

The students of the college being scattered far and wide in their summer field of labour cannot now take united action in this matter, but I feel sure that I am expressing the feelings of all when I say that we grieve very deeply and sincerely for this loss to our ranks, that we mourn Mr. Pritchard's death as that of a thoroughly consecrated follower of our common master, as that of a dearly loved brother in the Lord. Yours obediently,

A FELLOW STUDENT.

### MISSION NOTES.

Mr. P. Scott, of Liverpool, and Mr. Swan, his associate, are to accompany our missionary to Africa in order that they may join Mr. Arnott in his work.

Nine young men from Antwerp sail in the same steamer for the Congo district.

We leave Lisbon on the S. S. S. Tome, Thursday, 6th of May.

Rev. Mr. Sanders, from Bihe, is to meet us at the coast. Rev. Mr. Walters, who is stationed there, will also meet us.

## News of the Churches.

TORONTO, MOUNT ZION.—The 9th Annual S. S. Festival was held on Tuesday, March 16th, somewhat later than usual. The Infant class to the number of 120 were feasted in the afternoon, and a useful present was given to each little one; some of the good things and presents were sent to 20 of the little ones invalided at home. In the evening about 150 of the older scholars discussed the good things provided, of which there was a liberal supply. After the feast, the parents and friends were entertained by the scholars and they apparently enjoyed themselves. The best part of the programme, as far as the school was concerned was the distribution of some 127 prizes, which had been earned by the scholars. The Secretary's report shows that the school is in a very satisfactory state numerically, financially, and spiritually. There are 294 scholars enrolled, with a staff of 25 officers and teachers; an average attendance at the morning session of 158, and the afternoon session of 148, or a total of 306 for the year. The school raised considerably over \$300 during the year, and after paying its own expenses, contributed a very handsome balance, amounting to \$152, towards the maintenance of the church. Nine of the scholars united themselves in fellowship with the church during the year. Very nearly all the teachers and officers were aforetime scholars; and there are notable workers in other fields from our ranks, who

received their first experience among us, notably Mr. T. Gray, of Barrie, and our beloved Rev. Walter Currie, who has gone to spread the gospel in Africa. On the last Sunday afternoon in every quarter, we hold an open missionary session, and a great deal of interest is evinced in these meetings; one of the lads, a boy of 10 years, has already expressed his determination to follow Mr. Currie, when the time comes. The night following the S. S. Festival, the church held its annual social, about eighty members of the church and congregation being present. The annual reports of the church were presented, everything tending to show that the church had made substantial progress during the year that has passed. The Treasurer's report showed that \$1459 had been received during the year, and the expenses had been \$1432, of which \$800 had been expended in building a new infant class room, and making other improvements on the church building. The Secretary's report showed that the average attendance at the services had been 137, and that 12 had been admitted to fellowship, and 5 removed by death or otherwise; making a net increase of 7; there being now an active membership of 41. The reports of the S. S. Secretary and those in charge of the Tract Distribution, Cottage Meetings, Mutual Improvement Society, and the Young People's Sunday evening prayer meeting gave every evidence of the marked progress of each department of Christian work. During the evening a voluntary collection was taken up, by means of envelopes, in aid of the building fund, and \$31 was realized. At the regular quarterly S. S. Teacher's meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 13th, the teachers and friends presented their Superintendent, Mr. Charles Green, with a purse containing \$30, being a slight token of his inestimable worth.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.—On Sunday, May 16th, the congregation inaugurated their new organ by a special service of praise. In the forenoon J. B. Ayre, Esq., (Methodist), from whose advice the specification was taken, presided at the instrument, using it with great taste and musical ability, and displaying the true value of an organ as an aid to congregational praise. Mr. J. Tucker, choir leader, acted as organist in the evening, and on both occasions anthems were rendered by the choir; and special addresses delivered by the pastor, Rev. D. Beaton. The occasion was one of special interest, as the opening of this organ marks the completion of a series of improvements to the external fabric and internal adornment of the house of God, which has been carried out during the past few years at the cost of nearly \$5500, of which the organ had \$1700; and by the persevering, united and generous efforts of the congregation aided by some help from