

might be carried on to a successful completion, and that many students would be reared in it worthy to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. Mr. Lyman announced that the contents of the box deposited in the corner-stone were the historical sketch of the College, the Congregational Year Book for 1882-3, Starke's Almanac for 1883; copies of the Montreal English papers, the *Toronto Globe, Mail* and *INDEPENDENT* and coins of the realm. The Rev. Dr. Wilkes offered up a dedicatory prayer, after which Prof. Dawson on behalf of the University, congratulated the Congregational Church on the important step they were taking. The Congregational College had been the first to affiliate with McGill; but it had been the last to provide itself with a building of its own. He hoped that the example of other colleges would be found beneficial to them. He trusted that the connection between McGill and the new college might long continue, with benefit to both, and that the college might be blessed of God and be a monument to His glory. The Rev. Dr. Stevenson, principal of the faculty, thanked his clerical brethren for their attendance, but regretted the absence of several influential gentlemen. He referred feelingly to the former principal, Dr. Wilkes, and prayed that the mantle of his predecessor might fall on his shoulders. In conclusion, he referred to the increasing and imperative need of an educated ministry in these days of general enlightenment. He hoped that all connected with the college would strive together for the promotion of the great purposes for which all had been called, and that the only rivalry between them might be the rivalry in love and good works. After the singing of the doxology, Bishop Ussher pronounced the benediction and the assembly dispersed.

THE Missionary Society has entered upon a new era, and has effected many important, and, it is hoped, wise changes in its machinery. The membership in the corporation is limited to "members or adherents of Congregational churches paying two dollars annually into the funds of the Society." There is also to be a church representation, which, considering that the church is the denominational unit, is certainly a step in the right direction of denationalizing our Society. "Churches subscribing annually ten dollars or more may be

represented by one delegate at the annual meeting of the Society, and churches subscribing annually fifty dollars or more may be represented by two delegates." A still more radical change is the putting aside of the different district committees and the appointment of an Executive Committee, composed of President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Superintendent, and one member from each District Association within the bounds of the operations of the Society. It is pretty generally understood that hereafter the nominee of each District Association, should such nomination be made, will be the "one member from each District association" appointed. This will secure general representation with a minimum of expenditure, two objects specially needed with efficiency in our present state.

A MOST successful missionary meeting was held on the Thursday evening, with Rev. Dr. Cornish in the chair. After devotional exercises, Rev. S. N. Jackson read the report of the Society. The receipts from all sources during the past year amounted to \$5,319, an increase of \$1,747 over those of 1882. This is the thirtieth anniversary of the Society, and its present state is most encouraging. The great need is more men to go out to preach the everlasting gospel. Reference was made to the long-continued and valuable services of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes.

Rev. Thomas Hall started the meeting in excellent spirits, reminding them that five years ago to-night he stood on the same platform to advocate the claims of missions, and the kindly way in which he was received by the brethren on that occasion had led him to come over the sea and labour among them. The longer he was engaged in the work of missionary superintendent the larger the field seemed to be and the greater the work to be done, and the cordial co-operation of the brethren gave encouragement for the future. They wanted more men—men who can endure hardship and live on a small salary and look pleased over it. Our friends over in England ought to help us in our work. They are sending us over men by the shipload, and they ought to help us to take care of them.

Rev. John Burton then addressed the meeting. The substance of his address will, it