

chairman's address, on the proper aim and scope of such societies, was at once solid and brilliant. London is growing in wealth and population, and is recognized as the Capital of Western Ontario.

With God's blessing and good management, Congregationalism ought to become a power here and in the West. We pray that our future pastor may improve rightly his great opportunity.

FROME, SOUTHWOLD.—An excellent stable has just been erected on the parsonageground, for the parson's accommodation. By this and the parsonage lately built, the church property is now about double the value that it was. Both are clear of debt.—J. I. H.

DONATION AT FROME.—The anniversary of the Sabbath School in connection with the Congregational Church here, was held on the evening of Dec. 28th. Addresses were delivered by Rev. gentlemen and others, while sweet music was supplied by several ladies from London. Fruit and cake provided by the teachers. On the following evening the younger members of the church repaired to the parsonage, unceremoniously taking possession of the same. By the baskets of eatables, it was evident to the pastor and his wife, that the intruders intended to take tea with them. After enjoying themselves for a time, they presented the pastor, Rev. J. I. Hindley, with a beautiful and substantial Cutter, valued at \$40, accompanied by an address, breathing love and attachment to both the pastor and his loved partner. In a few words Mr. H. gave a very affecting and suitable reply.—J. B. S.

HAMILTON.—The Congregational Church in this city, which had been a missionary church, originally planted by the London Missionary Society, and for many years sustained by the English Colonial Missionary Society, became permanently self-sustaining in 1858. Since that date there has been contributed by its members and friends no less than \$26,000, an average of \$2,000 annually, and an average of \$20 annually for each contributing member. 233

members have been added to the church, an average of nearly 18 yearly. Several years the removals to other places were nearly equal to the additions; yet, at present, the membership is nearly three times as large as it was in 1858. The attendance at the services has risen in the same ratio. The Sunday School has increased from between 40 and 50 scholars and 7 or 8 teachers, to 178 scholars and 19 teachers. The Sabbath Morning Young Men's Meeting; the Pastor's Young People's Monthly Meeting (now upwards of one hundred); the Ladies' Sewing Society, the Congregational Temperance Society, the Mutual Improvement Society and the Book Society, have all come into existence during these years.

The annual meeting was held last Monday evening after the prayer meeting, and was well attended. Mr. Edgar, the Treasurer, read the half-yearly reports, from which it appeared that for the Poor's fund, the Missionary fund and the General fund together, \$1,239.91 had been collected, which reports were received and adopted. He also gave a statement of what had been contributed for religious and benevolent objects, including Congregational claims during the whole year of 1871, amounting to \$2,820, leaving the Poor's fund without any balance—the Missionary fund with a balance in its favour of \$90.34; the General fund with a balance on hand of \$30.54, and the Ladies' Sewing Society with a balance on hand of \$200. This is the largest amount ever reached since the year when the present church edifice was erected. The pastor reported on the state of the church that upwards of 30 members had been added during the year, and twenty-five families have come into the congregation; that the various meetings on Sabbath had considerably increased, and that the other meetings were well attended. The Young People's Monthly Meeting especially was growing in interest and numbers. There had been many blessings enjoyed both in the ingathering of new members and in the spiritual progress of those within. The Superintendent reported on the Sunday School, showing marked progress and efficiency in that institution during the past year. There are at present on the roll 178 scholars and 19 teachers. On