

cation has received the formal sanction of the Congregational Churches, it is our earnest desire to be found faithful to the trust reposed in us, and practically to recognize the responsibility attaching to the position we thus occupy. Still, it is to our brethren we must look for nearly all that, in the form either of discussion or of statement, can give attraction and utility to our denominational organ, and render it subservient to the high interests of true and undefiled religion. May we venture to hope that the sanction we have thus received will be regarded by all as involving the desire and intention of aiding us in our humble efforts, and promoting to the utmost the circulation of the *Harbinger*. Let this virtual pledge be faithfully redeemed, and we cannot doubt that all the purposes contemplated by the original projectors of this work will be secured. To Him whose blessing can alone give efficacy to our instrumentality, we desire unfeignedly and humbly to commend our labours, confiding in those promises which at once excite and sustain the hope of success in every sincere attempt to spread the knowledge of His truth, and advance the glory of His name.

THE ENSUING ANNIVERSARIES.—We hail, with unfeigned and intense delight, the approaching Festival of Christian unity and love. It was a happy thought which led to the compression of our principal anniversaries within the limits of a single week—securing thus for each, the advantage of association with all the rest, and giving to all engaged in them an opportunity of shewing both verbally and practically, their catholicity of sentiment and feeling. At no former period of the history of the Church of Christ was there a more urgent call on Christians of all evangelical denominations, distinctly and explicitly to recognize their mutual fraternity—and to exhibit to the world the substantial proofs of their essential unity in all that pertains to the foundation of their hope, the object of their supreme affection, and the great purposes of their high and heavenly vocation. We cannot doubt that the ensuing seasons of fraternal convocation will be characterized by the purity and peacefulness of that wisdom which cometh from above, and that, whilst our Christian communities will liberally respond to the appeals which must be made to their

sanctified philanthropy, the ministers of the gospel will be enabled to give such a direction to the course of thought and the current of emotion, as shall instrumentally secure a deeper interest in the various enterprises of enlightened zeal for the best and highest interests of men. May “the unction from the Holy one” rest abundantly on all who shall participate in these proceedings, and may the result prove that the presence and benediction of the Saviour and Sovereign of the Church have been sensibly vouchsafed!—The following is the appointed order of these anniversaries.—They will be held in the American Presbyterian Church.

Religious Tract Society on Tuesday Evening, January 24, 1843.

Auxiliary Bible Society, on Wednesday Evening, January 25.

French Canadian Missionary Society, on Thursday Evening, Jan. 26.

Canada Sunday School Union, on Friday Evening, Jan. 27.

The Churches in the city are respectfully requested to give up their ordinary meetings during that week, that the attendance may be general. Ministers of the Gospel and friends of the Societies in the country, are invited to attend in Montreal during the anniversary week.

Ministers in the country who intend being present at the above meetings, will please send notice of such intention to Mr. MILNE, at the Bible Depository, Mc’Gill Street, as early as possible; that provision may be made for receiving them into private families, during their stay in town.

The Chair will be taken each evening at half-past six o’clock.

Collections will be taken up in aid of the Funds of the several Societies.

BROCKVILLE.—We rejoice to learn that our beloved brother, the Rev. J. Drummond, late of London, has commenced his ministerial labours in this place, under circumstances which more than justify the hope of speedy and enlarged success. We congratulate our Christian brethren, who have “received him with all gladness,” on their acquisition of an able, affectionate and enlightened ministry. Their fervent and long continued prayers have thus been answered. They will now realize, for themselves and for their children, the inestimable advantages of pastoral sympathy and oversight, and enjoy to the full, the kindred privileges of spiritual fellowship, and mutual co-operation in the service of their common Lord. We can, in some degree,