

Official Notices.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.

Gentlemen intending to apply for admission into the College should do so at once, in order that time may be allowed for the submission and examination of credentials, etc. Examinations in McGill begin on the 14th of September, and lectures about a week later. Any information needed may be obtained on application to the Principal, the Rev. Dr. Barbour, 60 McTavish St., Montreal; or to the undersigned.

W. HENRY WARRINER,
Secretary.

7 Shuter St., Montreal.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following amounts have been received for the month of June. All, with the exception of the annual missionary collection, were on account of the year 1892-3: Lanark, Ont., \$90; Toronto, Zion, \$60; Kingston, Bethel, \$6.45; New Durham, Ont., \$5.85; Cobourg, Ont., \$62.40; Belwood, Ont., \$6.70; Tilbury Centre, Ont., \$1.40; Tilbury East, Ont., \$8.25; Howick, Ont., \$6.50; Ulverton, Que., \$5.00; Annual Missionary Collection, London, \$24.20.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,
Treasurer, C.C.M.S.

Kingston, July 17th, 1893.

Woman's Board.

CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONS.*

"The Field is the world," and nothing less than "The world for Christ," should be our motto. Our Woman's Board realizes this fact, and we are doing what we can toward the evangelization of India's teeming millions, and of the dusky sons of the Dark Continent. But we must not forget that Christ's parting command was that His gospel should be preached among all nations *beginning at Jerusalem*. If we are to send the light to heathen lands, the fires of love and zeal must be kept brightly burning in our home land. From our home churches must come the missionaries for

the foreign field, and the means for their support. From Christian hearts here must go up the effectual fervent prayer, which brings down God's blessing upon the foreign work. If our heart is in the work of the world's evangelization, we must not neglect that which is at our own door. I have been asked to bring the subject of our Congregational Home Missions before you to-day, that we may refresh our memories as to what has been already accomplished, and consider the duty which lies before us in the future.

THE STORY

of our denominational work in Canada carries us back over a period of nearly sixty years. When this was a new country, and the early pioneers were laying deep and broad the foundation of our Dominion, as we see it to-day, devoted servants of Christ were devising ways and means by which the principles of His kingdom should be the corner stone of the nation's life. They planned and worked with untiring energy. Amid difficulties, and hardships, and sometimes dangers as well, they went about preaching the gospel to the poor and scattered population. We realize this most vividly when reading the memoir of that now sainted servant of God, Dr. Wilkes. It was mainly through his efforts that an interest in Canada's spiritual welfare was awakened in the Congregational churches of the Mother Country. The result was the formation, in 1836, of the Colonial Missionary Society, which has been a fostering mother to our Canadian churches from that time till the present. Its help has been given in different ways. At first its funds were administered by two agents, Rev. John Roaf, in Western, and Rev. Dr. Wilkes, in Eastern Canada. A few years later, Home Missionary Societies were formed in Toronto and Montreal, and when the number of self-supporting churches had increased, these two societies were merged in one, the Canada Congregational Missionary Society in connection with the Colonial Missionary Society. This took place in 1853. For a few years after this the Canadian Society raised annually what it could for its work, the Colonial Society supplying the deficit.

In 1865 another change was made, and the Colonial Society decided to contribute a sum proportioned to our own liberality. Since 1876 the grant has been a sum amounting to twenty per cent. of our own contributions. Some eight years ago the Home Missionary Societies of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were consolidated with ours, so that the field now covered by the C. C. M. S. extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And now we are told the assistance of the Colonial Missionary Society is henceforth to be

*A paper read by Mrs. Robert Freeland, Toronto, May 31st, 1893.