

THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The next quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Congregational College, Montreal, on Tuesday, the 5th of April, at ten o'clock a.m. Vacant churches requiring pastors, or desirous of securing the services of students during the summer vacation, will please communicate with the undersigned not later than the end of this month. All communications for the Executive Committee should be in my hands by the same date.

District Associations which have not already nominated their representatives to form the executive committee (see Article iv., Constitution of Canada Congregational Missionary Society) for 1887-88 will please attend to the matter at once.

Churches will please forward their contributions to the treasurer of the society, Mr. B. W. Robertson, Kingston, as early as possible.

JOHN WOOD, *Sec. C.C.M.S.*

Ottawa, March 1, 1887.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The closing service of the present session, the forty-eighth, will be held on Wednesday, April 6, in the Assembly Hall of the college. The Rev. Wm. Cuthbertson, B.A., of Woodstock, Ont., will deliver the address to the students, and other ministers will take part in the proceedings. A collection will be made in aid of the funds of the library. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock p.m.

GEORGE CORNISH, *Sec. C.C.B.N.A.*

Montreal, March 3, 1887.

Literary Notices.

WE regret to receive the following note: "We beg to inform you that, owing to the fact that the public have not sufficiently encouraged us in our efforts to give them a very costly journal of art at an exceedingly low price, we have deemed it advisable to discontinue the publication of *Home Life* and the *Pearl*, and have this day commenced returning money due subscribers." We must record our sense of the honour exemplified in the closing words.

THE PULPIT TREASURY (E. B. Treat, publisher, 771 Broadway, New York) for March is more than usually good. We specially note an admirable sermon on "Say So," by Dr. M. Hodge, of Richmond. Professor E. J. Hamilton is also suggestive on "The Preparation of the World for the Gospel."

THE CENTURY for March is an admirable number. A supplemented article on the Faith Cure is of interest. And Uncle Esek's wisdom is wise, as the following will show:

We stand in our own sunshine oftener than others do.

It is the little things that are the most wonderful and difficult; it is possible for human enterprise to make a mountain, but impossible for it to make an oyster.

There is nothing so necessary as necessity; without it mankind would have ceased to exist ages ago. The heart gets weary, but never gets old.

If a man is right, he can't be too radical; if wrong, he can't be too conservative.

The silent man may be overlooked now, but he will get a hearing by and by.

Method and despatch govern the world.

You can outlive a slander in half the time you can out-argue it.

WEAVING.

Yes, I'm a weaver, and each day,
The threads of life I spin,
And be the colours what they may,
I still must weave them in.

With morning light there comes the thought,
As I my task begin—
My Lord to me new threads has brought,
And bids me "weave them in."

Sometimes He gives me threads of gold,
To brighten up the day;
Then sombre tints, so bleak and cold,
That change the gold to gray.

His love, alas! I oft forget
When these dark threads I spin,
That cause me grief and pain, but yet
He bids me "weave them in."

And so my shuttle swiftly flies,
With threads both gold and gray;
And on I toil till daylight dies,
And fades in night away.

Oh, when my day of toil is o'er,
And I shall cease to spin,
He'll open wide my father's door,
And bid me rest within.

Then, safe at home in heavenly light,
How clearly I shall see
That every thread, the dark, the bright,
Each one had need to be! S. L. CUTHBERT.

ALTHOUGH Alsace and Lorraine have now been unwilling appanages of Germany for about fifteen years, the Protestants have made an increase of 31-142 souls, and the Catholics suffered a decrease of 20,162. The largest increase in the Protestant ranks was in the larger cities, namely Strassburg, 10,343, Metz, 5,322, Muhlhausen, 1,258, Kolmar, 1,105, Saargemund, 843. Of the 305,134 Protestants, 254,000 are Lutherans and 51,000 are Reformed. In these two provinces the two denominations are not united, as is the case in the nine old provinces of Prussia, where, since 1817, they constitute the "United Church."