

Editorials.

OUR SOCIETIES.

There has just been issued from the press of Morton, Phillips & Co. a neatly prepared edition of the Constitution and By-laws of our two Societies—the Literary and the Missionary. It may therefore be appropriate at this time to refer to our college Societies and the work which they are doing. Their field of influence may be said to be the drilling of men in the usage and procedure of public life as well as in the more direct duties of the sacred calling. It is a most regrettable fact that many ministers are so unfamiliar with public life aside from the professional duties of their calling, that they make sorry exhibitions when called on to preside over or participate in the deliberations of public gatherings. And this ought not so to be. The public have a right to expect that a minister should make himself felt outside the bounds of his own congregation and that he ought to be able to preside over a public assemblage with a grace and dignity that will suffer nothing by comparison with men in other walks of life. We suggest that this failing of which so many are conscious arises in a large measure from neglecting that training which a literary society in college is specially meant to give. We have special advantages in this particular ; it would be a misfortune to lose them.

The work of the Missionary Society has been vigorously pushed during the last two sessions. Graduates who have received the twenty-seventh Annual Report will be pleased to know that work has been resumed along the original lines and is being prosecuted with reasonable success. During the present summer the field of operations has been enlarged and new ground taken up in several places. The loyal and unanimous support which it receives from the students shows a confidence and faith in the future which is most encouraging. One feature we would like to see attached to its work, that is a closer bond between it and the alumni of our college. We hope for that in the near future ; when it comes we shall look forward to an era of even greater usefulness and prosperity.