

all sources, representing the contributions of the church for the year, amounted to \$3,986.34. The collections in the Sunday school were \$329.31. The Ladies' Aid Association contributed \$495.54 to the furnishing fund. The general fund statement shows an expenditure less than \$10.33 than the receipts. The Christian Endeavor Society have secured the able presidency of Mr. John Orchard, whose experience and success in work for the young afford much hope in the work of the present year. The Sunday school is also now well officered and owes much to the kindly services of its superintendents for a number of years past, Mr. Herbert Langlois and Mr. T. P. Hayes. The scholars last year, contributed \$80.23 to missions. The choir, with Mr. H. McLennan as organist, and Mrs. McLennan as leader, received well-merited praise for their services. The pastor, Rev. A. F. McGregor, in his address expressed his thankfulness to Almighty God for the preservation of the health, both of himself and his people, through all the experiences of the year that is past, also for the present unanimity of feeling and effort in all the departments of church and school work. —*Empire Feb. 8th.*

LONDON.—At a largely-attended meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church, 30th January, the pastor, Rev. H. D. Hunter, formally tendered his resignation, intimation of which had been given the previous Sunday, stating that he had received two calls to churches in the U. S. and one to England, in which he recognized the hand of Providence. During the reading of the resignation many were visibly affected. After Mr. Hunter had withdrawn from the meeting Mr. H. Mathewson assumed the chair. Many expressions of regret that the pastor's resignation was final were uttered, and the hope was expressed that he would be blessed in his new field of labor. A resolution was passed, expressing regret at Mr. Hunter's resignation, admiration of his work and influence among the young, testifying to his advocacy of social reform, and devotion to denominational interests; and to Mrs. Hunter's worth and influence. The best of feeling prevailed during the meeting, which closed with singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

It is understood that Mr. Hunter will accept the call to Sycamore, Ill. The resignation takes effect the last Sunday in February.

OTTAWA; SUNDAY "HOCLEY" AT RIDEAU HALL.—Instead of the usual lesson from the Old Testament yesterday morning at the Congregational church, the Rev. Mr. Wood took occasion to refer to the report that hockey playing was indulged in on the Rideau Hall grounds on Sunday afternoons, and gave a Bible reading on the law of God in re-

gard to the Sabbath and the example of the Saviour and His apostles in respect to its observance.

Mr. Wood said he exceedingly regretted to hear the rumor and was very unwilling to believe it, but was compelled to do so by the very stupid letter in the *Free Press* of Thursday last by one who had joined in the game and gloried in his shame. He was sure Her Majesty would not allow such a thing in the grounds of Windsor castle, and was sorry her representative should permit in the grounds of the vice regal residence in Ottawa. He objected to the violation of the Sabbath by the poor; it is, if possible, still less excusable in the rich, for whom there is the same divine laws as for the poor. Mr. Wood's remarks met with decided approval by his congregation. —*Evening Journal*, Feb. 10.

OTTAWA.—From the printed Annual Report of the Ottawa Church, just to hand, we gather the following facts:—The debt on the new church edifice was greater than expected, on account of the failure of a number to meet their subscriptions. But the interest has been regularly paid. The weekly offering had largely increased: 110 contributors now—Total receipts, \$2,077; total expended, \$1,989—Total raised for all purposes, \$3,450; debt, \$12,000—Ten new members received, eight of them on profession—Present membership 153,—Males 54, Females 99—Attendance, both on Sabbaths and on Wednesday evenings, has increased—Messrs. W. A. Lamb and Henry L. Wood were added to the list of Deacons—A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized—The Sunday School has voted \$25 to Foreign Missions, and \$50 to Home Missions—The Woman's Auxiliary has given \$152 for Home and Foreign Missions—The average attendance at Sunday School has been 105—The Y.P.S. of C.E. has 31 active members—\$1077 raised on debt during the year.

REV. DUNCAN MCGREGOR.—Our good brother, now in Antwerp, N. Y., makes use of his pen; a practice we commend to our brethren everywhere. A minister is not only a citizen, but should consider himself a citizen of influence, and with responsibility accordingly. Mr. McGregor's second letter on "Things in General," come to us in the *Antwerp Gazette*, and deals with objections and excuses for not going to church. We give one paragraph: "Public worship is commanded of God. There are blessings specially promised to those who take part in public worship. Then there again is the power of a good example. Let a man living three miles away from a church regularly attend that church on Sabbath and he is every Sunday preaching a sermon three miles long. By