

The losses by death were;— Mr. Wm. Brown, for many years a member among us, a man well known for his devout character and unostentatious and useful life among the poor; and, Miss Annie Baxter, one of the last two surviving children of parents, members also much esteemed among us, who have suffered heavy bereavements by the loss of their children, one after the other when in the prime of their youth, by the same fell disease. Our brother and sister deserve and receive the sympathy of their brethren in the bitter experience through which they are called to pass.

Messrs. Hy. Lyman and Hague, were appointed to represent the Church at the annual meeting of the Union, held in London, Ont, in June, 1883; and they duly kept their appointment, and reported a very successful and encouraging meeting. Mr. Walker was appointed to represent the Church at the meeting of the Provident Fund. The invitation of this Church to meet here next June was accepted by the Union; and it will devolve on you to take steps at an early date to have timely arrangements made for the meeting. Your Board recommend that an effort be made, as on some former occasions, to secure the presence of some eminent representative of Congregationalism from abroad, in order to give a stimulus to our own ministers and delegates, and to add zest to the meetings.

The annual Missionary Services were held on February 25th and 26th, and were interesting and stimulating, with good collections resulting. The Rev. M. H. Hitchcock attended as a deputation from American Board, and Revs. Thos. Hall and Geo. Willett represented our Canadian Home Missions. Your Board recommend that these meetings be continued.

The question of Social Meetings of members of the Church and Congregation has repeatedly had the consideration of your Board, and that from a conviction that, if properly arranged and wisely used, they may be made a useful means of promoting social intercourse and that mutual knowledge and interest in each others' welfare which should be found among members of the same household of faith. Two meetings were held during the year: one on June 20th, and the other on Nov. 14th. The former was well attended, being a leave-taking of the Pastor, on his departure for England. An incident of this meeting deserves notice here. This was the presentation by Mr. Hague, on behalf of the brethren contributing thereto, of the sum of \$350.00 to the Church Secretary, as an expression of the grateful appreciation with which his