

Possibly this article may lead to some corrections of the table of the Union; if so, greater statistical accuracy will be secured. It cannot be attentively studied without exciting prayerful anxiety for the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The pecuniary success of these nine churches is a matter of thankfulness to God. Unitedly, they have contributed during the year the extraordinary sum of \$29,234.

On the other hand it is mournful to notice that unitedly they have only added by profession 75, to a previous membership of over 1,000, being about  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. on the whole, while their net increase, additions over removals, is only 57, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

In Toronto, the united addition by profession was 44, net increase 52; in Montreal, addition by profession 5, net increase 1.

If it be argued that there are *three* churches in Toronto to *one* in Montreal, it may be asked why is there only one in Montreal? and in having one, what advantage is there to the denomination or to the cause of the Redeemer? At this rate, when will our churches do their fair part in christianizing our city populations?  
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## The Home Department.

### MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND.

My times are in Thy hand!  
I know not what a day,  
Or e'en an hour, may bring to me;  
But I am safe while trusting Thee,  
Though all things fade away.  
All weakness, I  
On him rely

Who fixed the earth, and spread the starry sky.

My times are in Thy hand!  
Pale poverty or wealth,  
Corroding care or calm repose,  
Spring's balmy breath or Winter's snows,  
Sickness or buoyant health,—  
Whate'er betide,  
If God provide,

'Tis for the best; I wish no lot beside.

My times are in Thy hand;  
Should friendship pure illumine  
And strew my path with fairest flowers,  
Or should I spend life's dreary hours  
In solitude's dark gloom,—  
Thou art a Friend  
Till time shall end;

Unchangeably the same, in Thee all beauties blend.

My times are in Thy hand!  
Many or few my days,  
I leave with Thee—this only pray,  
That by Thy grace, I, every day  
Devoting to Thy praise,  
May ready be  
To welcome Thee,

Whene'er Thou com'st to set my spirit free.