

## DONATION FROM THE ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

On Thursday evening, February 1st, when we reached home after the usual service, we found the hall blocked up with a large and heavy wooden case, which had been delivered by the Grand Trunk. Expecting no such arrival, the household were in great wonderment as to what it could be! But after a moment's survey, we announced our guess—"It's a package of publications from Dr. Smith for the Canadian churches." And so it proved. Turning the ponderous visitor right-side-up, after some exercise of muscle and mechanism, the cover was removed, and there lay "in good order and condition" some twenty parcels strongly packed in brown paper and addressed to various ministers between Lanark and Warwick, "from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, with the kind regards and best wishes of the Committee." One parcel we had a right to open, and found within several copies of various editions of the "New Congregational Hymn Book" and of the "Congregational Manual," together with a considerable number of tracts published by the Union from time to time.

We have received no letter on the subject, nor has one been so far received at Montreal, whither we wrote to enquire. But without any explanation, we know that the churches are indebted for this kindly and valuable remembrance to our friend and recent visitor, Rev. George Smith, D.D.; and we are sure we shall not be deemed forward, when we offer him and the committee whom he represents the most cordial thanks of the Congregational brotherhood in British North America. Concerning the Hymn Book—we will make no promises. The "Manual" will be of great service in giving to any enquirer an outline of our doctrines, polity and usages. The tracts will stir up the hearts and direct the thoughts of those into whose hands they may fall. Many a missionary, emigrant and native Colonist will read them with grateful feelings towards the donors, and especially towards the Secretary of the Union, whose visit is remembered with so much pleasure. We will take the opportunity to remind Dr. Smith that he is on the list of correspondents of the *Canadian Independent*, and that we have only had one communication from him.

We learn that another case was received at Montreal for churches in that section, and one addressed to Rev. R. Wilson, for those in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. We may whisper to those who received parcels from Toronto that 12½c. each from them will repay the \$2 25 which we paid for freight from Montreal. We forwarded each parcel to its destination by express. Those included in Toronto were—Lanark, Brockville, Kingston, Belleville, Cobourg, Bowmanville, Toronto, Colpoy's Bay, Albion, Pine Grove, Georgetown, Guelph, Eramosa, Hamilton, Barton, Brantford, Scotland, Norwichville, London, Southwold and Warwick. We presume that Dr. Smith expects the receivers to understand him to say, in reference to the non-receivers, "I mean not that other men should be eased, and ye burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want."