

N. E. MARGAREE, C. B.—On Friday, 3rd January, 1890, a sacred concert was given by the choir and Sunday school children, at the Congregational church, N. E. Margaree. The subject illustrated by the musical selections and recitations, was "Songs of Joy and Gladness for Christmas and the New Year." The church was well filled, and the music, which was of a bright and tuneful character, was evidently much appreciated by the audience. At the close, the pastor, Rev. Richard B. Mills, enforced the duty of providing healthful and attractive books to supplement the work of the Sunday school teachers. The sum netted by the collection was devoted to the purchase of new books for the Sunday school library.

During the New Year's special week of prayer, united services were held at the Congregational, Baptist and Methodist churches of this place, on the lines of the Evangelical Alliance. The attendance both morning and evening was large and encouraging. In the deep interest in the topics of the carefully-selected programme, and in the strengthening of Christian ties, and in the outpouring of the Spirit, God did indeed visit and enrich His people. In the ensuing week an evangelistic campaign was entered into with spirit. United services were held at the Congregational and Methodist churches, by Revs. Wm. Turner, Methodist, and R. B. Mills, Congregational ministers. Some of these were marked by practical results, in the reclaiming of backsliders, and in the conversion of sinners. It is hoped that these signs of God's working will be followed by a prosperous year of ingathering and spiritual blessing in the churches of this district.—*Com.*

KINGSTON, FIRST.—The following accounts of the annual meeting of the church and congregation, and of the Sunday school festival, appeared in the Kingston *Daily News* on the 13th and 14th February:—

The annual meeting of the church and congregation was held in Congregational Hall last night, and was well attended. Tea was served in the lecture room at half-past six, and every seat of the six long, well-filled tables was occupied. The generous provision reflected great credit on the Ladies' Association, who had these matters in charge.

The after exercises consisted in the presentation of the annual reports, addresses, songs and recitations. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jackson, presided, and was supported by the Rev. A. L. McFadyen, of Bethel Congregational Church, and the Rev. S. L. Mitchell, of Charles Street Congregational Church, each of whom gave addresses.

The pastor's statement which gave the church statistics, showed a healthy increase in the membership, activity and progress in the various soci-

eties, and increasing efficiency of Sunday school work. He made gratifying allusion to the success of the work in Charles street, undertaken and carried on by a joint committee of the two churches, where a large congregation is gathered and a Sunday school which numbers more than a hundred scholars.

The treasurer, Mr. J. F. McEwen, presented his printed statement of receipts and expenditures. This showed that the amount of expenditure, including balance in hand by some of the societies, amounted to \$3,984.86, all of which has been met, with the exception of \$132.23 still due for church improvements. This shows an increase on the previous year of \$711.82, a considerable portion of which was for church improvements.

The Ladies' Association reported through Miss Phippen, treasurer, a balance of \$376.53, the "Girls Own" Mission Band was represented by Miss Minnie Savage and Miss Aggie Reid, and reported an income of \$114.59, while the collections in the Sunday school were \$160.49, of which sum \$50.43 were proceeds of the mission boxes.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly augmented by musical selections effectively presented by Miss Phippen, Mrs. Mitchell, Rev. S. L. Mitchell, Mr. Coombs, Mr. Crumley, and recitations by Miss Allen and Mr. Raymond.

The annual festival was held last evening in Congregational Hall. About two hundred children sat down to well filled tables in the lecture room and parlor, after which they assembled in the hall. After devotional exercises and a few words of welcome from the pastor, who presided, the Secretary, Mr. D. Spence, presented the annual report:—Scholars on the roll, 187, officers and teachers, 26, collections for missions, \$159.65 for school purposes, \$102.52; total, including balance from last year, \$266.17. The following resolutions were then proposed and adopted by the school:—

1. That the sum of \$49.79 be given the Canada Congregational Missionary Society for the aid of Charles street mission.

2. That the sum of \$34.53 be sent to the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society for the support of their mission in West Central Africa.

3. That Miss Meek and Mr. James A. Hendry be appointed life members of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

An interesting programme was then carried out under direction of Miss Meek, organist, Miss Jane Jack and Mr. Thomas Savage.

TORONTO WESTERN CHURCH.—The annual social meeting of this church was held last evening. The reports of the year were submitted and a very pleasant social time enjoyed. The receipts from