

whose members arose on the early morn of the Lord's Day, to contend, in common, with their fellow-citizens, with the advancing flames, and also to see their "holy and beautiful house burned up with fire." It was a Lord's day morning long to be remembered.

But the Lord reigneth, and by His judgment the people may learn important lessons. With grateful hearts those who met with great losses may bless God that their lives were spared. We have not even heard of a dislocated limb.

Those who have escaped with property untouched, will have opportunities, and we trust they will embrace them, of showing practical sympathy to the suffering.

Every town in the Lower Provinces should learn the wisdom of being more fully equipped with fire extinguishing apparatus. One engine is totally inadequate for the safety of such a town; and the right course is to be fully prepared though it may cost time and money, is the cheapest in the end. Some villages in the Provinces of considerable size have not even one fire extinguisher.

Many neglect insurance who cannot afford to be without it. We may wrong, but we think the man of limited means is culpable if he risks all his property without insurance, and more than culpable, if he hazards the property of others without the safe-guards which the Insurance office furnishes at a reasonable rate.

Young Men's Christian Association.

The large and handsome building of the Halifax Association was dedicated on Tuesday evening the 21st April. A large number of ministers and others were present, and the proceedings were of a deeply interesting character. John S Maclean, Esq., presided. Rev. John Forrest read Solomon's Prayer. Rev. G. W. Hill offered the dedicatory prayer. The following hymn written for the occasion, was sung:

1.

Oh Christ, our Lord, all worlds, all space
Thou fillest as Thy holy place;
Angels and Saints Thy Name adore
And sing Thy praises evermore.

2.

The fulness of Thy presence here,
We now implore with hearts sincere;
Come to this House, nor hence depart;
Come, dwell in every longing heart.

3.

In us and with us Lord abide;
Thy word and Spirit be our guide;
Ever may Faith and Hope and Love
Within these walls their influence prove.

4.

This House we consecrate to Thee,
Lord take it; let it ever be
Devoted to Thy work, Thy cause,
A witness for Thy love, Thy laws.

Mr. Maclean gave a brief history of the building operations. The House as it stands, cost \$35,000. Hon. S. L. Shannon gave a sketch of the Association since its origin on the 10th Dec. 1853. Rev. Allan Simpson, Rev. J. Lathern, and Rev. C. B. Pitblado, delivered very spirited and appropriate addresses. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Rev. J. F. Campbell. We hope the Association has entered upon a new era of prosperity and success in its blessed work. The new building is most creditable not the Association only, but to the city.

ANOTHER TRANSLATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.—The *Missionary Herald* contains the following important information. "On Friday evening, April 11th, there was a joyful gathering at Honolulu. Mr. Bingham writes:—'On the morning of that day I was permitted to complete the translation and proof-reading of the Gilbert Islands' New Testament. What words shall I use to tell you of my great joy! It has been a blessed privilege, for which I would ever be thankful to my Master. We called together some fifty of our friends and neighbors, and more especially the members of the Hawaiian Board and their wives, saying to them, 'rejoice with us.' They began to assemble about half-past seven o'clock. Among them was His Majesty, to whom I had sent an invitation. The Honolulu *Friend* noticing the occasion says:—'Sixteen years ago, away nearly 2,000 miles to the south-west from Honolulu, there were living 30,000 or 40,000 inhabitants on the Kingsmill or Gilbert Island, in the very lowest state of heathenism, without a written language, cruel and savage, dwelling on low coral islands—their clothing the veriest fig leaf arrangements. Among such a people Mr. and Mrs. Bingham took up their abode in 1857, and commenced the study of their language; and now, after sixteen years have rolled away, he has completed the translation of the entire New Testament. One most interesting feature of the gathering should not be omitted. Several Gilbert Island natives came forward and received each a copy of the New Testament, on that day completed. Among them was the one who has been assisting in the work of translation, and his intelligent countenance and prompt answers indicated that an educated Gilbert Islander will take a high rank among Polynesian.'"

THE MISSIONARY REPORT.—The Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Report for the last Conference year contains many encour-