

MCGILL COLLEGE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Although this Association has been organized not yet two years, it is now one of the established institutions in connection with McGill. Last winter the growth was very satisfactory, the membership having increased from fifteen to sixty. The outlook for the coming season is very bright. The Association has a good reputation in the college world; its membership includes some of the leading students; the various committees enter upon their work with vigor; and especially, a real need is met by this society's efforts—for all these reasons a good winter is expected by those interested in this kind of Christian endeavor. The officers of the society, who also constitute the Executive Committee, are: President, H. E. Kendall, B.A., Med.; Vice-President, Jos. K. Unsworth, B.A.; Recording Secretary, W. G. Stewart, B.A., Med.; Treasurer, E. J. Edgar, Med.; Corresponding Secretary, J. W. McQuat, Arts.

INTERCOLLEGIATE MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

The following circular gives the plan of this interesting conference:

MONTREAL, September 28, 1885.

Dear Sir,—We beg to bring to your notice the coming Annual Convention of the Canadian Intercollegiate Missionary Alliance, which will be held in this city October 29th-November 1st. The object of this Alliance (quoting from the Articles of organization) is to encourage among students in general, and Theological students in particular, an active interest in, and, as far as possible, a consecration to mission work, both home and foreign. Although the Alliance has been formed not much more than a year, it embraces the Theological Colleges in Toronto, Woodstock, Kingston, Cobourg, and Montreal. The first Convention, held last year in Toronto, was very successful in drawing more closely together the students of the different colleges, and in stirring up in them an enthusiasm for missionary work. The subjects on which papers will be read in the day sessions are the following: Summary of Canadian Missions; French Protestant Work in Canada; Palestine; China; A Biography; Central Africa. The claims of Medical Missions will be presented at a public evening meeting by Mr. L. D. Wishard, of New York College; Secretary of the International Committee Y. M. C. A. and Mr. Wishard will also hold a conference with medical students concerning this subject. Several returned missionaries are expected to address a public meeting on Saturday evening, October 31st. Beside these, leading ministers of different denominations will address the Convention on missionary topics. A programme will be out about October 22nd, a week before the Convention. The Committee earnestly ask for your prayers that this Convention be for the honour of Him who has sent us forth to preach the Gospel to every creature. Yours sincerely, N. A. F. Bourne, Dico, Theo. Col. Montreal; J. K. Unsworth, Cong. Theo. Col. Montreal; S. Rondeau, Pres. Theo. Col., Montreal; W. M. Walker, McMaster Hall, Toronto; W. W. Andrews, Victoria College, Cobourg.

THE SONG BOOK.

For the last year and a half the Song Book Committees have been busy collecting, altering and setting to music the various chants of McGill and in arranging for their publication, but by Nov. 1st, at latest, this task will be completed. There has been some discontent about the length of time the Committees have taken in preparing the book; doubts as to its ultimate appearance even have existed; but we feel that doubt and discontent will vanish when the students see the book and realize what labor has been given to it. Only the Committees can realize the difficulties that beset the work, which is an excursion into untroubled paths, for, although we owe a debt of gratitude to the compiler of the little volume which has thus far served us, this was at best only a makeshift, scarcely opening a path for its successor, with its wealth of music and host of new songs. We have had the privilege of examining some of the proof sheets of the work, which is now passing through the press, and were struck by the fine appearance of the pages. Plain type and clearly-printed music are best appreciated by the singer, but such beauties are not invisible to the voiceless, and clearness is one of the characteristics of the book.

The book will be about the size of Dawson's Lecture Notes, but thicker, as it will contain some hundred and sixty-six pages, and its cover will bear the college crest and the name. All advertisements are excluded, and, by mutual agreement between the publisher and the committees, no change in the book or price can take place without the consent of the latter. Many solos, such as "Allouette," have been arranged for part songs, many songs are for the first time accompanied by written music, and not a few are making their first appearance, yet the book contains all our old glees as well.

Every session efforts are made to establish a glee club, and so far they have failed. This has been due to the want of a song book. The book is now forthcoming, and there is no lack of musical talent at McGill, so that if we make another endeavor it must be successful. Let us at once have a glee club, whose meetings and concerts will tighten the bonds of fellowship between the students, bonds that have become too lax, not through cold-heartedness, but through circumstances.

THE NEW LABORATORIES AND CLASS ROOMS.

For the last few years the accommodation for the chemical department of the Science Faculty has been too small and the use of every art that experience could suggest for economising space only delayed, without dispensing with, the necessity for more room. The crisis came last year, and before Dr. Harrington left for Europe, he was able to see the dawn of a new era through the clouds of dust from falling mortar and torn walls.

The work was greater than was expected and is not yet finished. Yet in a few days the new laboratory will be able to call to its tables the students in the higher years who are at present wandering in gay