

this, not to foster pride, but to quicken the sense of obligation. We owe much to the families of this flock, to the city of Montreal, to Canada, and especially to the sister Congregational churches therein.

Since I first knew it, Montreal has come to share with the great American cities one serious drawback to Church life and work, in the shortening of the season. With many of our people, the eight months from October to June are all the time spent in the city. With some, this tapers down to hardly more than six. We need to make the utmost of the period of active fellowship, and to watch against certain relaxing influences of an arrangement that seems desirable for physical health. The *Summer Sabbath* is the conspicuous point of peril. At this season, it is not out of place to add that the form of danger known as "Too much of a good thing" is not wanting from our manly and invigorating Winter Sports. Saturday afternoon! "thou shalt not kill" Sunday morning.

The chief events of the past four months calling for mention on my part are these:—

1. My Installation by Council on September 15th, in a service that worthily represented the Fellowship of the Churches, and was helpful and stimulating to the Pastor and the people.
2. The Social Reception given by the Congregation on October 26th, which, in numbers and character, was so replete with cheer and promise.
3. The Moody Meetings in October, giving an impulse to the churches at the opening of the season, still felt in many ways.
4. A good and growing attendance on our own church-services, especially in the morning.
5. A very encouraging response to the Pastor's offer to conduct a Bible Class in the Sunday School.
6. A number of good Wednesday-evening services, with room for further improvement.
7. A visitation of the families that has brought me to *almost* every door,—repeatedly, to those in trouble.
8. A series of Christmas services and festivals in connection with the Sunday School.
9. The generous and tasteful renovation of the Pastor's Vestry, by the Ladies' Aid Society, whose zeal for improvement is now seeking other rooms to conquer!
10. Cordial relations between the Pastor and the Young People, through their own Association, the Bible Class, and otherwise.