. It is hoped that an acceptance of the call may be received during the early part of summer, and then the double services will be entered on or about the first week in September.—*Montreal Witness*, March 4th.

LECTURE—"ANIMAL ORGANIZATION."—This was the subject of a lecture delivered last evening by Dr. James H. Richardson, in Zion Church. The Rev. Mr. Jackson was in the chair, and there was a large audience. The lecturer reviewed the theory of evolution of which Darwin is the principal expositor, and advanced his own views and those of eminent scientific writers in opposition to the well-known development theory of the Darwinites. He treated the subject with regard to its bearing on revealed religion. Of the 577,600 species of animal life, there were but four types,

and he maintained it was not known that there had ever been any conversion from one type to another. True science could not isolate itself from a belief in God. The lecturer took up the various propositions in the Darwinian theory, and, reasoning from his own standpoint, disposed of them very successfully, stating that it required greater credulity to believe in Darwin's theory than in any of the superstitions that existed in the world. Mr. Richardson displayed a large amount of scientific knowledge in his treatment of the subject. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to him at the close.—*Globe*, March 10th.

THE WIDOW'S MITE.—The Rev. Mr. Chapman preached a sermon yesterday in Zion Church, upon the duty of Christians giving in proportion to their ability of their substance to support the cause of Christ. His text was about the widow giving two mites, her all, into the treasury of the Lord. He said that although Christians were not now called upon to give their all, yet they should give liberally as the Lord had prospered them, and not as many professors do now, who make it their daily study to give as little as possible. In some cases Christians were called to dedicate their all to the cause of Christ, and they should do so, trusting to the Lord for the consequences. In the evening he delivered an able lecture on Balaam. On next Sunday evening he will deliver the last of this course on Moses and the lessons to be learned from his life.—*Montreal Witness*, March 9th.

REV. EDWARD EBBS.—On the 25th ult., Rev. Edward Ebbs was installed pastor of the church at Plainfield, Ill., after having served them for a year. Rev. N. A. Prentiss offered the prayer of installation and the right hand; Rev. Dr. Roy gave the charge, and Rev. D. D. Hill the address. In the evening a sermon was preached by Dr. Roy. Once Joliet got its mail from Plainfield by a horseback spur from the great Chicago and Ottawa stage line. This old church, organized by N. C. Clark, in 1834, yet holds its own, retaining its American population; so that the only Roman Catholic in the town has to be sent to