

The following sums have been received on account of the current session, and are hereby acknowledged:—

Mrs. James Wilkes, Brantford, \$10; Speedside Church, \$6; Edward Becket, Toronto, \$4; James Ball, Hamilton, \$2. Total, \$22.

The Rev. Charles Duff, M.A., when on a recent visit to the Lower Provinces, was requested and authorized, on behalf of the Board, to present the claims of the College to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and to visit such churches as he might be able to reach. Mr. Duff reports that a royal welcome was accorded him by the Union and churches, and that great interest and sympathy were manifested in the prosperity of the institution. Mr. Duff was able to visit the following places and churches, namely:—Sheffield and St. John, in New Brunswick; Economy, Noel, Lower Selma, South Maitland, Halifax, Cornwallis, Milton, Liverpool, Brooklyn and Beach Meadows, in Nova Scotia. Yarmouth also was visited, and whilst—owing to special efforts and claims of immediate importance—its name does not appear in the appended list, the fullest assurance was given that the College should receive early and ample attention and effort. In all the churches named Mr. Duff was cordially received, and the contributions were given with great cheerfulness. It is due to Mr. Duff to say that his expenses in connection with this work for the College amounted to only \$12.60, owing largely to the generosity of friends in his former charge at Brooklyn. The Board feel themselves to be under great obligation to Mr. Duff for this valuable service so cheerfully rendered by him, whereby not merely has money been raised for the immediate wants of the College, but also a lively interest has been awakened in its prosperity. The following is a list of moneys received and paid to the Treasurer, which, with the sums mentioned above, would be acknowledged by him, were I not now writing this:—

Sheffield, N.B., \$39.25; St. John, N.B., \$44; Economy, N.S., \$16.25; Noel, N.S., \$14.19; Lower Selma, N.S., \$7.64; Five Mile River, N.S., \$4.25; Halifax, N.S., \$6; Brooklyn, N.S., \$7.50; Cornwallis, N.S., \$10; Milton, N.S., \$31.25; Beach Meadows, N.S., \$7.65; Rev Jacob Whitman (first of five annual payments), \$5.

At Liverpool, Mr. William Anderson has subscribed \$20 annually, for five years; and Mr. John Dunlap, \$5 annually, for the same period, the first payment of which is due January 1st, 1883. The Rev. C. L. Ross subscribes \$5, due at same date. In conclusion, I beg to remind the churches of the Resolution passed by the Union in June, to set apart the second Sunday in October as a day of special prayer and contribution for the College.

GEORGE CORNISH,

Sec'y Cong. College E.N.A.

Montreal, Sept. 12th, 1882.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MR. EDITOR,—As the work in connection with our Home Mission will occupy my entire time, I have found it necessary to resign the Secretariate of the Foreign Mission. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, my resignation was accepted, and the Rev. H. Pedly, B.A., of Cobourg, was unanimously elected.

I have much pleasure in referring correspondents to my esteemed successor in office.

I am, etc.,

T. HALL.

OVER THE WIRES.

I hear a faint, low singing,
Like the sound of distant choirs;
'Tis a message gleefully winging
Over the telegraph wires.
And what are the glad wires humming,
As they stretch in the sunlight away?
"I am coming, coming, coming—
I am coming home to-day!"

And now I hear a sobbing,
Like some soul sitting alone,
With a heart that is wearily throbbing,
And lips that can only moan.
Oh! what are the sad wires sighing,
As they reach through the darkness of night?
"He is dying, dying, dying—
Come on the wings of light!"

The titillation of laughter
Next falls upon my ear,
And a burst of mad mirth after,
Like a sound of a distant cheer.
And what is the gleeful story
That the round fire spreads afar?
"Our nine is crowned with glory—
Hip, hip, hip, hurrah!"

Oh! what are the wires relating,
Morning, and noon, and night?
"The market is fluctuating!"
"Report of the Senate fight!"
"Cashier S— a defaulter!"
"Arrest a man named Brown!"
"Jones died to-day by the halter!"
"Wheat went suddenly down!"
"Dead!" "Born!" "Going!" "Coming!"
"Deluge!" and "Drought!" and "Fires!"
Singing, and sobbing, and humming,
Over the telegraph wires.

THE will of the late Senator Benjamin H. Hill, of Georgia, contains the following testimony to the value of the Christian religion: "I now give and bequeath to my wife and children that which some of them now possess, and which I assure them, in full view of death, is far richer than gold, and more to be desired than all human honours. God is a living God, and Christ came into the world to save sinners. I beg them to have faith in Jesus, for by this faith alone can they be saved."