

Might it not be advantageous for some of our sister churches, who have no Association of the kind, to commence one? Let it be managed by the young men themselves, and they will go into it with a will. It might add to the interest and pleasure of the meetings were our pastor's suggestion acted upon, and the Association to include the young ladies also. B.

Montreal, 21st May, 1869.

London, Ont.—A letter just received from Rev. J. A. R. Dickson says :—“ Last night, the Church decided upon the erection of a parsonage at the cost of \$2200, to be finished by Oct. 1, 1869. It will be a building worthy of the Church and the city. Other things requiring to be done will bring the expenditure up probably to \$2500. We have the lot, a very fine one too. The contract is let, and the work will be begun at once.”

Presentation to Rev. E. Barker.—A number of admiring friends recently presented Rev. E. Barker, of Fergus, with a purse of money as a token of esteem, and a slight acknowledgment of his services as a minister of the Gospel since he came to reside in this neighbourhood. We did not hear the exact sum, but understand it was between \$75 and \$100. During the time Mr. Barker has been here, his general conduct as a minister and a member of society has won for him golden opinions from parties belonging to all congregations, and we feel justified in saying that as his acquaintanceship extends, the number of his friends will increase.—*Fergus News Record.*

Rev. F. H. Marling.—The esteemed Pastor of Bond Street Congregational Church has for some time past conducted a large and interesting Bible Class. A social gathering of the class, with their pastor, and a few invited guests, took place on Tuesday, June 29th. After tea, the tables were removed, and the meeting was organized by Mr. F. B. Whittemore, the chairman, who explained briefly the special object of their meeting together, which was, they were aware, to present to Mr. Marling a token of their high regard for himself personally, and their gratitude for his unremitting labours in leading them forward in the study of Divine Truth.

Mr. Caxton and Miss McBride then, in the name of the class, presented the valuable gift which had been previously selected, accompanying it with an address, beautifully engrossed on parchment. The present consisted of a most beautiful tea set, comprising a salver, coffee pot, tea pot, cream jug, and sugar bowl—the salver bearing a suitable inscription.

Mr. Marling replied in appropriate terms, assuring the class of the pleasure he had always experienced in the labours, which he was happy to know they so highly appreciated. He trusted they would in due time resume their meetings with renewed interest, and that they would not be satisfied with anything short of being in Christ. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Lillie and Rev. R. T. Thomas; and the interest of the occasion was further enhanced by several pieces of music, sung in an effective manner by the choir of the church.

The above Bible Class, we are enabled to add, has been attended weekly by from 25 to 50 persons of both sexes, chiefly young people, though no limit is set as to age in either direction. All who are old enough to follow the teaching, and not too old to be taught, being cordially welcomed. The Epistle to the Hebrews has been the subject of study during the last two sessions. The meetings have been held on Monday evenings at eight o'clock. In the Pastor's absence, some other minister has generally been secured to give an address on some Biblical subject. A summer recess is taken during July and August. Besides the immediate work of a Bible Class, the members of it have conducted several highly successful social meetings or reunions for the benefit of the Building Fund. It is proposed to make the organization still more widely useful in Christian work of various kinds.