

that the country Churches sustain these meetings with a more animated interest than those in the city.

Your Board cannot close this report without adverting with grateful mention to the improvement during the year in the Psalmody of the congregation, and to the increased numbers and strength of the choir. All deserve the thanks of the Church for their zeal and regularity of attendance in this important part of the services of the Lord's day.

The following sums have been raised for denominational or special objects : —

Ladies' Aid Society	-	-	-	\$133.75
Cong. College of B.N.A.	-	-	-	607.62
Canada Cong. Miss. Society	-	-	-	495.32
Cong. Union	-	-	-	50.00
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	214.96
Provident Fund	-	-	-	270 40
By Sunday School	-	-	-	204.74
House of Industry and Refuge, and Poor.	-	-	-	102.10
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	235.28
Building Fund Union	-	-	-	672.33
				\$2986.50

The opening of the new year has been rendered note-worthy by the visit to this our city of Messrs. Moody and Saukey, men who have been made channels of blessing to other places whither they have gone to preach the Gospel of Christ, and there is good reason to hope and believe that like results are following their visit here. But to what extent this will be the case with us depends, with Churches as with individuals, upon the frame of mind and attitude of heart assumed towards the work. Let us, as a Church, put ourselves in the way of receiving our share of blessing ; let us expect it, wrestle for it, and not be satisfied until we have received it. Then, with strength renewed, and courage stimulated, may we address ourselves afresh to find and to do the work that is lying ready to our hand, as well among ourselves as a congregation, as among our fellow-citizens and our sister Churches throughout the land. In this way, shall we make the year 1886 radiant with the smile of God's favour, and memorable for our own growth in goodness, in strength, and in usefulness.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Board.

GEORGE CORNISH,

Church Secretary.

MONTREAL, January 13th, 1886.