

College Anniversary.—The Annual Regular Meeting of the Congregational College of B. N. A., will be held in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, Ontario, on Saturday, June the 13th, 1868, at 11 A.M.

A Committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the College with the view of conferring with and examining [during the Union Meeting] any who may purpose to present themselves as candidates for admission into the College, at the beginning of next session.

Congregational College, B. N. A.,
Montreal, May 6, 1868.

GEORGE CORNISH, M.A.,
Secretary.

College Receipts.—Since my last acknowledgment of receipts in the Feb'y number of the *Canadian Independent*, the following have come to hand :

Church at Kingston, \$51 50; church at Eaton, \$7; church at Garafraxa, \$4; church at Sherbrooke, \$40 44; per Mr. A. Begg, \$19 84; Rev. R. T. Thomas, Toronto, \$3; Mr. Meudell, Belleville, \$2; church at Pine Grove, \$4 32; church at Brantford, \$35 90; church at Milton, N. S., \$16; W. A. Wallis, \$4.—\$188.

Montreal, May 20, 1868.

J. P. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

News of the Churches.

Re-opening of Zion Church, Montreal.—From various sources, a letter from our attentive correspondent, "Toga," included, we learn that, on Sabbaths the 10th and 17th ult., the restoration of Zion Church being complete, special services of re-dedication were held, at which the following ministers officiated. On the 10th, morning, Rev. Dr. Wilkes, text, Acts xvi. 13; afternoon, Rev. J. B. Bonar (American Presbyterian), 1 Cor. iii. 11-13; evening, Rev. Dr. Jenkins (Kirk of Scotland), John i. 47; on the 17th, morning, Rev. D. H. McVicar (Canada Presbyterian), Matt. xxiv. 14; and evening, Rev. G. Douglas (Wesleyan), Rom. i. 16. There were large congregations on each occasion, especially in the evenings, and the services were altogether pleasant and successful. The pastor writes us: "The building is really beautiful inside—greatly improved." The *Montreal Witness* supplies the following particulars:—"The interior has been almost entirely reconstructed, and in some respects improved. Perhaps in no part is this more visible than in the ceiling, which, instead of being flat, as heretofore, is coved, and very tastefully ornamented. The galleries are new, and the pews therein arranged in curved lines, which adds greatly to the pleasing effect on the eye, whilst it causes every hearer to face the preacher. This always desirable effect is also secured in the body of the church; but here, by a strange perversity, as it would seem to us, angles have been used, which are disagreeable to the eye, especially when viewed from the galleries above. The backs of the pews, in the body of the church, incline at a comfortable pitch; but in the gallery they have been placed in the old, uncomfortable, perpendicular fashion. The general aspect of the church is one of lightness and elegance; and a certain richness is given by the judicious use of a bordering of stained glass in the windows; while a very beautiful oriel of the richest coloring gives warmth to the whole. The front of the galleries is painted in oak, with elongated panels in maple; and the pulpit, which is a simple, slightly ornamented structure, is painted in oak and elm. Of the organ—of which we shall have more to say in a few days—it may be here stated that it fills the recess wherein it stands, and its general appearance is that of those built at the present period. An elegant gasolier depends from the centre of the ceiling, and, whilst affording light for the evening service, enhances the general appearance of the interior at all times."—Dr. Wilkes stated in his sermon, "Twenty-one years and a half ago that very day, they had dedicated that house of prayer to God. Three years ago it had been enlarged, and now it had been reconstructed from its ashes, and they were a third time met within it, to seek renewed spiritual blessings."