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THIS number will scarcely be in the hands of our friends ere our delegates leave home for our Union meetings. Upon the whole we anticipate cheering reports from the churches and societies. Our mission work has been well sustained. Many churches have been graciously revived. Our Foreign mission movement indicates an onward step. The new college buildings will greet us, and old Zion of Montreal seems likely to again preserve the traditions of the past. These are all hopeful signs and blessed tokens. With good heart then we shall be prepared to meet the question of the Provident Fund loss, and the increasing call upon missionary effort. "To the work, to the work, we are servants of God," and as His blessing has manifestly been over us, let us gather in the full consciousness of His presence, and may the great Head of the Church manifest His power and glory in our midst.

LET our defaulting subscribers take advantage of the Union gathering to send in their much needed subscriptions.

OUR Montreal friends are making liberal arrangements for the Union meetings. It is expected that the new college buildings will be dedicated with some appropriate services, and the ladies are arranging for a social gathering on the Friday evening. Among the visitors expected are Rev. W. D. Williams, Madrid, N.Y., the representative of the National Council of the United States; the Rev. J. W. Cox, from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and the Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., the distinguished editor of the *Congregationalist*, of Boston, and widely known as an enthusiast in the study of our denominational history and literature.

THE Old South Church, of Boston, has been before the public lately in a significant manner. This church is about 215 years old, and during its entire history has had but fifteen pastors, the last, Dr. Manning, died in 1882. It is one of the oldest and best endowed of the Congregational churches in America.

More than a year ago this church extended a call to the Rev. George Angier Gordon who was then pastor of a village congregation in Connecticut. He declined the call at first, but being renewed, it was accepted. Mr. Gordon was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to America at the age of twenty years, having had only a limited education. He was a young man of tastes and aspirations, and a devout character, but too poor to enter upon a course of collegiate study. Eleven years ago he was doing miscellaneous writing and keeping books in a Boston printing office. Certain gentlemen became acquainted with him, and, thinking he might become useful as a minister, raised money to enable him to enter Bangor Seminary, at which institution he graduated in 1877. After preaching awhile, he felt the need of a more thorough education, left his pastorate, fitted for Harvard College, took his degree there in 1881, and re-entered the ministry.

The President of Harvard College called the attention of the Old South Church to him, commending him as a man of singular power, character, and promise. The letter which the Church sent out, calling the Council, reads after the usual preliminaries: "An Ecclesiastical Council, for installation and recognition, will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 2nd. You are hereby cordially invited to participate by your pastor and a delegate in the proceedings of this Council, which will be convened in our meeting-house, Boylston Street, Boston, on the day aforesaid, at three o'clock p.m., when the action of the church and society, and the correspon-