

Offering' system, our receipts of money have been largely in advance of former years, which justifies in strongly recommending its continuance." From the Sabbath-school, the Young people's missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid Society, reports of a hopeful and satisfactory character were received.

The pastor's statement of the spiritual condition of the church was also inspiring, whilst his forecast of church work for the current year betokened confidence in the practical sympathy of church and congregation. Towards the close of the meeting, another chairman was appointed, and Mr. McGregor requested to retire. On the morrow he was informed that his salary *had been raised from \$1,200 to \$1,400, and that forthwith a policy of insurance on his life, to the amount of \$4,000, would be effected by the Tabernacle friends, in the interest of his family.* This, together with other substantial evidences of loving affection towards the pastor and his family, at Christmas and New Year, speaks for itself.—*Com.*

CHURCH REPORTS.—We have received the Bond Street Supplement to the INDEPENDENT for February, of eight pages, containing an abstract of the reports of the church for 1873, full extracts of which appeared in our last issue. From it we learn that the Church has decided to hold its Quarter Century celebration on the 19th April, the date of its organization twenty-five years ago. A memorial volume will be published, giving the history of the Church.

The annual report of the Managing Committee of the Ottawa Church is also received. It comprises a detailed statement of the financial operations of the Church during the past year. The contributions to the General Fund amount to \$1,173.11, and for special objects \$502.90, which, with a balance from the previous year of \$95.75, gives a total of \$2,091.76. The disbursements have amounted to \$2,022.11, leaving a balance less than last year by \$26.10. The expenses of the past year, however, have been considerably larger than usual, on account of making and furnishing a vestry, paying the pastor's removal expenses, and supplementing that portion

of the grant from the Missionary Society, the Church voluntarily threw off.

The reports of Zion Church, Toronto, which were presented at the last annual meeting, have been published in full, together with several financial and other tables, making a pamphlet of 30 pages. A copy will be sent to each of our pastors.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—The ordination of two French-Canadian missionaries, Mr. Matthieu and Mr. Vessot, to the Gospel ministry, took place in the Eastern Congregational Church last evening. The attendance was large, especially of our French-Canadian fellow citizens, and the exercises were of a highly interesting character. Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, opened the service by reading the Scriptures and prayer. Dr. Wilkes then explained that the ordination of the candidates no way affected their relation to the French-Canadian Missionary Society, in whose service they labour. Rev. C. Chapman delivered an appropriate address on the nature of ordination, Rev. J. Frazer put the usual questions to the candidates in English, and Rev. Mr. Vernon in French, when, after full and satisfactory reply in both languages, the ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. J. Frazer, all the ministers present joining in the "laying on of hands." Dr. Wilkes followed with a solemn charge to the missionaries just ordained, after which the meeting was closed by the Rev. Mr. McKillickan in the usual manner. Mr. Matthieu, we learn, labours at Granville, and Mr. Vessot at Joliette, in this Province.—*Montreal Witness*, Feb. 3rd.

SURPRISE AND PRESENTATION.—On the 6th inst., some thirty or forty of the members of the church and congregation of the Churchill Congregational Church, Esquenessing, paid a visit to their Pastor, the Rev. J. Unsworth, of Georgetown, taking possession of his dwelling, with a humour that indicated no evil design. After a few words of fraternal greeting, Mr. James Cameron, Deacon of the Church, requested the reverend gentleman and his wife to listen a moment, when a short address was read, expressing the affection and high regard in which they were held by their people,