

Official Notices.

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CHURCHES.—Coldsprings, \$25; Bowmanville, \$15; Cobourg, \$25; Bond St., Toronto, \$150; Calvary, Montreal, \$45; Brantford, \$100; Bethel, Kingston, \$50; Hamilton, \$50; Ottawa, \$25; Emmanuel, Montreal, \$150; Toronto, Northern, \$25; Kincardine, \$25; London, \$75; Yorkville, \$25; Danville, \$40; Georgetown, \$25; Guelph, \$25; Fergus, Belwood and Garafraxa, \$50; Burford and Scotland, \$25; Eaton, \$10; Franklin Centre, \$10; Kingston, 1st, \$30; Lanark, \$20; Melbourne, &c., \$15; Stouffville, \$20; Parkdale, \$5; Toronto, Western, \$25; Toronto, Zion, \$25; Ballville, \$15; Lennoxville, \$10; Brockville, \$10; Pine Grove and Humber \$15; Forest, \$15; Embro, \$20; Edgar, \$25; New Durham, \$10. Total \$1,230.

PERSONAL.—Rev. John McKillican, \$10; Mr. J. D. Nasmith, \$10; Rev. John Wood, \$10; A Lady, \$5; Rev. Thos. Hall, \$10; Rev. H. Pedley, (pd.) \$5; Rev. Dr. Cornish, \$5; Mr. J. C. Copp, \$10; Rev. G. Robertson, (pd.) 10; Mr. J. Boyd, \$5; Mr. R. Seath, \$10; Students of the C. College, \$10; Rev. A. F. McGregor, \$10; Bond St. S. School, \$15; Rev. J. McKinnon, \$5; Emmanuel S. School, \$15; "The Gallery," (pd.) \$5; Chestnut St. S. S., Toronto, \$5; Mr. Thos. Parker, (pd.) \$5; Unknown, (pd.) \$5; Mr. Walter Little, Ottawa, \$4; Rev. C. Duff, \$5; Total, \$174. Total churches and personals, \$1,404.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MIS- SIONARY SOCIETY.

The Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following additional sums: Sherbrooke, Children's Mission Band, \$3; Toronto, Mount Zion Church, \$8.50; Embro, \$27.17; Coldsprings, \$15; Montreal, Emanuel, \$150.74, (less Mr. Pettie's expenses, \$25)—\$125.74; N. S. & N. B. F. M. S., \$20.86; Guelph, Miss Mickle for L. M. S., \$5; Church for L. M. S., \$9.64; Church for A. B. C. F. M., \$9.63; Church for C. C. F. M. S., \$18.84; Toronto, Yorkville Mission Band, \$50; Bowmanville, \$5; Woodstock, \$10; Woodstock Sunday School, \$5; Brantford, Young Ladies' F. M. S., \$157; Eaton, \$11.03; Kingston, Bethel S. S., Miss Nicholson's class, \$1.50; Miss McArthur's class, \$2; Miss Veale's class, \$3; Miss Agnew's class, \$1.85; Miss Sarah Nicholson's class, \$1.29; Mr. John Veale's class, \$2.50; Ulverton S. S., \$13. Total contributions for the year, \$2,078.47.

T. B. MACAULAY,

Montreal, June 5th, 1886.

Treasurer.

C. C. M. S.

Received since last acknowledgments:—Danville, additional, \$70; Lanark, 112; Kingston, First, \$141.20; Brantford, \$104.05; New Durham, \$24.29; Kelvin, \$9.10; Hatchley, \$1.03; Chebogue, \$4.25; Chebogue, Ladies H. M. Society, \$11; Chebogue, supplementary, \$12; Montreal, Emmanuel, \$292.19; Toronto, Western, \$13.75; Woodstock, First, \$30; Ottawa, \$35; London, \$58.55; Kincardine, \$40; Noel N. S., \$54.50; Lower Selmah, \$21.35; South Maitland, \$23.39; Moose Brook, \$2.51; Maitland, \$17.75; Hamilton, S. School, \$25; Upper Economy, \$60; Unionville, \$18; Yorkville, \$40; Georgetown, additional, \$30; Forest, \$15; Embro, \$23; Melbourne, P. Q., \$12; Sherbrooke, \$79.80; London, additional, \$41.45; Eaton, additional, \$1; Ulverton, additional, \$6.40; Lennoxville, \$15; Tilbury Centre, \$4.40; St. John, N. B., \$56; St. John, Ladies H. M. Society, \$40; Parkdale, \$6.20; Liverpool, N. S., \$7; Kingston Bethel, \$133.35.

B. W. ROBERTSON,

Treasurer.

The Family Circle.

The following paper, by Blanche Monteith, was read at one of the meetings of the Mount Zion Congregational church in this city, by one of its members.—We publish it for the encouragement of all who are striving to put in form their Christian sentiments, thus bearing testimony for God:—

The Bible says: "If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, this man's religion is vain." This is strong language; but it is not my language, nor that of any man, but the language of God Himself through His Apostle James. So much evil comes from this "little member," the tongue, and that too, among Christians, that it requires to be "held in with bit and bridle."

In the first place, there is a very large amount of mere silly talk that does no one any good, even if it does no harm. How different it would be if all were to obey the Scriptural commands, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." "Let foolish talking and jesting not be once named among you as becometh saints—but rather giving of thanks." What a sweeping reformation would implicit obedience to these precepts effect in the Church! Surely we forget our accountability in this matter, since our Saviour said, "for every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof at the day of judgment."

Then there is the use of such expressions as "goodness," "gracious," "mercy on us," which are some-