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COLLEGE AFFAIRS.

Last month, we published a letter from the Secretary of the Congregational College, setting forth the state of its finances, in which there is a serious deficiency. That statement came into our hands too late for us to accompany it by any editorial remarks. We revert to the subject now, however, for it is one of too much importance to be lost sight of, and needs to have prompt and effective action taken upon it.

The causes of the present condition of the institution, both as to the supply of students and of funds, were pretty fully discussed at the late Annual Meeting of the subscribers, at Kingston. We do not consider it necessary now to enlarge upon what is past. The present and the future we can *act* for, and they are our immediate concern. There has been a sense of discouragement weighing down our pastors and churches, and this could not but injuriously affect the College, both as to men and means. Whatever the cause or causes, such was the indubitable fact. But it is our thankful conviction—we see many signs of it on every hand—that that feeling is giving way to one of vigour and hopefulness. Already the improvement is seen in respect to the supply of students; three promising young men have just been received, and there are others on the way. Assuredly, the same forward impulse must be felt in the other matter—the College treasury.

Professor Cornish's statement is indeed a serious one, and it is well to have it put plainly and pointedly before the churches, that they may look the matter fairly in the face. We trust that on the second Sabbath of October, many a church that heretofore failed to contribute, came forward liberally, and took hold of the cause in some such thorough method as that which the Secretary suggested, so as to secure its presentation to every member of our congregations. If this was not done then, it is not too late to repair the omission. The needs of the College are too urgent to allow of its case being deferred till some "convenient season" in the uncertain future. It wants help now. We trust that every pastor will take the matter determinately in