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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Queen's University Alumni Conference which is proceeding this week, has thus far been very successful both in point

The Collogo of attendance and the high standard of excellence reached by the essayists.

Next week we shall be in a position to deal more at length with the papers read to the Conference. Taken with the Knox Conference of last week the Church has every reason to feel satisfied that much good work is being accomplished and that the ministry as a whole is being stimulated and edified by the results of private study and professional experience which are exchanged at these annual meetings.

The twenty eighth annual meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society was the occasion of eliciting

Missions to many interesting facts regarding the good work the Society is engaged in.

Mr. W. Beattie's address on the mission conducted by him among the western miners showed the hopefulness of such work and the good results already obtained notwithstanding the prejudices of the older miners. The fact that old miners are more indifferent to the gospel message than the younger men, of itself, speaks volumes in support of pushing forward mission work at all the great mining centres. Had the churches concerned followed the miners many years ago, there would not be so much hardened opposition to the missionaries of to-day. Yet even among the old men the seed sown is hopefully watered and growth and fruit may be looked for with confidence. The experience of the pioneers in the field is of great value to the church and such meetings as that of Friday evening at Knox College are deservedly popular.

The Dominion Alliance through its officers has made an appeal to the Ontario Electors in the following terms:—

Against the Liquor Traffic. “It is deeply to be regretted that the present Legislature has fallen short of

fully representing the advanced temperance sentiment of Ontario. It was elected immediately after the Province had declared in favour of prohibition by a majority of 81,769 votes, and we had a right to expect that this declaration against the liquor traffic would have called forth a response in effective restrictive legislation. It is true that some progress was made. The license law was improved and made more restrictive. The improvement, however, was not at all what friends of temperance had a right to expect; and some further reasonable progressive legislation was voted down by the House of Assembly.”

In a recent Symposium taken part in by sixty leading ministers, the subject being “The kind of Hearer I want.”

The Pulpit to Rev. Dr. Hall, D.D., New York, thus describes the “hearer” he wants:—

1. One who has prayed for the preacher, and the Holy Spirit's influence on all the congregation, in the closet, and, if head of a household, at the family altar.

2. One who is punctually in his fixed place in the church so as to be recognized by me from the pulpit, and with his family beside him.

3. One who has a good Bible in his pew, and who devoutly follows the reading of Scripture, as hearing God speaking to him.

4. One who has a hymn-book, and joins in the singing as earnestly as does the leader of the music.

5. One who follows and in heart joins in the thanksgiving, confession of sin, and in prayer and intercession.

6. One who bears himself with reverence of manner, suggesting devoutness to those round about him.

7. One who looks for the divine impress in the sermon, and not for rhetoric, elocution, or startling statements.

8. One who keeps his eye on the preacher, except when called upon to look up a text quoted and being explained.

9. One who takes the impress to himself, and in his heart looks for God's blessing with it.

10. One who has a look and a word of Christian courtesy for those near him in the Church, after the solemn close of the service.

General Booth's visit to Toronto has been attended with success, if popular demonstration, large meetings, and

General Booth pointed speaking be marks of success.

at Toronto. What is observable to all is the gradual vanishing of the old prejudice against the Salvation Army and the genuine interest manifested in Mr. Booth, his movements and sayings. It goes without saying that he knows full well to conduct himself so as to make the most of the sympathy shown for the work he is engaged in, yet making allowance for the posing which is perhaps becoming less and less conspicuous, it may be taken for granted that this visit will help materially in establishing the Army in the public mind. Mr. Booth has every reason to be satisfied with the reception he has received and with the progress of the work in