

## THE COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of the College corporation was held at 2 P.M. Friday, June 9. Prof. Cornish, President, in the chair. Prof. Warriner read the report. A motion of thanks to the Colonial Missionary Society of England, for long continued aid to the College, was heartily passed. Thanks were also given to the late Treasurer, Mr. C. R. Black, now removed from Montreal, and to Rev. Principal Barbour for a gift of \$500 to the College fund. The second Sabbath in October was recommended to the churches, for prayer and contribution to the College.

Prof. Cornish said he himself had been a persistent "collector" for the College. Since 1864 he had been the means of \$20,000 coming to the funds. He would get the pastor or a deacon to go with him, and he asked people personally for money.

Principal Barbour said he was interested in the work of the College, and in its funds. He had not set out in life to make money. He had deliberately chosen another path. Here was a railway millionaire, brought up with him on the banks of the same Scotch river. The same river fed us both, for we lived on salmon part of the time, and oatmeal for the rest. He is a millionaire, and I instruct young men. If a man, or a church, wants to get money, or to keep money, why *they'll have the money*, but they won't have the spirituality. I would like to see my students first in everything; in gymnastics, in philosophy, in everything. The day Pedley took the gold medal for philosophy in McGill, he likewise stood first as a gymnast.

E. D. Silcox: The ministers are the best parties to get money for the College—for the College helped *them*! Why pray for the Lord to "send laborers into His vineyard," and then do nothing for it? We put the name of each family on envelopes, and gave these out two or three weeks before. Only one or two failed to respond. He was the medium of getting \$2,000 for the College this year. Pastors often are consulted about "wills." I have told people "It is not right to will it all away to people—who perhaps will do no good with it—and forget God, to whom all we call *ours* belongs."

## PROVIDENT FUND.

The annual meeting of the Provident Fund was then held. This Society has two Branches, the Widows' and Orphans' Branch, and the Retiring Ministers' Branch. The assets of the former Branch are \$15,524; an increase of \$105 during the year; notwithstanding six widows and two children were on the Fund.

As the rules provide for a re-adjustment of annuities every five years, and the present year is one of those, a motion was passed authorizing the

Board to increase the annuities, if, after examination by an Actuary, the state of the Fund justified such action. Two new members joined the Widows' and Orphans' Branch. This deserving Society has been much neglected by the churches, and sadly forgotten by persons leaving bequests in their wills. Thos. Moodie, Sec.-Treas., 30 St John St., Montreal.

## PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The Publishing Company held its annual meeting, Mr. Chas. R. Black, in the chair. Rev. W. W. Smith, Sec.-Treas., read the report, which showed a deficit at the audit, of \$181. Subscribers were dilatory in remitting, and the churches had circulated fewer copies of the *Year Book*. It needed a little active canvassing, at least once every year, in each church. Plans were suggested, whereby the INDEPENDENT and the Woman's Board might advantageously work for each other's interest. Miss Rawlings, the organizer of the Woman's Board of Missions, spoke forcibly, defending the Woman's Board, and approving of the plan proposed. We may say in passing, that the better support of our denominational literature, means also the better support of all our institutions.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

This was the "Public Meeting of the Union," the Chairman presiding. After some remarks from the chair, Rev. Chas. E. Bolton, of Paris, spoke. He presented, informally, the salient points in his statistics of the churches. Sixty-six churches had reported, and his figures referred to these. Six hundred and twelve new members, (mostly on profession,) had been added. A number of churches had been making necessary revisions of their rolls, and so the large number of 620 "losses" were reported, almost all by removals of domicile. Pastors reported, 59; church-edifices, 108; parsonages, 32; sittings 34,308; members, 8,112; value of church property, \$869,047.

Rev. John Morton, Hamilton, spoke of our denominational publications. He counselled a warmer interest in the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT; and some active work on the part of the members, especially the young people, to obtain new subscribers.

Miss Florence Rawlings, Forest: She believed it was now understood that the Woman's Board were to have a page, monthly, in the INDEPENDENT, and fill it as they would. Three hundred or five hundred new subscribers were spoken of. We shall see. We have 4,000 women in our church membership. She was a Congregationalist, and intended to live and die one! and was going to work in the churches; and perhaps, after a while, the Publishing Company would like her to be