

grounds, it is greatly to be desired that the appeal be made to the members of our community, in all parts of the Dominion, before the month of June; if this be done, the Corporation at its next annual meeting, will have tolerably definite data upon which to calculate in making future arrangements for the widow of him who so long and so faithfully served it. As a debt of honour to him and his, to take no higher nor any other ground, this scheme must be "put through," and that, too, successfully. Montreal will, I am sure, do its part in the work, and in accordance with its prestige; but it will be disappointed if any Church, no matter how strong or how weak, how large or how small, fail to lend its support. This is a question which affects our honour as a denomination, and therefore I feel strongly about it, and am prepared to do all I can towards winning success. By the bye, Mr. Editor, I have been, with many others here, expecting to see some report in your paper of how the effort has succeeded which was organized in Toronto, and for Toronto, on the night of Dr. Lillie's funeral, with the design of raising a Special Fund for the benefit of his family. If it has been successful, that fact should be made known, to the credit of all concerned, and also as a stimulus to other places. The help of our three Churches in Toronto will be needed in carrying out the general scheme.

(3.) Many Churches have not yet sent in their annual contributions to the current expenditure of the College. To such, let it be enough to say, that the year is advancing apace and their help will be needed.

(4.) Next month, I trust I shall be in a position to give you some definite information on the all important question of the Principalship. The Committee of fifteen have recommended to the Board, Dr. Wilkes as Principal. A meeting of the Board will be held on the 1st prox., at which their recommendation will be taken into consideration, and, as I have every reason to believe, will be concurred in. Should the nomination thus made, be accepted by Dr. Wilkes, the question may be regarded as happily settled.

With much respect,

I remain faithfully yours,

GEORGE CORNISH.

The Western Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.—

The next meeting of the above Association will be held in the Congregational Church, in the City of Hamilton, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 5th and 6th of April. The first Session beginning at 3 o'clock on Tuesday. Subject.—Conference on the Spiritual State of the Churches. Evening at 7 o'clock, Sermon by the Rev. J. J. Hindley, B.A., Rev. Wm. Hay, alternate. After preaching, the Lord's Supper will be observed with the church.

Wednesday, 9 a.m., Prayer and conference for half an hour. Essays on "The Work of the Holy Spirit in Conversion," by Revs. J. Wood and W. H. Allworth. 2 o'clock, p.m., Prayer and conference. Essay on "Individual Christian Effort," by the Secretary. 7 p.m., Public service,—addresses to young and old. We hope to see a large attendance of Delegates. The brethren will please bear in mind, and carry out the sixth article of the constitution, namely: "*That collections be taken up to defray expenses.*" Delegates will be present from the Ontario Conference of Churches, N. Y., and from the Niagara Baptist Association.

All ministers intending to be present, and delegates from the churches, will please notify Wm. Edgar, Esq., Hamilton, at least *ten days* before the time of meeting, so that provision may be made for their entertainment.

J. A. R. DICKSON.

Secretary.

LONDON, February 16th, 1870.