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Toronto, Mar. 10, 1898.

Our New Departure.

It will be noticed that this week we publish from Montreal as well as from Toronto and that we have also opened an office in Montreal for the transaction of business. This is done with the full approval and encouragement of a number of our friends in the commercial capital with a view to giving a larger place to the work and thought of the Montreal district than has ever been given to them in any paper hitherto published in connection with the Church. In this new venture we confidently count upon the increasing support of the Church and we promise to do our best in every way to make it worthy of their countenance.

OUR MONTREAL OFFICE is in the Y.M.C.A., Buildings, Dominion Square.

Rev. W. J. McCaughan made a timely and well-put appeal last Sabbath on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Taking the published statement of the Agent of the Fund, Rev. R. C. Tibb, Mr. McCaughan showed how great a hardship it would be to reduce the moiety now given to aged and infirm servants of the Master, by \$7,000, the amount of the deficit. These brethren who had grown old, and who had spent their strength, laboring faithfully for souls, did not at the most get much from the Fund; they could not get more than was contributed, and to reduce still further the small sums would be unworthy and cruel. There were some eighty-seven annuitants altogether, a small number to bear the burden of a \$7,000 reduction, which equally distributed would mean about \$80 per annuitant. Mr. McCaughan

invited special contributions to this Fund from members of St. Andrew's Church, and intimated that they might be sent direct to himself or to the Treasurer of the Congregational Fund, or the amounts might be put in envelopes on the collection plate. We hope the response will be worthy the best days of St. Andrew's Church, and further that the example set by Mr. McCaughan in making a special appeal for this most worthy Fund, will be followed by every minister in the Church. But as the books close at the end of this month, no time should be lost in sending in contributions. Rev. R. C. Tibb, at the Church offices, Toronto, will acknowledge all monies sent to him for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

The Yukon liquor question very properly is being pushed on the attention of the Ottawa Government by Temperance Workers. Mr. Sifton's visit to Toronto was taken advantage of to lay a petition before him on behalf of the Women workers of the city. The gravity of the case is acknowledged. The severely cold climate renders any tampering with intoxicants more than ordinarily dangerous, and the mixed population are such that the maddening excitement of drink would cause lawlessness and violence more difficult to cope with than under different conditions. The Government will certainly be greatly to blame should liquor be allowed to enter the Yukon, or having been smuggled in, to be trafficked in that territory. The people acting in the matter deserve the full support of the country and the authorities should be given to understand that no trifling with the subject will be tolerated by public opinion. Now is the time to let the voice of the country be heard. Another important temperance work which is being pushed is in connection with the plebiscite. The central committee has been very busy of late and it is reported that over two million pages of campaign literature are ready for circulation. The effective work of the liquor organization in the Ontario elections shows that body to be well equipped for a fight on a large scale when the plebiscite vote is before the people.

Among the names brought under the notice of the Board of Knox College for the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Robinson is that of the Rev. James A. Kelso, assistant Professor of Hebrew, Western Theological Seminary Allegheny, a college which, it will be remembered, gave us the Rev. Dr. Kellogg. Mr. Kelso studied at Berlin for three semesters in semitic languages, and Drs. Dunlop, Moore and Wilson of the Allegheny Seminary speak in high terms of his teaching abilities.

A lecture by Mr. Olney, Secretary of State in the last Cleveland Administration has surprised the public on account of its pacific tone. The sentiment is admirable and at variance with the ex-Secretary's bellicose attitude in the Venezuela affair; hence the surprise. Instead of treat-