

INTELLIGENCE.

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MONTREAL.—On the 5th November last, being the tenth anniversary of his settlement, the Rev. John Cordner of the Unitarian Church in this city, issued a “Pastoral Letter” to his congregation, from which we extract the following, which will give some idea of the growth of the congregation during the last ten years:—

“Ten years ago the place where our church building now stands was an unoccupied field. The city lay beneath it; but above it, and toward the mountain, there was little else than open country. Now, fair churches rise on every hand, and pleasant streets stretch in every direction. Herein we see tokens of the progress of our city. In a growing community we ought to have a growth of churches. It has been so here. Of the whole number of churches now in Montreal, Catholic and Protestant, one half has been erected within the last ten years. Within this period we have participated in a fair proportion in the general progress. Ten years since, a very humble hired room was our place of worship. At that time the number of our members was not more than a third of what it is to-day. Now, with our triple increase, we have a commodious and well situated church, almost wholly paid for. At that time our Sunday School had only two regular teachers, and twelve scholars on its books. Now we have eleven regular teachers, and sixty-five scholars. With one exception, the families of all these scholars have become connected with the congregation since the commencement of my ministry here. At that time we had no administration of the ordinances, while at our last communion season more than ninety persons joined together in commemoration of the Lord. At that time we had no legal existence, but now we have