

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STANSTEAD WES-
LEYAN COLLEGE TO THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, BROCKVILLE,
JUNE 2ND, 1884.

Your Trustees, in presenting their Annual Report, desire to express their deep gratitude to the Divine Master for His mercies extended to the institution during a year of great difficulty. A fierce epidemic of scarlet fever has raged within the vicinity of the College, but we are glad to say only three slight cases occurred within its walls, and these soon recovered.

The attendance has suffered somewhat from this cause, but a medical commission has carefully inspected the building and given unqualified assurance that its hygienic arrangements are complete and its sanitary condition unquestionable. We appeal to the brethren to help us by a kind word on their circuits, as we are assured that we can give as thorough educational training, as complete accommodation, and as careful religious oversight at as low a cost as any similar institution of learning in this Dominion.

The Governor's report this year is encouraging, and shows a slight balance in favour of the Treasurer for the year. But it must be borne in mind that one item of income was extraordinary and cannot be calculated upon for next year. We regret also to learn from the last Budget speech of the Province that the Government grant to such institutions as ours will not be continued after this year. This is an additional reason why the warm sympathy and earnest prayers of the Church should be thrown around this important institution.

The general conduct of the students has been most praiseworthy, and the teachers have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

The Principal's report shows that the attendance of the students has been regular and encouraging, the total number of students for the year being 170.

The course of study has been somewhat changed so as to lessen the cost of tuition and bring it into more perfect harmony with the course of study prescribed by the Provincial Board of Education.

The report of the Executive and Advisory Committee recapitulates their actions during the year, and demands especial attention in one particular, viz.:—

A Special Committee of the Trust Board was appointed to inquire carefully into the financial condition of the general working of the institution. Their report was presented to the Executive Committee and carefully considered by them. Its wise suggestions were adopted by them except in one matter. The Special Committee suggested the propriety of uniting the offices of Governor and Principal in one person. The Executive Committee felt that this would be desirable, but did not see their way clear to carry out the suggestion for the present.

Your Trustees recommend that the Rev. J. B. Saunders be appointed