

to dance. Many Brahmin girls do this while quite young. How sorely they need all the true knowledge we can impart. To encourage the Bible lessons I give a text card as a reward, when the lesson is repeated perfectly. For four small cards I will give a large one, and for four large ones a book. I have had much more perfect lessons brought since adopting this plan. A short time ago I was teaching two old school pupils in their house, when two Brahmin girls came to have a talk. The place where we sat was very narrow, with a door at each end, and besides the bench on which my pupils sat with me sat there was only a narrow slip of room. The girls stood opposite close to the wall, and to their great discomfort, a little unclothed brother (a moodelliar) would keep bounding into the room when least expected. The poor girls could hardly attend to anything in their efforts to keep their gracefully folded black and yellow clothes from the contamination of the slightest touch of the boy. At last I said, "How strange that you should think his touch can do you harm! I would quite as soon touch my coachman as you." "Would you?" they asked in great surprise. "Certainly," I answered. "God has said that He has made all men of one blood." One of my pupils then said, "When Jesus was in this world He touched all kinds of people, even those with diseases." The poor Brahmin girl then replied in apology, "We are taught in our house that that would be wrong." How many of these poor women see and know that their customs are foolish and wrong, but cannot give them up!

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF MONEY RECEIVED UP TO OCTOBER 7, 1887.

Per Miss H. Wood—Vankleek Hill, \$10.82; Maxville Auxiliary, \$20; Maxville Cheerful Givers, \$14; Martintown Auxiliary, \$12.55. Total, 57.37. W. M. S., Belwood, \$4.50; Ladies of Forest, per Miss Rawlings, \$2.65; Miss Rawlings, second quarter's membership fee, 65c.; Mrs. Andrew Green second quarter's membership fee, 65c.; Mrs. John Burton, second quarter's membership fee, 65c. Total, \$67.47. Currie Memorial Fund, "Friend in Clinton," per Student A. P. Solandt, \$3; Mrs. A. James, London, Ont., \$2. Total, \$5. We remind the members of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions that their second quarter's remittance of membership fees was due the 1st of September. Any one may become a member of this society by contributing to its funds at the rate of five cents a week, 65 cents per quarter. A life member by paying \$25 at one time.

Since the last report was forwarded the following sums have been received for the Currie Memorial Fund: *September 7*, Mrs. A. James, London, Ont., \$2; *September 10*, A Friend, Clinton, per Mr. A. P. Solandt, \$3; *October 15*, Mrs. Isaac, London, Ont.,

\$2 Total, \$7. Members' quarterly fees: *September 7*, Mrs. John Burton, Toronto, 65 cents; *September 7*, Miss Rawlings, Forest, 65 cents; *October 12*, Mrs. Wright, Garafraxa, 65 cents; Mrs. Andrew Gerrie, Pine Grove, 65 cents. Total, \$2.60. Societies: *September 7*, Ladies of Forest, per Miss Rawlings, \$2.65; *September 12*, Belwood Auxiliary, per Miss M. V. Rodgers, \$4.52; *October 13*, Ottawa, to be equally divided, \$7; Vankleek Hill, for Foreign Missions, \$10.82; Cheerful Giver, \$14; Maxville Auxiliary, \$20; *September 17*, Martintown Auxiliary, \$12.55; per Miss Wood, \$64.37; *October 12*, Garafraxa Auxiliary Women's Missionary Society, per Mrs. J. McKee, \$3.35. Total, \$74.89. It is hoped that members and societies will not be slow in sending their remittances. It is a good old saying, "Those that give early give twice." M. A. BURTON, *Treas. C. C. W. B. of M.*

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CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

MR. EDITOR,—By way of redeeming my promise of last month I will now give your readers some account of college affairs. The opening service of the session, with the inaugural address of our honoured Principal, was in all respects satisfactory and encouraging. The work of the several classes, both in the theological department and in the arts course of the University, has been laid out, and is now going on with regularity, and if the students diligently attend thereto they will find enough to occupy all their time and thought. As in former sessions, Messrs. Burton and Warriner and Dr. Jackson will lecture on their special courses by way of supplementing the regular work of the Principal and myself, whilst Mr. Hill will continue his class in Elementary Greek.

The number of names on the books, including one out on leave of absence, is sixteen; of whom three are accepted candidates, taking the full course.

The Board have felt it to be their duty, in the interests of the applicants as well as of the college, to recommend four, on the grounds of youth and inadequate preparation, to defer their applications for another year; and I wish to assure these young brethren, with their pastors and friends, that such action is not pleasant to us, that we feel for them in their disappointment, and trust that they will be more successful another time. To receive such candidates would be to add a preparatory year to their course, and a year's additional expense to the college fund, for neither of which do the regulations give authority. Judging from the number of letters I have received from enquirers, besides the four applicants mentioned above, I have no doubt that had we a preparatory year for the benefit of such we should have, at this moment, over twenty-five students in the col-