

their affectionate regard and esteem for Mrs. Jenkins, and their grateful sense of her self-denying and unremitting endeavours to advance the interests of the Congregation ever since she became a member of it.

That the Congregation assures Dr. Jenkins of their united and earnest prayers that the Divine favour and protection may attend him and his family during his contemplated sojourn in a distant land; that they may be a blessing to all with whom they shall come into contact; that his health may be restored; that in the providence of God he may return in safety to take up his abode in this city, and that the members of this Congregation and his numerous other friends may continue to enjoy the privilege of his society, and the benefit of his labours and counsels in years to come."

On the 25th of October application on this behalf was made to the Presbytery of Montreal, and by appointment of the Court, St. Paul's Church was declared vacant on Sabbath the 6th day of November. On the 20th of that month the Kirk-Session appointed eight of its members to act with a like number appointed by the congregation as a committee to select a minister. This committee are using due diligence in the important and difficult duty assigned to them.

In other respects the Kirk-Session feel that they have much cause for thankfulness. In so far as its material interests are concerned, the congregation has reached a point of prosperity unequalled in its past history. An appreciable increase in the number of pew-holders has correspondingly increased the ordinary revenues of the Board of Trustees. The Sabbath collections also show a slight increase over those of last year. The Church edifice has been completed by the erection of the tower in accordance with the original plan at a cost of about \$11,000. There is no longer any debt on the property. The contributions for the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, amounting to \$4449.75, are the largest that have yet been given by St. Paul's Church for these purposes. The Kirk-Session unite with the Trustees in the hope that these evidences of enlarged liberality may prove to be a happy augury of greater self-denial and consecration on the part of the membership of the Church, and of a juster appreciation of the claims of Christianity from year to year presented to their notice.

Turning to what must after all be accounted the most important aspect of the subject, the Kirk-Session record with satisfaction that the Sabbath services have been on the whole well attended, and that a slight increase of interest has been manifested in the weekly prayer-meetings. It need scarcely be said that in the present circumstances of the Church it is especially important that all the members and adherents of the congregation should avail themselves of every opportunity presented to them of meeting together in their own place of worship. The Sabbath-Schools and Bible-Classes, as well as the other agencies of the Church, as appears from their reports, continue to be efficiently and vigorously conducted.