

but would have been much better, had the roads been more passable. The collection was in advance of last year, and, as in Waterville, two young ladies were appointed as collectors of subscriptions. The series closed at Sherbrooke, on Wednesday evening, 4th November, Hon. J. S. Sanborn, in' the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Coombs, Principal of the Academy; and the report read by the Secretary of the District. The speakers were, Revs. E. J. Sherrill, Wm. Hall, M.A. (Wesleyan), L. P. Adams, and G. Purkis. The choir sang some very appropriate pieces, among which, the anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains, &c., from Isaiah lii. 7. Misses Sanborn and Walton were appointed to collect the subscriptions taken during the last Lord's day morning service.

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The Rev. E. Barker, late of Pictou, N. S., has returned with his family to Ontario. His address at present is Toronto.

Bond Street, Toronto, Anniversary.—The anniversary of the dedication of the Bond Street Church, of Toronto, properly occurring on the second Sabbath of December, was observed by special services on the 22nd of November, that day having been selected by Rev. Dr. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, who had engaged to officiate on the occasion. Shortly before the time, however, he intimated that he would be unable to keep the engagement; and, under these circumstances, recourse was had to Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, who, with a readiness that made his services doubly acceptable, undertook to fill the vacant place. The house was crowded on the Sabbath morning and evening, and the services were greatly enjoyed. On Monday evening a social meeting was held, at which a larger company was present than on any former occasion, even at the opening of the church. The spirit of the meeting was thoroughly social, yet congenial with the sacredness of the place. Rev. F. H. Marling presided at the meeting held after tea, and addresses were delivered by Revs. J. Hannon (Wesleyan), J. Campbell (C. P.), and Dr. Ormiston. Sacred music by the choir, and hymns sung by the congregation made a pleasant variety in that part of the exercises. Besides the ministers above-named, there were present, Revs. J. G. Manly, R. Hay, R. T. Thomas, Dr. Jennings, W. Gregg, J. M. King, and G. A. Macnutt. The anniversary services, as a whole, were so successful as to go very far to make up for the disappointment in relation to Dr. Cuyler. A letter was read from that gentleman, holding out the hope that a visit from him might be expected in the summer.

London—Vandalism.—Some sacrilegious scoundrels, between Sunday evening and Tuesday morning, got into the Congregational Church, smashed the cabinet-organ, permanently injured the pipe organ, and tore and defaced the new pulpit Bible in use but a few weeks. Vandals capable of such things would stop at nothing.

"DIED, FIFTY YEARS AGO."—The church at —, we will say, Blackstone, was destitute of a pastor.

The ways and means employed to bring about such a destitution, sometimes play sad havoc with the pastor's heart strings, for which amends are generally made, so far as may be, by following him with a set of *commendatory resolutions*.

The church at Blackstone was left destitute of a pastor, and the people began to pray the Lord, trust in Providence, and to look abroad generally for an "under shepherd."

One good brother warmly engaged in the work, wrote to a clerical gentleman in New York, thinking that a town of that size might possibly furnish the man. The needs and requirements of the church were carefully portrayed. The virtues, talents, requirements, and graces of a "man for the place," were glowingly depicted. The zealous brother received this laconic reply, "The man you want *died, fifty years ago.*" It occurs to me that it might be well to re-announce the death of the perfect minister, in order that churches now destitute, may be spared a fruitless search for him.—H.