

The Board indulge in the hope that an effort will be made by the friends of the College to give the plan recommended a fair trial. They are convinced that it is practicable, and that it will secure larger pecuniary returns than the old plan. To lessen the risk of neglect of this resolution, a circular has been sent by the Finance Secretary to the pastors and churches generally throughout the Dominion. Let me urge all to give immediate attention to this matter, for it is one that has a strong claim upon all. Out of upwards of a hundred churches, that we have in the whole of Canada, the names of forty only are found in the subscription list of last year. Now, this should not be. I would further urge that the collections be made during the Autumn months, since this is, in almost all cases, the best time to secure contributions, and it is of great importance that these should be in the hands of the Treasurer as early in the session as possible. In the item of expenditure for rent and board, there will be a considerable reduction per caput during the coming session; but with the increased number of students chargeable on the funds, say nine or ten, the aggregate of expenditure will be in advance of last year. To meet the fixed demands for salary and students' board no less than \$2,400 will be required, and, therefore, whilst liberal assistance will be sought, and doubtless obtained, from the Colonial Missionary Society, enlarged contributions will be needed from the churches on this side of the water. To them do the Directors appeal for this help, and they do so in the confidence that now that the case has been plainly stated, their appeal will meet with a hearty response, and that sufficient means will be placed at their disposal to do the important work entrusted to them. In united and spontaneous action on the part of all there is strength; let each church, however small it may be, do what it can, and the result of all such combined efforts must be a crowning success. The College has now attained a respectable maturity in point of years; let us see to it that it grow in strength and efficiency.

I remain yours, with much respect,
Montreal, September 19, 1868.

GEORGE CORNISH.

REV. MR. ALLWORTH'S POSITION.

TO THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO
AND QUEBEC:

Since resigning my connexion with the Union, I have been frequently requested to state what reasons I had for the step. I have been told, personally and by letter, that my action was uncalled-for and unexplained.

May I in this way offer a few explanatory remarks? I shall endeavour to be brief.

The Congregational Union of England and Wales "struggled into existence" in 1831. Its objects were stated to be the promotion of Evangelical religion in connexion with the Congregational denomination, the cultivation of brotherly affection, &c. &c. (See The History of the Congregational Union, by the Rev. G. Smith, D. D.; Tract No. 4.)

The Congregational Union of Canada was thought to have been based on a similar liberal basis to that of England and Wales. The only requirement made by the constitution, of the ministers who seek membership, is, that they be approved and received at a general meeting. Nothing is said, either in the constitution of the Canada or of the English Union, about what must