

evergreens. A meeting was next held in the church, at which suitable addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. McKillican, Agent of the Canada S. S. Union, and J. M. Gibson, of Erskine Church, Montréal. A few well-known English hymns, also, were sung. The French Canadian children who were present sang translations into French of certain familiar hymns. They were also examined for a few moments by the Pastor in Watts' Scripture Catechism in French. Considering the short time that the School has been in operation, and their state when it began, their answers were very gratifying. Alas! some who ought to know better, think that it is a greater sin for them to attend the school referred to than to work or amuse themselves on the Sabbath. After the blessing was pronounced, the meeting broke up. As an illustration of the uncertainty of life, we may mention, that of those who were at the Festival of the same Band of Hope last year, *four* have been removed by death. It is remarkable that all have died of the same disease.

CONVENTIONS.—During the last month two Conventions were held, one of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Hamilton, and the other at Toronto, of the Dominion Temperance Association. Both were largely attended, and, we believe, will be productive of good results. The annual Convention of the teachers and friends of Sabbath Schools will be held at Belleville in the course of this month. From the arrangements made, it is hoped that the occasion will be one of interest and profit.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met at Owen Sound, on the 7th September. There was a full attendance of Ministers, and two elders. The Rev. Thomas Stevenson tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Owen Sound congregation. It was resolved that the resignation lie on the table, and that a special meeting of Presbytery be held at Owen Sound, and within the church there, on the 22nd instant, at 2 o'clock p.m., and that all parties should be cited to appear at said meeting for their interests. The reasons of protest and appeal, by Wm. Kennedy, against the decision of Presbytery in his case, were read; also the answers to those reasons prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose. These answers, as read, were adopted by the Presbytery. Messrs. Gauld and Frazer were appointed to represent the Presbytery, in this case, before the Synod. Mr. McInnes was appointed treasurer of the Presbytery Fund, instead of Mr. Stevenson, who had resigned. The Presbytery resolved to make application to the Home Mission Committee for a supplement of \$200 for South Keppel Congregation, that the supplement to Dunblane be continued for next year, and that application be made for a supplement of \$2 per Sabbath for West Sullivan. Mr. Thomas Burgess appeared, complaining that he had not received a satisfactory certificate from the Session of West Arran congregation, and asking to be heard at the bar of the Presbytery. Mr. Burgess was heard, and Mr. Tolmie heard in explanation, when a motion was carried, sending back the matter to the Session, either to deal with the case, or give a certificate to Mr. Burgess. Mr. Tolmie protested, and appealed to the Synod, for reasons to be given in. Messrs. Dewar and Smith were appointed to prepare answers to these reasons, and Messrs. Dewar and Gauld to represent the Presbytery before the Synod. Mr. Gauld was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee. The Presbytery Roll was read and certified for Synod. Messrs. Frazer and Hall were appointed assessors to enable Mr. McInnes to form a session at South Keppel. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet again at Owen Sound, on the 21st day of December, at half-past one o'clock, p.m. ALEX. FRAZER, *Clerk of Pres*