

Our attention was directed to the work of the North-West by the Rev. H. Pedley, who happened to be present. He gave us some idea of the difficulties and hindrances to be met with, but at the same time seemed confident that it was time we had in the central parts representatives of our denomination. He proposes to make a start in Vancouver City, B. C. There is room for a church there, and a prospect that the city will grow largely.

The most interesting of all the meetings was the last. It had in it the true missionary ring, and reminded us of the old-fashioned missionary meetings of our boyhood. It was held in the Northern Church, and a good audience gathered. The occasion was the setting apart of the Rev. A. W. Gerrie for work in Brandon, Man. Mr. Gerrie is one of our own students, and for something more than two years has had charge of Pine Grove and Humber Summit. He was chosen by the Missionary Society to undertake the work of planting a church in Brandon. It was thought most fitting that a special service should be held to speed our brother on his long journey. The Rev. Charles Bolton presided at the meeting. The choir of the church provided excellent music, and led the congregation in singing. The Rev. John Burton was the first speaker, and his address was full of power and earnestness. He thought that we had made a new departure which augured well for our future. He urged the necessity of having our churches at pivotal points in the North-West. Other denominations were doing it. The Roman Catholics had done it long ago. He thought that the society had chosen good men for the positions. They should be supported. He had no doubt they would be.

Rev. Mr. Gerrie then addressed the meeting. It was a solemn moment for him, and yet a happy one. He was sad to have left his church—his first church, but he was glad because he believed he was in the way of his duty. He had no doubt. He went away because he felt it his duty to go. He asked for their prayers. He hoped some day to welcome the Union to the First Congregational Church, Brandon.

After singing, the Rev. Charles Duff, M.A., of Parkdale, offered the designation prayer, and commended the missionary and his wife to the care of God in this new enterprise.

Rev. George Robertson, who is a cousin of Mr. Gerrie, then spoke a few words. His speech was full of hope and cheer. The impression that was made on the audience was good. All who were present will follow with interest the future course of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrie.

At the close of the meeting all pressed around to shake hands and say good-bye. They were to start that night. A number went with them to the station, and as the train rolled out of the dépôt, they sang. "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Our meeting closed. The association meets next in Hazelton Avenue Church, Toronto.

## CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The following subscriptions have been received since September 30, and are hereby thankfully acknowledged:

### *For Current Expenses.*

Colonial Missionary Society, London, England, \$297.91; Kingston First, \$107.50; Scotland, Ont., \$10; Burford, \$15; Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, \$10.35; Embro, \$32.20; Winnipeg, Man., \$100; Hamilton (Mutual Improvement Society), \$20; Stouffville, \$23; Cresswell, \$10.70; Humber Summit, \$10.66; Franklin Centre, \$12; Rev. W. H. Allworth, \$5. Total, \$654.32.

### *Account of Deficiency from Last Year.*

Georgetown, \$50; Emmanuel Church, Montreal, \$215; College Students, Montreal, \$26; Bond Street Church, Toronto; \$175; Bond Street Choir, \$25; Old Member Bond Street Church, \$10; James Farquhar, Toronto, \$25; A. K. McIntosh, Toronto, \$20; Western Church and Society of Christian Endeavour, Toronto, \$25; Winnipeg, \$50; Hamilton, \$80; Waterville, \$10; Brantford, \$100; Fergus and Speedside, \$20; Wiarton, \$10. Total, \$841. Receipts from all sources, \$1,495.32; to date including balance from last year, \$3,553.73; Payments, \$3,055.15. Balance in Merchants' Bank, \$498.58.

The old deficiency has been reduced from \$1,417.92 to \$551.42. Subscribers to this fund who have not yet remitted are earnestly requested to do so without delay.

R. C. JAMIESON, *Treasurer.*

*Montreal, Nov. 13, 1887.*

## HOME MISSIONS.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me to make special acknowledgment of a donation to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, which I do with great gratitude. There never was a time when such generous gifts were more needed than at present. The following communication bears date, Montreal, November, 1887: "Enclosed I hand you \$500 in aid of the work of the Congregational Missionary Society. May the Lord grant His guidance and direction, and abundantly bless the work.—A FRIEND."

Amen! And may God abundantly bless the generous and unostentatious giver.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, *Treas. C. C. M. S.*

*Kingston, Nov. 22, 1887.*

AN anonymous friend on reading an attack in the *St. James' Gazette* of the 4th ult., on the Church Missionary Society, sent a gift to the society of \$5,000.

A NEWSPAPER says that England—no doubt meaning Britain—contributes 652,328 gallons and America 921,412 gallons annually toward the Christianization of Africa.