

but Christ Jesus the Lord." On Monday evening a soiree was held in the church. A snow storm had set in, but, notwithstanding, a large number assembled. A bountiful tea was served; several beautiful anthems were sung by the choir. A financial statement was presented by the treasurer, Mr. A. R. McIntyre, by which it appeared that the amount required to clear off all liabilities was about \$425. During an intermission, friends were waited on in their seats and subscriptions, payable within a year, were received for \$225. The balance will soon be provided for; and thus this beautiful and substantial building, on which \$2,000 in cash have been expended, and fully another \$1,000 in volunteer labour, will stand complete, *without the adornment of a mortgage*. It speaks volumes for the zeal and liberality of the people of the locality that, notwithstanding the loss of many able givers through the Manitoba exodus, such a commodious and graceful church should have been reared in our midst. The carpet and matting, the seats, the chandelier and other lamps, were provided by the ladies. Three handsome chairs for the platform were presented by the young ladies, and the extremely beautiful reading-desk by the young men. In every stage of the enterprise, and in all the subscriptions taken for these various objects, generous and liberal assistance has been given by friends of other denominations. The fine oak communion table was the gift of the ladies of the Lanark Congregational Church. The sweet-voiced bell that sounds its musical call to worship from the turret was the gift of Kingston friends. The church is built of limestone, with corners, arches, etc., of Beckwith stone. The doors and windows are Gothic in form. Coloured glass is inserted in the front windows and over the entrance. A place for a lobby is enclosed within the building, which is warmed easily by a single stove. Behind the pulpit is a triple arched moulding, tastefully coloured by Mr. Witcher, of Lanark, and over this a scroll with the words: "God is our refuge and strength."

PARKDALE.—The anniversary services and annual tea-meeting of this church were held in the Town Hall, on the 11th and 12th of January, respectively. The Rev. H. D. Powis preached Sabbath forenoon, and the pastor in the evening. The tea-meeting was held on the following evening. The Rev. Dr. Wild, and J. Lawson, Esq., the accomplished organist of Bond St. Church, with a quartette from the choir, rendered valuable aid. These services were well attended, and the financial and social results all that were expected. Since then, the ladies of the church and congregation have begun a series of parlour concerts, which have so far done well, and promise timely aid for the Building Fund. The friends here are expecting to secure a church building during the coming season, which will be a great help to the spiritual work

of the church, as they are at the present time able to hold only Sunday services and the Sabbath school in the hall they occupy.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—We are glad to hear from this church. Twenty-two persons (of whom three were baptized), were admitted into fellowship on the first Sunday of the month, with impressive services. The interest awakened under the present pastor, Mr. J. B. Saer, is evidently deepening, and our prayers go forth for our brethern there.

## Official Notices.

### CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The present Session will be brought to a close with the usual public service in the Assembly Hall of the College on Thursday, April 16. The addresses will be delivered by the Rev H. D. Hunter, of London, and Rev. J. Morton, of Hamilton, and a collection will be made in aid of the library. The proceedings will begin at eight p.m. Pastors of churches are requested to read this notice to their congregations.

Montreal, March 10, 1885. GEORGE CORNISH,  
Sec'y, Cong. College, B.N.A.

### CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1. The next quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Congregational College, Montreal, on April 7, at 10 a. m. Communications from churches and pastors for the committee should be in the hands of the Secretary not later than the 31st inst.

2. Churches requiring the services of students for the summer vacation will please send in their applications to the Secretary by the 31st of March.

3. District associations at their next meetings should nominate their representatives on the Executive Committee for the year 1885-6.

4. The Treasurer's books must be closed about the 15th of May; therefore, churches which have not already taken up their annual collections for the society will kindly attend to the matter at once, and forward the amounts with the subscription lists to Mr. B. W. Robertson, Kingston.

5. In order legally to carry on the work of the Society in the various Provinces it has been found necessary to have an Act passed by the Dominion Parliament sanctioning the union with the Maritime Provinces, and giving corporate powers throughout the Dominion, which is being done.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, Secretary.  
Kingston, March 5.