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## EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

THE INDEPENDENT will, until June, be issued as a semi-monthly, and continued thus if enough encouragement is given.

WE have just spent another week in Montreal doing duty at the college. We waited until the carnival was over, and confined ourselves pretty rigidly to our work. We managed, however, to reach Calvary Church on the Wednesday evening, and enjoyed with the friends assembled a "sweet hour of prayer" and of fellowship. On the black-board was chalked the evening topic "Grow in Grace," and a searching question, to be personally applied, regarding that growth. We should call the attendance good, the spirit earnest, the atmosphere home. We were glad to have thus made our first acquaintance *in propria persona* with that vigorous church.

AT college, we found, as we thought, our esteemed Principal looking better than in the fall. The tired look was gone; and we could not fail to note the general tone of earnestness which pervaded the entire college life. The students bear testimony to the quickening influence of association such as the new building invites, while the residence of the Principal under the same roof, and the morning gathering for worship of the family and the students together give the home tone public institutions are apt to want. Our venerable father, Dr. Wilkes, whom we were glad to see in full vigour and health, (the permanent lameness only excepted,) speaks of the constant use of the library by the students as an indication of enquiry and of work; indeed we found ourselves often strolling into the airy room where the books are kept, instinctively enjoying the companionship of the volumes.

We may here mention that the addition from the library of our late brother Mr. Ebbs has been found of the greatest value and interest to the students.

OUR meeting with "the boys" was pleasant, marred only by the constrained absence of one of the seniors, Mr. Gervie and his brother having been suddenly called away by, as it proved, the death of their mother. They were not forgotten in college sympathy and prayer. May the God who comforteth those who are in trouble, abundantly comfort them together with their sorrowing friends.

A FRIEND, writing from one of the churches mentioned as not having appeared in the last Year Book as a contributor to the College Fund, states that an amount was sent and acknowledged for the *furnishing fund*, which is as much as may be looked for this year. Certainly, the college authorities receive thankfully and acknowledge cordially such instances of liberality, but urge further that the *ordinary* fund is also a necessity, a *constant* one. The furnishing is special. It was hoped that the special effort would, in no instance, interfere with the other; and we now affectionally urge upon all our churches the necessity of sustaining an institution which has this past year entered truly upon a new era of its usefulness. Our respected correspondent also says: "I regret to notice in another 'jotting' that a 'growler' is grudging the Missionary Superintendent's salary. I think there is no better spent money in the whole range of denominational effort. I regretted much when Mr. Wood ceased to labour in that capacity and rejoiced accordingly in the appointment of a successor. I value THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, and would not be without it for double its price."