

times as many as the old building could comfortably seat. The pastor took for his subject in the evening, "The living of 1893." Special music was rendered by the choir, assisted by an efficient orchestra. While worshipping here the church looks forward to greater usefulness, having better facilities for efficient work, and a wider field in which to labor. The treasurer, Mr. H. Butterworth, 181 First Ave., Toronto, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge contributions toward the erection of the new church building. H. B.

FITCH BAY, QUE.—The church here is accomplishing good, steady work, and giving many indications of healthy, vigorous life. We are having frequent additions to our membership, and in many ways are seeing evidences of spiritual growth. Our services are well attended by young people, who manifest an evident interest in them. Every second week, on Sunday evening, there is a praise service, at which a short gospel address is given by the pastor, Rev. G. Ellery Read. A very encouraging feature of these services is the manifest enjoyment of all who attend them.

On Dec. 24, at the afternoon service, a special service of song, entitled "Our Saviour King," was given by an efficient choir and orchestra. Miss Mabel Gage very efficiently recited a selection graphically describing the birth of Christ; and the pastor gave a short, practical address from the words, "There was no room for them in the inn." Despite the bad weather, there was a large attendance, the church being well filled by a congregation whose close attention manifested a decided appreciation of the whole service.

We have recently purchased a fine "Dominion" organ and a new chandelier. A furnace has also been secured, replacing the old-fashioned stoves. Encouraged by the success of the past, we look forward to the future with hope.—*Com.*

FOREST.—The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of the Forest Congregational Church Sunday school was held on Jan. 3, 1894. The following officers were elected. *Superintendent*, Mr. Jas. Maylor. *Assistant Superintendent*, Mr. R. Prout. *Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. Jas. L. Barnes. *Librarians*, Miss F. M. Scott, and Miss M. F. McPherson. The three latter were re-elected. *Organist*, Miss M. M. Hindley. We are glad to be able to state that our Sunday school is in a prosperous condition, both in numbers and finances. At the beginning of 1893, there were 55 scholars on the roll. Now there are 87; which shows an increase of 32. There is also a Bible-class of some 26 members. This year's collections come up to \$63.95. There is a balance in the treasury of \$23.97. During the last year we have subscribed to the following institutions: Canada

Congregational College \$1.15; Foreign Missions \$2; Local Convention \$1. Scholars average attendance each Sunday 65. Teachers and officers average attendance 12. Visitors average one, and total average attendance 78. Scholars average attendance morning church service 31. Verses repeated by the scholars each Sunday 108. Collections average 58 cents. During the last year most of the officers and teachers have attended well, and we can look upon our past Superintendent Mr. D. Livingstone, with honor.

JAS. L. BARNES, *Sec.*

HAMILTON, IMMANUEL CHURCH.—Our pastor, Rev. W. H. Watson, and family, are among us, and every branch of our work has taken a fresh start. Prayer-meeting Wednesday, and Y. P. S. C. E. on Monday, are well attended. We have had as many as 100 at our weekly prayer-meeting. On Sunday morning our congregation fills the church building, and in the evening we are uncomfortably crowded. Sunday school yearly report shows an average attendance for last year of 98; while for the last two Sundays it has been 111 and 115 respectively. We have to form 13 classes and have only a building 20x40 to accommodate them all in, not one class room; and in this same room we have pulpit, organ, library and stove as well. We are working at a great disadvantage; and steps must be taken to enlarge. The church has instructed the trustees to find a suitable site and report at once.

Last Sunday was communion with us, and we had the pleasure of extending fellowship to three new members on profession of faith. We expect to add eight or ten more at our next church meeting. God is blessing our work in this neighborhood, and we expect much from Him in the near future.—*Com.*

LONDON, SOUTHERN CHURCH.—[The following admirable digest of three months' history of this church we commend as a good example of the condensed items we desire from the churches. But why should some of it be so long in coming?—*Ed.*]

We held our third anniversary (which occurred Nov. 22nd), on the following day, it being Thanksgiving. The gentlemen met in the afternoon to build a wood-shed. In the evening refreshments were served in the little church. The tables looked pretty, and were well supplied. A good programme finished the evening's recreation, and all went home well satisfied. The next evening the Sunday school was entertained, and spent a very enjoyable time.

The Thursday before Christmas, the children had their usual Christmas tree and entertainment, furnishing the programme themselves. We were fortunate in securing an old friend and former