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## EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

THE following letter will speak for itself. It has an eloquence of its own, and a voice which speaks with power. Go thou, and according as God has prospered thee, do likewise:

“*Montreal, July, 1883.*”

“R. C. JAMESON, ESQ.,

“*Treasurer, Congregational College,*

“*Montreal, P. Q.*”

“DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find one thousand dollars, in one bank bill, for the building fund of the Congregational College.

“Please enter it

“FROM A FRIEND.”

IN our last issue, p. 288, a blunder of some one made our “C.C.M.S.” to read “Congregational Church M. S., Nova Scotia.” Our friends generally, however, will not be misled. We were speaking of the meeting of the Executive Committee of our Home Missionary Society. As the society is before us let us say “*its treasury is empty.*” Nearly one thousand dollars had to be borrowed to meet present claims. We do not want to borrow any more. It is a bad thing for the Executive that churches are late in remitting. Why not begin to remit at once? Don't wait for missionary meetings, the constancy of the little springs keeps the river flowing, not the thunder shower. The monthly payments will soon be needed. How are they to be met? By churches at once doing something and sending the same to the treasurer without delay.

THE treasurer's balance sheet is not necessarily a gauge of spiritual life, though a Christianity that does not touch the pockets is not to be commended. Hence financial statistics give their value when estimated from continued effort, not spasmodic energies. The following may have its lessons, especially in that of an Old Testament text, Isaiah 8: 5-8: Mr. Talmage's church in Brooklin has a

membership of 2,775. They gave last year to Home Missions \$192; and to Foreign Missions \$112; to the cause of education \$95. It does not appear that this great church, the largest Presbyterian church in the United States, gave anything to either the Church Erection Society, the Relief Fund for Freedmen, or for Sustentation. In pleasant contrast to this, the First Presbyterian Church, of New York, with only 468 members, gave to Home Missions \$12,056; to Foreign Missions, \$26,517.” There may be a big debt upon the first named church calling forth all energies, but what is an edifice compared with the command “Go ye into all the world?”

DR. EDWARD SULLIVAN, the present Anglican Bishop of Algoma, accepted his position at a manifest sacrifice of social comfort and income. The representatives of the Diocese of Huron elected him with singular decisiveness to fill their Episcopal seat; the offered position has been declined on the simple ground of “duty to Algoma.” Dr. Sullivan has again manifested his belief that other consideration than mere social prestige and financial gain have power in a clergyman's decision. The days of yielding up for Christ are not passed away, and the record of the Church to-day, when read through the charm of antiquity, will present as fair a record as any century in the annals of ecclesiastical history. Canon Baldwin of Montreal, has, since Dr. Sullivan's declination, been elected to the See, and has signified his acceptance. Huron will, therefore, continue to rejoice in a bishop of the evangelical school.

THE Union of the Methodist bodies blots out several of the smaller denominations. This leaves the other bodies numerically small, smaller still by contrast. This, however, should, by no means, lead us to hold with less hope to our position in the ranks of the church militant. Souls are weighed not numbered,