

in a future number. The next speaker was Rev. E. Ebbs, whose volunteered presence was greatly appreciated. He assured the audience that there was not a member of the Congregational brotherhood, from east to west, but rejoiced in their joy that day, and he urged on the members of the church increased activity in the work of God. The Rev. J. B. Howard (Wesleyan) and Rev. W. Gregg (Presbyterian) also spoke in a very interesting strain, and Rev. W. McClure (N. C. Methodist) closed with prayer and the benediction. "The feast of the Dedication" was a hallowed and joyous one.

On the following evening the Sabbath school had *their* opening soiree, with a number of other young friends, some 200 in all. Tea, singing, addresses by Rev. W. F. Clarke and J. Baylis, Esq., and the magic lantern, made the evening pass very pleasantly. With the proceeds a new library is to be provided. The scholars have collected over \$60, for furnishing their schoolroom.

Thus closed these "protracted meetings." If, on entering upon their regular work again, the church and pastor receive the blessings which have been so earnestly invoked upon them by all the brethren who have been present, and, doubtless, by many at a distance, they will be blessed indeed.

#### CONGREGATIONAL SOIREE.—LONDON, C. W.

The annual tea-meeting in the Congregational Church, King Street, took place Dec. 22, and was an unusually pleasant occasion. The Church was filled, and the first table seated at 6.30. The eatables were first-class, and served without confusion in the vestry of the building. After tea was over, the company repaired to the body of the Church. On the platform we observed the Pastor of the Church, Rev. C. P. Watson, in the chair; and seated around him, were the Rev. Mr. Potts, Rev. Mr. Ure, Rev. Mr. Durrant, of Stratford; Rev. Mr. Gilray, Rev. Mr. Spettigue, Rev. Mr. Wood, D. D. Campbell, Esq., Reeve of Listowell, and Wm. Bowman, Esq.

The meeting was opened by a beautiful hymn being sung by the entire congregation.

The Chairman presented kindly greetings to all present and remarked, What a pleasant thing it was to have fellowship with sister churches. While there were many things to make the heart sad in our city, as in every place, there was much in which a Christian or a philanthropist might rejoice. No city had more churches open every Sabbath to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ, in proportion to the number of its inhabitants, than London. No one here can plead want of church accommodation to justify non-attendance on religious instructions. In no part of the world does more kindness or brotherly charity prevail among the ministers of evangelical churches. During the past year there had been an increase in the membership of this church to the number of twenty-one.

We had thought of giving a synopsis of the speeches, but cannot do justice to them in the space left in our columns, as they were of a higher order than is usually heard at a tea meeting. Rev. Messrs. Gilray, Potts, Spettigue, Durrant, Ure, Wood, Wm. Bowman, Esq., and D. D. Campbell, Esq., all made appropriate and interesting addresses. The interval between the speeches was filled up with an occasional piece of music from the choir, under the direction of Mr. William Rowland, sen., accompanied on the melodeon by Miss Rowland. The proceedings were unusually interesting throughout, and the company separated at half-past ten—with the conviction that the evening had been pleasantly and profitably spent. The meeting was one of the best ever held in London.—*London Evening Advertiser*.