

men and to every man. God hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." These are suggestive and true words, and at present—let the future have what it may of surprise—the "common sentiment and conviction" of the body demand that this position be honourably maintained; we may say more, this has ever been the broad platform of Congregational Christianity; we add still further, this is the position we shall seek to maintain for our children to step into.

To adopt again Mr. Conder's words, "Let us be honest and plain-spoken, and, as the old Chelsea Diogenes used to say, 'clear our mind of cant'; for there is a cant of freedom, enlightenment, advanced thought, and the like, quite as truly as there is a cant of orthodoxy and traditional Evangelicalism. We may part company with Paul and John as obsolete thinkers, and prefer another gospel to theirs, regardless of the uncomfortable remarks of Paul on that head; but if so, do not let us call this *progress*. Progress is advance along the road already travelled, building more skilfully and nobly on the old foundations, carrying with us on our march toward the future all the wealth of the past." The pulpit is not free to doubt, but free in Christ's stead to beseech men, "be ye reconciled to God."

It has been our privilege again to visit Montreal to do duty in the College, which is speaking more for itself in these columns than heretofore. We found the household arrangements as before; most excellent, the students enjoying excellent health, an atmosphere of busy content, and a spirit of devoted earnestness. The Principal and his excellent wife maintain an eye of loving watchfulness over our students' home. There are wants, however, which we would mention, especially two: Much greater interest on the part of our churches, and more abounding liberality. Just run the eye over the acknowledged contribution list. More spent in every church on questionable amusements than for the school of the prophets. The Board have appointed a committee to make a nomination to a permanent professorship; a move in the right direction, in view of what other denominations are doing. Let every church, upon receipt of this number, pour out special prayer that this committee (composed of the Chairman,

the Secretary, the Principal and Mr. Henry Lyman) may be guided in their search, and that a much deeper interest be awakened among our people for this branch of denominational work. We would join with our prayers thanksgiving for the interest truly felt in some quarters, and for manifest blessings already received.

We were in the good city about ten days, and occasionally we walked its streets. We saw no signs of the desolating scourge, either in placard, ambulance, or patients. Indeed so thoroughly local even in the city is the disease, that the scare must seem strange to those who boldly walk the streets. We fully endorse the precautions taken, and we may here say we respect the kindly firmness of those who watch the trains and insist on precautionary measures; but we deprecate the outcry of fear which speaks of "the plague-smitten city" and the "terrific scourge." Precaution is right; terror is both foolish and hurtful.

We spent a Sunday in Emmanuel Church, and joined in the thanksgiving service on 12th ult. We were much cheered by the indications of life and general prosperity manifested there. Of Old Zion we can only speak as rumour had it, and by conversation we judge the work is quietly going on. We believe thirteen new members were added at the last communion. One very wet Wednesday evening we strolled down to Calvary Church. The meeting, of course, was thin, but earnest, and evidenced a general spirit of activity and of power. We met the esteemed pastor, under whose endeavour the College library has emerged from a chaos to an intelligible order. We only regret that our opportunities were so few of seeing our Montreal brethren.

It may not be amiss to inform our readers that the loss made in the investment of the Lily Memorial Fund some years ago, amounting to something near \$1,000, has been, so far as the principal is concerned, fully recovered. The interest has been lost, but the sum invested has been secured, and is now re-invested according to its original trust. We mention this because some time since allusion was made in these columns to the loss.