

neglectful in the matter will take note and act, the thing can be done, and we sincerely hope, with Mr. Macdonald, that his bank account will be relieved of this conditionally promised amount.

WE draw special attention to Mr. Hall's letter. No man has done more to awaken interest in foreign missions than our warm-hearted superintendent. Nor has he in any sense cooled in his ardour. He knows too the home field as few—we almost venture to say as none—others know. He has been in the homes of our pastors, and has seen the needs there; and he speaks of the wants that have come before his own notice. We have never had sympathy with the marshalling of our women's energies all on one side; nor with the multiplication of agencies for work. True, we advocate no star chamber centre. Mission and college business should be open, frank, free; but it is folly for us to dissipate our strength by multiplying boards until the exigencies of the work demand. Concentration is our present, pressing need. We do not say our permanent requirement. Let Mr. Hall's letter be prayerfully read and pondered.

WITH deep regret we chronicle Mr. Willet's removal from Cowansville on the ground of ill health. Mr. Willet, by his earnest and loving work, has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact, and his superior attainments assured for him admiration and respect. We hope to be enabled yet to record his full recovery. May the God who heals be very near to him and to his.

WEDNESDAY and Thursday, the 14th and 15th ult., were red-letter days in our Montreal history. We were unfortunately disappointed in our expected pleasure of being present by emergencies at home; but the installation of Dr. Barbour into the principalship of the college, and the recognition of Mr. F. H. Marling as the pastor of Emmanuel Church, are for us notable events. Under God's blessing we hail them as fraught with promise, and to both brethren in their respective spheres we hold out the right hand of editorial welcome assuring each of our warmest sympathy and appreciation. We shall be more than delighted to let them speak through our columns.

THE "News of Churches" column has been

very scant of late, but the notes of Mr. J. P. Gerrie in the "College Column" have really more than supplied the need. He has given us a view of nearly all the churches during the summer months, and of their life. He returns to college life for the winter, having with earnest and modest manner, combined with a happy faculty of saying what he ought to say, won golden opinions from all. He has also deepened the general interest in college work. We shall still expect notes from his pen.

ALL who are brought into contact with the emigration from the mother country hitherto have had frequent opportunity of noting the thorough helplessness of the great majority of those cast recklessly upon our shores. Our national societies and charitable institutions are taxed to their utmost meeting the absolute want of hundreds practically dumped down on our wharves. This raises the question, Is such emigration necessary? A letter was lately read in the English House of Commons making statements, at first sight incredible, but at all events uncontradicted. An Essex gentleman states that within sight of his house are 20,000 acres of arable land tenantless, and largely lying waste, and this within thirty miles of London. This, be it remembered, is not waste land, but land that has been, and still is, capable of being, under first-class cultivation. Is there no work to be done there?

Is not a man better than a fox? Yet for the sake of fox hunting, pheasant shooting and such field sports, many large estates keep game preserves. If the game kept to their covers less might be said, but they are destructive to the crops, as every farmer must well know: yet woe be to the tenant farmer who should follow a rabbit beyond the limit of his field. It is nothing uncommon for a child to be brought before a justice of the peace for gathering wild nuts in enclosures where their presence might frighten a partridge or a hare; and the wild Highlands of Scotland are largely closed to any passer by, lest his lordship's grouse or deer should be disturbed. And yet there are thousands that cry for work and for bread. Yes, and noble lords, burly squires, preside at meetings for the promotion of emigration, while at their very doors are the means of