

new organ, some of the fainter hearts thought that it would be impossible for fifteen poor students to procure an organ such as we would desire; but our most sanguine expectations have been more than realized, and we have now an organ of which we are proud. The plan we adopted was as follows: Circulars, with subscription blanks attached, were distributed among our churches in this city, and also sent to friends in different parts of the country, soliciting their subscriptions. The ladies of Zion church kindly undertook the decorations, and the ladies of Emmanuel furnished the refreshments. A short programme was rendered, consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, and recitations, after which the collection was taken up. Some collections are disappointing, but this one was not. It is doubtful whether the two plates, borrowed from one of our churches, ever held a larger collection. All formality was then dispensed with, and the company gave themselves up to social intercourse for an hour, refreshments being served in the basement.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all our friends who have assisted us in this matter. The Montreal churches especially have shown that they have the interests of the College at heart. The expressions of good will that we heard on every hand will probably lead us to make such an entertainment an annual affair, though we hope that the next time we invite our friends to spend an evening with us we will not need to ask them for money.

We feel that it is due to those who have so liberally helped us, that they should receive a statement as to how their money has been spent. The organ we have purchased is the best reed organ made by Mason & Hamlin.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures:

Cash Receipts.....	\$165 00
Value of old organ, taken as part payment of new one.....	30 00
Total Receipts.....	\$195 00
Price of organ.....	\$150 00
Expenses of entertainment.....	9 00
Total Expenditure.....	\$159 00

The balance of \$36 will be deposited in the bank as a music fund, to supply us with music from time to time as we may need.

We have lately been favored with another letter from Rev. Hilton Pedley, Japan, who reports cheerfully of the work there. We glean the following for the benefit of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT readers:—

A Congregational missionary in Japan is simply

one of a co-operative association, the members of which are Japanese and foreigners. He is not a bishop, and he does not act the bishop. "The independence of the churches," meaning the removal of all control from the hands of missionaries, is the latest cry from the ablest of the Congregational pastors of Japan.

Dr. Clark, of the C. E. Society, has lately visited the country, and as a result there are now some twenty-three Christian Endeavor societies under way.

Speaking of the work in Echigo, Mr. Pedley refers to three influences which have of late handicapped the progress of Christianity. First, the intense cold, snow-falls from three to ten feet; second, the excitement of local elections; third, the presence of the Plymouth Brethren. Reference is made to the good work being done by Mr. Ebena, the Niigata evangelist. Mr. Pedley, speaking of the work in Niigata, says: "The outlook for the schools is at present not very cheering. Many difficulties beset the missionary in Japan, but we have many compensations for all trials and perplexities."

At a recent meeting of the students, Mr. F. J. Day was appointed summer editor of the College column of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT; also director of the circular letter. Mr. J. C. Watt, who has had charge of the reading-room for the past year, resigned his office, and Mr. H. E. Mason was appointed to the position.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of seeing again our circular letter of 1891, after its trip to Africa, Turkey and Japan. It received hearty welcomes from our missionaries across the seas.

We were glad to learn that Mr. H. Horsey has recovered his health, and occupied Dr. Jackson's pulpit for a Sabbath.

Mr. E. O. Grisbrook has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Barrie Congregational church.

Literary Notices.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS.—The March number of this sterling periodical is before us. It is the best thing we know of the kind. 50 cents a year. 19 Milk St., Boston. 12 pages of 3 columns each, 10 illustrations, and not an advertisement in it! For Sunday schools, Bands of Hope and the like, its teachings of kindness and deeply-interesting articles and anecdotes make it most suitable and valuable. We often make clippings from it; and would be glad to have all our friends read it.