

My conviction, from four years' observation of the operations and beneficial effects of the course of study followed in the College, on the minds of the Students, is, that its friends and supporters both in Great Britain and Canada, have ample encouragement to continue their liberality, and, if possible, to multiply the number of Students.

With sincere prayers for your comfort and usefulness, and those of your beloved colleague, I am, your's, most respectfully,

J. GIRDWOOD.

Rev. J. M. Cramp, A. M., }
President of the Baptist College. }

The students have conducted religious services in the St. Lawrence Suburbs, and at the Cross, and have been favoured with tokens of success. A series of revival exercises held at the last-mentioned place, at the close of the year, appears to have been blessed to several persons. The building occupied for these services is generally crowded with hearers on Lord's day evenings, and on Thursdays an interesting Bible Class meets for instruction. Besides these efforts, the students frequently visit the houses of the poor, for the purpose of distributing tracts and conversing with the inhabitants.

The valuable donation of books presented by Joseph Fletcher, Esq., of London, arrived in safety last May. It consisted of 523 volumes, carefully selected, and comprising standard works in divinity, ecclesiastical history, and general literature. Accompanying these was a set of Archbishop Whately's works, in 17 volumes, 8vo., and Sharon Turner's Sacred History of the World, presented by the respected authors. A few volumes have also been presented by other friends.

The winter lectures, chiefly on scientific subjects, and which are open to the public, are now in course of delivery on Tuesday evenings, in the Library of the College.

It was mentioned in the last report that preparations were made for building the new College. The corner stone was laid by John Try, Esq., on Wednesday, May 7, 1845. The proceedings on that occasion were thus reported in the *Montreal Register* :—

“The Corner Stone of the new College was laid yesterday afternoon, according to previous announcement. The Committee and friends of the Society assembled in the present College, and proceeded to the ground in the following order :—

The Students.

The Contractors.

The Architect, carrying the Plans of the Building.

The Committee of the Society.

JOHN TRY, Esq., Chairman of the Building Committee.

The President and Tutor of the College (Rev. Messrs.

CRAMP and BOSWORTH).

Ministers—Rev. Messrs. TAYLOR, STRONG, and CROFTS.

Members of the Society, and friends.