

dently by trained musicians. At first, as I have said, I was disturbed by these instruments; but already I am almost at home with them, and you need not be surprised if ever I return to Dumfriesshire I move for an instrumental band to lead the singers in the Congregational Church. What would Deacon Roberts say? But I must close, as it is late. I am, yours etc., etc.

When Mr. Dyer left the brethren secured the services of Rev. W. P. Wastell. He was a man of excellent ability and culture and a popular preacher; but his ministry of eight months was too short to have any appreciable influence on the church. After him came the Rev. John Osborne, who continued four years, from 1842 to 1846. The church then secured the services of the Rev. James Wilkins, but he was not installed as pastor and preached only for a few months. Then came the Rev. R. Robinson, who found the church in a broken-down condition. His first work was to have it dissolved and re-formed with a membership of sixteen. He was five years pastor, from 1847 to 1852. When Mr. Robinson left, the church secured the services of the Rev. E. Ebbs, who was pastor for five years, from 1853 to 1858. When Mr. Ebbs left, the church was fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. T. Pullar, a man of great native ability, well read, a ready speaker, and full of the milk of human kindness. His labours: how this church was built under him; how the membership increased, how he went from house to house cheering the downcast; how he helped many young men who came strangers to this city—all these his labours till he died among you beloved by every one—are they not written in your hearts? When he had been called away the church was again fortunate. For then came among you one whom I can hardly trust myself to characterize lest I should not do him justice. I know well how you love and revere him for his fine culture, his sterling character, and his Christian bearing. May the memory of these two sainted men live with us, to enrich our lives, to increase our devotion, and to make us more useful in the work of the Master. On the lamented death of Mr. Sanders the church secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Griffith, one of the promising young ministers of our denomination. Of him I have heard many kindly words spoken, and I am sure our prayer is that in the field where he now labours he may be abundantly blessed of God. Some one has said that history cannot be written; it can only be hinted at. I have but hinted at the history of this church. The church has told on the spiritual welfare of thousands in the past, and it will tell on the welfare of thousands yet unborn, if we are true to the trust committed to us." After the pastor had read his interesting paper, speeches were delivered by Rev. Mr. Fuller, of Brantford, and Rev. Mr. Allworth, of St. Thomas (Congregational ministers); Rev. Dr. James and Messrs. William Edgar and James Bale. The last two are old members of the church.* All the

speakers indulged in reminiscences, and the speeches were entertaining as well as profitable. The choir of the church contributed several choice selections at intervals during the evening.

KESWICK RIDGE.—Since the Rev. Jacob Whitman has taken charge of this field, much improvement, both spiritually and financially, is manifest. The financial difficulties in connection with our church building, have all been amicably settled, and that pleasing result has been brought about through the efforts of the ladies' sewing circle, and the generous gift of the pastor.

MONTREAL, EMMANUEL.—We are glad to chronicle a prosperous Young People's Association in connection with this church, which holds regular meetings, both public and private. October 27, the respected pastor, Dr. Stevenson, gave under its auspices a lecture on "Art in its relation to religion and morals," full of instruction and beauty. On Nov. 17 Mr. Burton, of the Northern, Toronto, gave an "Evening with Tennyson," of which the *Witness* says: "So many wished to enjoy the 'Evening with Tennyson,' in Emmanuel Church lecture hall, that quite a number could not find seats. In the absence of Dr. Stevenson, the Rev. Dr. Cornish introduced Mr. Burton, of Toronto, who at once plunged into his subject. What he had to give was not a lecture—it was a series of remarks of the most agreeable kind, connecting and emphasizing the various poems read, or musically rendered. Tennyson, the speaker declared, was the most musical of poets, though no one of his poems could equal Gray's *Elegy* in that respect. A contrast between Tennyson and Scott was drawn—not to the disparagement of either—by the recital of Scott's scene between Douglas and Marmion, and the singing of his 'Hush thee, my baby.' A handsome collection was given for the relief of poor people on coming out of hospital. The evening was arranged under the auspices of the Young People's Association of the church, and on motion of Mr. Kennedy, the secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the performers." The musical part was rendered by the church choir and friends, with fine effect.

OTTAWA.—On 4th ult (Nov.) a pleasant gathering was seen of members of this church and friends at Mr. and Mrs. Lamb's, who celebrated their golden wedding. These friends are among the oldest and most active of the church, and the ladies, with an address, presented Mrs. Lamb with a gold brooch set with pearls, as a token of esteem. The pastor, Mr. Wood, read the address and made the presentation. Our congratulations, though late, we cordially add.

OTTAWA.—A short time since, we were enabled to notice a pleasant monthly sheet, called the *Congregationalist*, published by and for the Brantford Church. We have now to notice a similar publication,