

side of the water would occupy a warm place in his heart, and that the picture would be hung up in his room, and kept as long as he lived. A banquet was given in his honour at the Windsor Hotel, Mayor Beaupré presiding. Most all the ministers and prominent citizens of all denominations gathered there to do him honor, but the last tea he drank in Canada was with the pupils of his charge, in the dining hall of the college, after which he spoke a few parting words of cheer, and then bade us all "good-bye."

The Rev. John Wood, of Ottawa, spent a while with us, and delivered a course of lectures on the subject of "Homiletics," which were instructive and will prove a great help to us, and fit us better for the active work of the Christian ministry. Mr. Wood is always agreeable and pleasant, and we are glad to know that he is to lecture to us again, on "Pastoral Theology." Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Kingston, has also been with us, and delivered a series of lectures on the "History, Polity and Administration of Congregationalism," which lectures we are pleased to learn will be continued by him in a few weeks. Rev. J. Burton, B. D., of Toronto, begins another course on Tuesday, 9th inst., and will be with us a fortnight. Rev. W. H. Warriner, B. A., B. D., of Bowmanville, is expected to give a course of lectures on "Hebrew and Hebrew Exegesis."

In addition to the very valuable instruction and training we receive in the college, we have the opportunity of seeing and hearing all the prominent lecturers and preachers who visit the city from time to time. Among those whom we had the privilege of hearing since our last letter, were the Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston, and a converted Jew (Rev. Mr. Mathews). Mr. Cook delivered two lectures, the subject of the first being in the form of a question, "Does death end all?" and the second, "England and America as competitors and allies." We need only mention that we were delighted.

The meetings of the Inter-collegiate Missionary Alliance were held in this city, which brought together a great number of faithful men whose lives are given to the great missionary work, and who love to obey the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Two of them, Rev. J. K. Brown (missionary from Turkey), and Mr. Wishard (secretary of the International Missionary Association), addressed us in the college. The meetings were very interesting and encouraging, and among other resolutions the following important one was passed:—"That the members of this Alliance express their conviction that the organic union of Christians in the mission field, home and foreign, is one of the needs of the hour, and express their determination to further said union by their prayers, sympathies and co-operation."

A sufficient amount was contributed by the students to procure an enlarged photograph of our late fellow and co-worker Mr. Thos. Pritchard, which in a day or two will be framed and hung up in the college. Also a college group like the one presented to Dr. Stevenson will be placed in the college.

Some snow has fallen here, which reminded us of the coming winter, and that our cold hearted old friend "Jack Frost" will soon revisit us, but we were never better prepared for his coming. Some necessary improvements have been made by way of heating apparatus, &c., which together with our good senior student (Mr. Unsworth), and our good housekeeper (Miss Pigot) make us full as cozy and free from the attacks of "Mr. Frost" as the birds in the sunny south.

We now close our letter assuring you, that although we are removed at some distance from you, we never forget you. Your interests we have at heart. Your welfare is our constant care. Your prosperity our delight. We never forget to remember you in our prayers and wish you in return to remember us, so that between the college and churches, there may grow up, month after month and year after year, a stronger and truer bond of christian love and sympathy.

Yours truly,

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P. S. -As we send this letter we hear that our venerable father Dr. Wilkes, who has been laid aside for some time with congestion of the brain has recovered consciousness, and is much improved. We shall hail with delight his appearance among us again, if God will, if not, his memory will be cherished with loving remembrance.

#### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

There are seven Congregational churches in Toronto. There were three pastors from these churches at our meeting in Parkdale. We speak of *esprit de corps*. It would be well perhaps, if those of our brethren who are favored by dwelling in the city, would show a little more of that spirit where others are coming to them from a distance. We think that the Toronto churches were singularly remiss in the reception they gave to the Association. As I said, four of the churches were unrepresented even by their pastors, and of the seven, only two thought of sending a delegation.

And then we find that the city pastors have no notion of giving up or changing their weekly prayer meeting for the evening meeting of the Association. This surely should be remedied. And may I say just here that at the next meeting, to be held in Georgetown, let those who come be prepared to stay till the meeting is over—we will give them something to eat.