

an opportunity. There is a morning prayer-meeting daily as well, which is fairly attended and one every Sabbath afternoon at three. The Association also conduct a weekly Bethel Service for the benefit of the seamen during the season of navigation, on board the "City of Toronto," and nine cottage prayer-meetings in different parts of the city, and visit the jail and hospital regularly. An energetic city Missionary is employed by them to engage in Christian work. The Association now numbers some 400 members, active and associate, but principally the former, the membership having increased very largely of late.

Prof. Daniel Wilson is President, and a very efficient officer, taking a deep interest in the progress of the body. The free reading-room, which forms so prominent a feature in these Associations, is excellently supplied with reading matter, of an improving description. The approaching Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Ontario and Quebec, which assembles here about the 1st of October, is looked forward to with much interest. In addition to the delegates from the Provincial Associations, several eminent Americans are expected to be present, among whom are Rev. Dr. Burns, and Messrs. D. L. Moody of Chicago, A. K. Brunel of Illinois, and Z. R. Brockway of Detroit. Considering that the Association has only been established four years, the position they have achieved, and the activity and earnestness they display, is highly commendable in them.—*Condensed from the Witness.*

Obituary.

The following notice which we cut from the "English Congregational Year Book for 1868," will be read with interest, not only on account of the relationship of the deceased to the pastor at Sherbrooke, but also on account of the testimony which it bears to the high moral worth and usefulness of the departed brother.

THE REV. CHARLES DUFF,

Stebbing, Essex, was born in the city of Aberdeen, June 1st, 1821. He was brought up in the Established Church of Scotland, but at the disruption, his mother—he having come out previously—came out with Dr. Davidson, the minister. His early life owed much to the careful training of his godly mother, but his elder brother, Rev. A. Duff, now of Sherbrooke, Canada, was the instrument of his conversion. While comparatively young, he was received into the fellowship of the Congregational Church, then under the care of Rev. John Kennedy, M.A., in his native city. Not very long afterwards he removed to Limerick. Here he became honourably known and much respected in the commercial situation which he filled, and greatly beloved by the members of the Congregational Church; and here it was that his long-cherished desire to become a minister of the gospel found way for its realization. The Rev. J. De Kewer Williams, having become pastor of the Independent Church in Limerick, he soon learned the solid worth of Mr. Duff, and rendered him the most valuable assistance. At length Mr. Williams offered him a home in his own house, with the use of his library, and with his own personal instruction whenever it could be received. In this way some two years were pleasantly and profitably spent, until Mr. Duff was admitted a student of Highbury College. At college, his course was in every way honourable, and marked by growing love to the great work to which he had devoted himself: but hinderances from ill-health were not infrequent. In autumn of 1850, he accepted an invitation to take the oversight of the Congregational Church at Stebbing, Essex, as successor to the Rev. Joseph Morison, with whose highly intelligent ministry the church had been favoured for nearly forty years. To the work of this sphere the young minister gave himself with much diligence and fidelity, and was the instrument of not a little good. He was deeply interested in the missionary cause, and once it was in the heart of himself and of his beloved wife to go out to a station in Berbice, but the medical certificate was unfavourable. For the space of fifteen years he continued to