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DAY OF PRAYER AND CONTRIBUTION.

The usual request of the subscribers to the Congregational College of British North America, for the churches to devote the second Sabbath in October for special prayer on behalf of that institution, is not a mere form, but contains the recognition of great principles. Already the time has come, we hope therefore soon to hear of a hearty response, and to mark the amount of interest felt in this most important part of our work by the liberality of the people in prayers and contributions. No words of ours can deepen the channel of liberality too deep, yet perchance the attempt to dredge out some of the accumulated golden and silver particles from the bank of our worldliness may be successful in enlarging our own hearts and helping forward the cause of God. A writer in this number of the *Canada Independent* sets forth particulars regarding the measure of giving practised by the churches towards their own missionary and educational institutions fitted to awaken earnest thought. Whether we agree or differ with the respected Reviewer of our Reports, beyond all question there is room for a general and strong determination to do all we can to meet the outlay in these great departments of our work. Our impression is that the improvement must and ought to come from those churches containing most wealth. The smaller churches, dependent themselves on missionary aid, while jealous of being debarred from adding their rivulets to swell the streams of contributions to the College, necessarily feel that the great effort of the year must be to raise a good Missionary collection, and thus reduce if not balance the account against themselves. It is on this principle that we account for the list of churches given by our esteemed correspondent. That they may all appear in future on the list of acknowledgments for College Collections is our hearty desire, but after all the momentum must come from the stronger churches. We dare not presume to be keepers of the consciences of men. It strikes us however, that the question "How much owest thou unto thy Lord?" is not to be answered by the family expenditure, but by the bank account and private resources of those who call themselves by the name of Jesus. Accumulations of property over and above ordinary expenditure is what there should be a keen eye to. How easy and how glorious to bring the riches of prosperous commerce, of thriving trade, and of overflowing barns, to crown the Redeemer, where there exists burning love to his cause and to himself. Much, much ought we to aim at an increase of spiritual power—that draws along with it all the rest. The best machinery fails to work well without adequate power. The power to move and keep working plans devised for raising up and sustaining in their several places the min-