

## COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.

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The students have launched out as editors. For some time they have felt that the interests of our college would be furthered if more were known about it by our people in Canada. They therefore requested the editor to give them for this purpose a column or two in THE INDEPENDENT. This request was pleasantly and willingly granted, and an editorial staff was appointed by the students to take charge of this department. It is this staff which would now make its editorial bow, and would ask your kindly indulgence as we appear before you from time to time. We are students of your college; we have come from your churches, and our only desire in thus obtruding ourselves upon your notice is to more closely unite our churches and our college. When we reach out hands of friendship our thoughts and hearts and prayers go out to you; may your thoughts and hearts and prayers go out to us.

The college circular is now scattered from Baddeck to Sarnia. About 5,000 have been sent out, so that in almost every Congregational family will be found a picture of our Montreal home. We wish you could see something more than the picture. If you should come to Montreal, make your way toward the Mountain, to 58 McTavish Street.

If it be any time between September and April, walk in, and we will be glad to welcome you. On the first floor we will show you the lecture room, convocation hall and library. On the second and third floors our common room (that is, our parlour) and the rooms in which we study and sleep.

If it be near meal time, wait till the bell rings from the basement. Come down, and sit with us at our long table, and join us in social intercourse while partaking of our college fare. Those of us who have had experience tell us that in comparison to the old-time boarding house this is a great improvement. But if it be not your good fortune to come yourself, come by proxy in the shape of such a gift as will be your share toward helping on the good work which the building represents.

Rev. John Wood, of Ottawa, lectured to us on Homiletics and Pastoral Theology for two weeks, beginning January 17. An examination was held at the end of the course. We are delighted to welcome any of our ministers who can speak to us from the riches of a long experience in the ministry.

The College Board have invited the Rev. Dr. Barbour, of Yale College, Conn., U. S., to become Principal of the college. Dr. Barbour preached in Emmanuel Church during Christmas vacation with very great acceptance. He is a man of about fifty-five years of age,

was formerly a professor in Bangor Theological Seminary, and for the last ten years has held the position of preacher in Yale College. His reputation as a scholar, teacher and preacher has made him widely and favourably known. We sincerely hope that Dr. Barbour will accept the position, as he seems to be the man that is needed.

Besides taking a lively interest in all affairs connected with our college and denomination, some of our students do good work in other matters. In the McGill University Y. M. C. A. for instance, we all take a deep interest. Mr. Unsworth, B.A., of our college, is president of the above society, and as such he gives much time and thought to its interests. The students of McGill hope soon to have a Y. M. C. A. building near the University. The governors have given the site, and are lending their moral support to the scheme. The students now in McGill soon will be occupying important and responsible positions in the world. Now is the time to bring them together as Christian fellow-workers. Our university will then become a centre of Christian influence, as it is now of sound learning.

Ed. E. Braithwaite, B.A., of Unionville, has decided to remain out of college this term, but expects to resume work again next fall. We need not say that Ed. is greatly missed.

Our number still remains the same, as a new student entered last month, Mr. E. H. Black, who came from Bond Street Church, Toronto. Coming from the Queen City to the commercial capital, we gave him a hearty welcome, and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

We have recently organized what we call "The Congregational College Monday Club," which meets for an hour after dinner every Monday for the discussion of current religious, social and political questions. The subjects on which ideas have been exchanged so far are the College Question, Salvation and Saved Armies, and the Bible in Schools.

The college library has been enriched by the addition of the valuable library of the late Dr. Wilkes. Mrs. Wilkes very kindly presented each student with a book bearing the autograph of the Doctor.

Rev. E. M. Hill, of Calvary Church, librarian of the college, has been very busy in rearranging the books, and providing more space. He certainly deserves praise for giving so much of his valuable time as a busy pastor.

We were glad to welcome to our circle, for a few days, Mr. Frank Martin, of the Toronto School of Science. Mr. Martin represented Toronto University at the annual dinner of the undergraduates of McGill Science Faculty.

Preparations which have been going on here for some time are now almost completed. The Ice Palace, Maze and other attractions are on a grand scale.