

very successful year's trial. The gentlemen-canvasers had obtained the names of 89 subscribers, for annual amounts varying from \$2 to \$36, and the lady-collectors had brought in to the Treasurer \$1,070, from which appropriations had been made, to the Sunday Schools \$375, Home Missions \$250, London M. S. \$50, Cong. College \$150, Do. Endowment \$100, Cong. Union \$35, Provident Fund (Retiring Pastors' Branch) \$100, Dorcas Society \$26. The sum so raised is largely in advance of previous years under other methods, and was fully equalled by the subscriptions for 1875. The above reports were adopted, and after some time spent in consideration of various items, tea was served, and the remainder of the evening spent in a social manner.—The Sunday School festival held on Thursday evening, January 21st, passed off very successfully. The room was handsomely decorated with flags, coloured festoons, evergreens, and arches, and was crowded with a happy-looking company of scholars, teachers, parents, and friends. Mr. Edward A Childs, Superintendent, presided. After prayer by the master, a short programme of music and recitations was performed by the scholars in admirable style, and the distribution of prizes for regular attendance (48 Sundays and over) took place. The exhibition of a magic lantern (from Mr. Potter's) and the distribution of refreshments closed a very pleasant evening. The school is now in a prosperous state, increasing in numbers and efficiency.

NORTHERN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

—The members and friends of the Northern Congregational Church held an interesting meeting last night, at the residence of Mr. J. T. M. Burnside, Alexander Street, under the name of a parlor social. A large gathering of the ministers of the Church and congregation were present. The entertainment consisted of readings, recitations, and singing, with refreshments. In the course of the evening their pastor, the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, was the recipient of a very handsome silver tea service, accompanied with the following address, beautifully engrossed by Mr. Revell, the Secretary of the Church:—"To the

Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Pastor of the Northern Congregational Church.—Rev. and Dear Sir,—We, the members of the Church and congregation worshipping under your pastorate, deem the present festive season a fitting opportunity for the expression of our esteem and affection for yourself and Mrs. Dickson. We, therefore, ask your acceptance of the accompanying tea-service as a token of our appreciation of your earnest advocacy of the Master's cause. It is impossible within the limits of a brief address to express all we would, but we cannot omit to mention the faithful exposition of God's word, applying the truth to the conscience, especially in regard to things of every day life. Such teaching is ever of great value, but in the present day it cannot be too highly estimated. We trust that you may long tend the flock of God, leading them, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, into green pastures and beside still waters; that the word of Christ may dwell in you richly in all wisdom, blessing you in private as well as in your public ministrations. We also pray that Mrs. Dickson may be long spared to be your helper in the Lord's work, and that you may see your loved children grow up in Christ Jesus."—*Globe*.

LONDON.—We have had a rich baptism lately. Believers have been stirred. Sinners have been saved. The pastor heard Pearsall Smith lately on "The Higher Life." It quickened him. He discoursed upon it, and the sacred fire spread. The first Sabbath in the year was precious.—Twelve were received. Several more were proposed. Questions were handed each communicant, filled with suggestions for this year's campaign. A course of lectures on "Congregational principles" has been entered upon. The church-building project is progressing and maturing. We have just lost John Cameron and his dear wife, but our loss is Toronto's gain. "On to new conquests" is our motto.—*Com.*

The Rev. Mr. Heudeboureck, of Stratford, who has been away for some months in the United States, collecting for the debt on the church he has been instrumental in erecting, has returned home with a large amount of money for