

QUEBEC.—Our dear brother, the Rev. H. D. Powis, thus writes, January 10th :
 DEAR SIR.—To human eyes there is little in this old city to encourage Christians as to the work of the Lord. It is largely given to superstition, and the number of Protestants has been lessening ever year. There is not a church of Christ, with perhaps one exception, that numbers as many adherents as it did twenty years ago. There is a constant movement westward, and few, or none, come hither, so that the church buildings, for the most part, need contracting rather than enlargement ; yet, we are gratefully able to record that there has been a deepening interest in divine things during the past year. The week of prayer, at its beginning, was followed by continued nightly meetings for three months ; and although there were few reported cases of conversion to God, yet many beginnings of spiritual life have since been dated from that time. In the autumn, three earnest and zealous young men, secretaries of Young Men's Christian Associations in Montreal and the West, aided by several city ministers, began a series of Evangelistic meetings which aroused much attention and resulted in blessing to many souls. During the whole of the past year, the church in Palace Street has been in a good state, the congregations, never very large, have been larger and very devout, both on Sundays and week evenings. Some valuable additions

have been made to our staff of deacons ; our financial matters have been very satisfactory and encouraging, and the church is united and peaceful. During the year we have helped the Missionary Society, and a much valued visit of our brother, Mr. Duff, of Sherbrooke, resulted in subscriptions of \$102 to the College. Better than all, many souls have been brought to the Saviour ; at the close of the year, four were added to the church and, on the first Sunday of the present year, sixteen united in church fellowship on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a memorable and deeply affecting time and will be long and gratefully remembered by all who were present. The Sunday-school is in a satisfactory state, and I believe that nearly all in my Bible class, and very many of the children have given evidence of their love to the Saviour. The week of prayer just closed has been a time of much interest ; and the churches have resolved to hold a weekly united meeting in each of our churches in turn for Gospel addresses and prayers. We hope for good results.

I ask the readers of the excellent INDEPENDENT to remember in their prayers, this unique and somewhat discouraging, though most important, field of labour.

I am,

My Dear Mr. Wood,
 Yours ever,
 HENRY D. POWIS.

Official.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF B. N. A.—VACATION WORK OF STUDENTS.—It is convenient, when practicable, to have applications early in hand for those students who are entitled to spend the summer vacation in preaching and otherwise labouring in vacant fields, or those requiring to be entered upon. I shall be glad to receive such applications in Feb-

ruary, or as early in March as may be. Let me say, however, that our friends applying must not expect an immediate decision. If they hear from us early in April we hope they will be content. Address me, 249 Mountain St., Montreal.

HENRY WILKES,
Principal.

Montreal, Jan. 19th, 1876.