

with St. Gabriel's, it cannot be pleaded that it is because of our lack of machinery. During the last year two important departures were made : a Sabbath School teachers' meeting was instituted, and lady visitors were appointed for the Elders' districts. To speak of the visitors first,—they fill a gap long felt in the congregation. Caring for the stranger, the sick, the sorrowing and the needy is peculiarly a Christian office ; and our visitors perform it in the name of the congregation. The Teachers' meeting has been held at 7.30 on Wednesday evenings, immediately before the weekly prayer conference. This proves advantageous to all interests. The Teachers get the benefit of the devotional exercises which follow the study of the lesson, without moving from their seats ; and parents and others, who are interested in the systematic study of the Scriptures, either for their personal profit, or for the better guiding of their children's Sabbath studies at home, by coming half an hour earlier than the prayer meeting, which they feel it a duty and privilege to attend, gain the two ends, of giving themselves to the Word and to Prayer. But we want to see the Lecture Hall full every Wednesday evening. In this active age, in which so much work is attempted, through so many channels, there is special need of devotion. The church's multiform machinery needs to be kept in good running order by the oil of grace ; and this can be had only in answer to prayer. Let us, then, as many as really would wish to spend an hour during the week in company with Jesus, come together every Wednesday evening, expecting Him ; and we shall not be disappointed. His word is pledged to us, and it never fails. *"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Ever your faithful friend and Pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL,

Montreal, *March 27th*, 1889.

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