

OUR COLLEGE COLUMN.

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April 6. College closed to-night. A stirring address from Mr. Cuthbertson, a good audience, the large number of ministers present (for the Quebec Association has been meeting here the last two days), a hopeful feeling of better times in store, have made this one of the best college gatherings. Below you will find a few session notes and the list of appointments for the summer. Anything more must be left unsaid till next issue, for it is eleven o'clock, and time to be asleep.

The appointments for the summer are as follows :—
J. P. Gerrie, college work ; A. P. Solandt, St. Thomas ; N. E. C. Mason, Forest ; F. W. Macallum, Manilla ; H. Pedley, Alton ; W. J. Walton, Tilbury Centre ; F. Davey, Wingham ; J. J. Swanson, Cold Springs ; Jas. Daley, Noel, N. S. ; J. M. Austin, Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill ; W. N. Bessey, St. Elmo ; W. Lee, Baddeck. Of the four graduates, J. O. Hartt goes home for the summer, James McAdie will supply at St. Andrews for a time, and A. McLeod at Edgar ; J. K. Unsworth has no particular field in view. Very few will be able to reach their fields before the 1st of May, on account of examinations over at McGill, which continue through the greater part of this month.

Among the pleasant memories of this term will be numbered the visit of Dr. Attwood, of Salem, Mass., who is one of the twelve members of the Executive Committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions, Boston. He preached in Emmanuel Church on Sunday, March 27, addressed a missionary meeting on Monday evening. In his address he referred to the work being done by Mr. Currie in the most eulogistic terms, saying he was evidently a born explorer, and that the American Board were expecting great things from him in the future.

Whilst speaking of the work in the Micronesian Islands, he said the work was much hampered by reason of there being only one vessel at the service of the missionaries. Another vessel was wanted, which would cost \$300, and might be named the *Montreal*. Rev. Mr. Wells and Mr. Hague announced that they had agreed to raise \$150 each. The offer was gladly accepted, and soon the *Montreal* will join the Gospel fleet in the Southern Seas.

Dr. Attwood spoke very highly of Dr. Barbour, and congratulated Montreal, and especially the Congregational College of British North America, upon having secured a man who ranks among the ablest of theological instructors on this continent. On Tuesday he paid a visit to the college, and gave us a stirring address on missions, and also the pleasure of his company at dinner. We appreciate a visit from such a

man ; for whilst we learn much from his long experience, we feel that the time he has spent in the work has not made him lose touch with "the boys," one of whom he considers himself.

Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR,—“Honour to whom honour is due.” Our young friend in THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT traced Congregationalism in Canada back fifty years. There was not much done previously, but the *Frome* Church, formerly called *Southwold*, the township in which it is, was first formed in 1819, shattered in the rebellion, reorganized in 1842. Four men came out of it for our college, and others for other colleges. W. H. Allworth came from *Frome*, though he joined London Church just before he entered college. Also Rev. W. H. A. Claris, Rev. J. B. Silcox, Rev. E. D. Silcox, are *Frome* men. W. H. A.

THE WINNIPEG CHURCH.

MR. EDITOR,—I read with much surprise in last CANADIAN INDEPENDENT that the newly-organized Winnipeg Church has adopted the so-called “Apostles’ Creed” as a confession of faith. Why so defective a formulary should have been chosen, I am at a loss to conceive. Of all the ancient symbols, this is the barest and vaguest. *Symbolum quicunque*, with all its anathemas, is an infinitely better statement of Christian doctrine.

“Apostles’ Creed” :—a gross imposture in the very name of it. No apostle had any hand in framing it, and might well be ashamed of it, if he had, for it is a wretched botch of a job. A Sabbath school teacher, in these days, who could not draw up a better would not be fit to teach the lowest class. It was never heard of until the end of the fourth century, and it would have been no loss to the church if it had never been heard of at all.

Let me briefly specify its defects. It omits all reference to any divine attribute except God’s omnipotence, and affirms nothing as to the deity of Christ, the object of His incarnation and death, His Atonement, or any saving relation He sustains to the human race.

It says nothing of the Holy Spirit’s divinity, his enlightening, regenerating and sanctifying work. There is not a word of human depravity or need of renewal ; there is mention of “the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting,” but not the retribution for sin, and the death everlasting. No mention even of the Scriptures ; still less any recognition of them as the inspired rule of faith and conduct. Not a word of the Sabbath, baptism, the Lord’s supper, worship or prayer.