

of it in New England and old England, and the memories of Leyden, and John Robinson, and Delft Haven and the Mayflower. But spoke chiefly on the present duty among ourselves of fostering the evangelical work now going on in our churches.

After some good humored rivalry between two or three proposed places, it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Association (in November), in the Village of Scotland.

#### THE TEA.

Tea was provided in the school-room by the ladies; and all sat down at 6 o'clock. Rev. Mr. McGregor, pastor, presided. The repast was varied and abundant; but like all ideal entertainments, "the best part of the meal was the conversation." Everybody knew everybody, with or without formal introduction. Then half-a-dozen after-dinner speeches, mostly from the more aged members, as called on by the chairman; some of whom rather protested against being "so *very* old." First, Rev. William Hay, full of reminiscences, which proved two things, first, age, from the very fact of having so many of them: and then, youth, from the lively way in which he told them, making him, what he described himself, as a "young old man." Then Rev. W. F. Clarke, and Mr. D. D. Hay, followed by Rev. A. W. Richardson, and Rev. F. S. Fitch, of Buffalo.

#### CONCLUDING MEETING.

A good audience assembled at 8 p.m., when Rev. Frank S. Fitch, pastor of the First Congregational church, Buffalo, and present as a specially invited guest of the Association, spoke on "The Kingdom of Heaven."

Paul found the Roman empire in all its power, and all its institutions about him; and so he speaks of its armor, spears, helmets, warriors; and painted the Kingdom of Heaven on the dark and sombre background of the Roman empire. John in his vision of the Kingdom of Heaven in the Revelation, takes Jerusalem as the base of his conception; its streets and walls, its gates and dwellings.

*It is a growing kingdom.* Men are gaining, very notably in our own times, a better knowledge of the powers of nature; and what God intends to teach us in creation around us. All those powers were there; but we are only now finding them out.

*A better knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.* When he was at Oberlin College, even in so model a place as that, they only had two or three hours in the week on the Scriptures; and the young men seemed to enjoy it more as a kind of a resting time from studies. Now there is a changed relation of the colleges to the Holy Scriptures. It is coming to be at the foundation of all their work.

*The application of the Sermon on the Mount,* and the principles of religion to the affairs of life. Mr. Fitch illustrated this part of his subject at some length, and with great force and clearness. "The kingdoms of this world were to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ"; and we, as Christ's friends and followers, have much to do in it. As a denomination, we have been more anxious to be right and to be free, than to be numerically strong.

Rev. W. H. Watson, of Hamilton, in a neat speech, moved a vote of thanks to the Woodstock friends, the choir, the organist, the ladies for the tea, and a warm tribute to the speaker of the evening, which was enthusiastically carried.

#### WINGHAM CHURCH.

The Congregationalists of Wingham were originally an off-shoot from the Presbyterian church of that place. They worshipped in the hall belonging to the late John Ritchie, Esq., and in 1882 they purchased the present beautiful building. They have suffered from a too frequent change of pastorate, through various causes. On February 19th, 1893, the church took fire and was well burned in the basement, but the main auditorium was saved, and being well insured prompt repairs were put on it, and a new face of paint, etc., made an improvement. The grounds have been tastefully improved around the church; the fence, as shown, being all taken away. The church is without a pastor at present; the Rev. W. H. Watson having resigned at the New Year, when entering upon his fourth year of service, to take up work in Hamilton. There is a good quiet sphere of service, amongst a kind and affectionate people for a true servant of God. The great need of the Wingham church, as of many of our churches, is a parsonage, to assist in giving an element of permanence to settlements; as houses are very scarce and hard to be had in Wingham.