

matter, or that we have some mysterious secrets to conceal, we hasten to say that there is nothing of the sort in the back ground, that there has been all along a delightful naturalness and spontaneity in the manner in which our resources have come together. We are constrained to think that a good cause, prayer, business energy and strong faith in God are the best means of getting a revenue. At first, as already intimated, the members of the Presbytery of Montreal were charged with this work, and again and again the Synod and Assembly told them to push forward and get more money, a larger endowment. Slowly and cautiously the territory upon which they were to draw was enlarged, until finally the Presbyteries of Ottawa, Brockville and Kingston were united with that of Montreal in this form of Christian activity. But this state of things did not last long, great constitutional changes emerged. The Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion drew near to each other, and after long years of separation were ready to unite. "The College question," as it was called, became a prominent factor in this movement. The negotiating churches were embarrassed with an undue number of colleges, and a concentration of them was desired. This College accordingly at once expressed its willingness to unite with Morin and Queen's upon equitable terms; and a scheme to that effect was prepared and printed by the Union Committees acting jointly. Our Principal volunteered to give his position to the late Rev. Dr. Cook, of Quebec, who was greatly his senior. The whole proposal, however, was summarily rejected by the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Union came on, and was consummated in Montreal, in June 1875; and all the colleges entered into it under specific provisions contained in the basis of union to the effect that they were to hold relations to the united church similar to those which they had held to their respective churches; and to preserve their coparative existence government and functions on terms and conditions like those under which they then existed.

The effect of this arrangement upon our College finances can hardly be said to have proved satisfactory. The Board soon found itself, through the efforts of others which it is now unnecessary to trace, practically limited for purposes of revenue to the city of Montreal. The outlook was not cheering; but it was faced with resolute faith and courage. Earnest appeals for help were made to all friends of the institution, rich and poor alike, and the responses were prompt and generous. Instructive examples of liberality might be related. Children gave their offerings, widows bestowed their mites, Sunday Schools and Bible classes contributed bursaries. Young men and young women did their part, and their names hold honorable places on subscription lists over which we have glanced.

In one instance a pious mother, on being bereaved of a son, gave the entire portion which had been laid up for him, along with fervent prayers