

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Received for Current Expense Account since last acknowledgment:—

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| Embro Church..... | \$ 24 48 |
| Sherbrooke "..... | 107 00 |
| Emmanuel " Montreal | 50 00 |
| Burford "..... | 21 25 |
| Kelvin "..... | 4 00 |
| Paris "..... | 35 35 |
| Brigham "..... | 11 00 |
| Pine Grove "..... | 10 00 |

Total..... \$263 08

Total receipts from all sources since 1st June,
1889.....\$1868 45
Total payments to date..... 2772 89

Leaving a deficiency of..... \$904 44

Will the Churches please take note of the above memorandum of the state of the finances of the College, and kindly act on the suggestions contained in our appeal, copies of which have been distributed among the various Churches during the present month.

CHAS. R. BLACK,

Montreal, 19th Nov., 1889. *Treasurer.*

Selections.

THAT LADY.

BY REV. WILLIAM HASLAM, M.A.

"The Lord giveth the word : The women that publish the tidings are a great host." Ps. lxxviii : xi.

"It is wonderful ! That lady has done me more good than scores of men speakers or preachers either. *Who is she?*"

"That, sir, is the question which a certain Sultan of Turkey always asked when any remarkable event occurred. He had an idea that a woman was sure to be connected with it somehow."

"Ah, just like Eve," said my friend ; "but this one makes an honorable amend. This lady does good—unmitigated good."

I said, "I will tell you something about her if you like, and how she began speaking. It was in a similar manner that a lad said he was converted, that was, partly by himself, and partly by God. When the boy was interrogated as to what he meant, he said, 'I did all the opposition, and God did all the rest.'

"So it was with this lady. She began in early days, more than sixteen years ago, by strongly objecting to a woman speaking—protesting, disliking, and criticising. As to herself, she was not accustomed even to read aloud, and said that she

did not know how. She could sing in a drawing-room, but not without being pressed to do so. She was worth pressing, however, for her voice was very rich and strong.

"In the course of two years she happened to hear Messrs. Moody and Sankey in the north. She did not think much of them, for she had heard better preaching and better singing too ; but, for all that, she was greatly struck with the clear articulation of Mr. Sankey's singing. She remarked that she could hear and distinguish every word he sang ; he kept the tune, and threw emphasis into it, from the meaning of the words. This was a new idea to her, for she had hitherto been particular about her time and notes, making the words secondary ; whereas Mr. Sankey's words were everything, and the tune only an accompaniment.

"When she returned to the south she became interested in a place where hundreds of people were living in almost a heathen state, utterly regardless of every effort that was put forth to do them good. Having received the consent of the vicar and the use of a suitable room, it came to her mind to invite some of these careless and thoughtless people to attend a meeting. There she sang the Gospel to them in clear articulation. As they took an interest in this, she soon persuaded them to join in the choruses of hymns while she sang the verses. Between these she took opportunity to speak directly to those present about the salvation of their souls. At the close of the hour she bid them go home, and come again the following week, bringing others with them. They did so, and in a short time the room in which they assembled was well filled, and continued to be so during a space of five years without a single week being missed. Some scores of souls were saved, and the neighborhood greatly changed. An iron church was afterwards put up in this place, and the members of the weekly class formed a good nucleus for the congregation of it. Now there is a handsome and flourishing stone church where the work thus simply commenced is being carried on.

"Since that time that lady has gone on speaking wherever she has had place and opportunity, receiving many seals to her ministry, while not a few preachers are content to speak without any such result ; too many of them think they have done well when the sermon has been heartily rendered and has given satisfaction."

"Now, sir," said my friend, "I like your interesting and practical description. It seems to me there are hundreds of gifted ladies who are doing nothing, but who might easily begin and go on like that."

"Yes," I said, "I know some who have already taken a leaf out of her book, and many more might well do the same. But they must have