

HERE AND AWAY.

The Editor's Book Shelf stole a march on this department and took possession of our space.

Our little say will keep until next month, when the atmosphere will have been cleared of typhoid germs.

Good friends throughout the country were alarmed at the reports of the typhoid outbreak in Knox College. Calm yourselves. The danger is past.

What was the cause? Nobody knows. The sewers and the plumbing have been examined and renewed, and everything is being done to discover the cause and also to perfect the sanitary arrangements of the building. No explanation of the recent outbreak of fever has been discovered.

The dozen or more students who were victims are all recovering and will be ready for work at the opening of next term. The fever was of a very mild type, if indeed, in some cases, it was typhoid at all.

Turning now to more congenial subjects we call attention to two open letters in this issue, touching our remarks made last month on the change of the college session. Mr. Mackay brings up the Summer Session solution of the difficulty. Mr. Fraser supports our own view. We had been waiting for a statement from a Home Mission representative. That may come later on.

How would the professors vote? The Knox professors would, to a man, support Here and Away. "Leave us October and give us April," is their answer. In January, we hope to give the answers of a number of the professors in the other colleges. But any reasonable views, from any reasonable man, will receive consideration and find expression in the MONTHLY.

Biblical Theology is making its way to a leading place in the ideal theological curriculum. A few weeks ago the Edward Robinson Chair of Biblical Theology was created in Union Seminary, New York, and Dr. Chas. A. Briggs made first professor. This is really Doctor Briggs' strong department. Dr. Francis Brown will make a good successor as Professor of Hebrew. The day is coming when Knox and other Canadian colleges will have chairs of Biblical Theology. It cannot be much longer delayed.

We have the MSS. of a number of fine articles in our drawer. The MONTHLY is looking hopefully into 1891. One of the most important articles we have ever received is now waiting for an opening, "The moral and social organization of Education," translated from the French by Professor G. D. Ferguson, of Queen's University, Kingston. Another strong and timely one is from Dr. Daniel Clark, on "Hereditary Taint." George Adam Smith's second volume on "Isaiah" will be on hand in a few days and will attract considerable attention: an article by Prof. McCurdy, reviewing the two volumes, will give readers not only an estimate of Mr. Smith's work, but an insight into modern Isaianic problems. Dr. Middlemiss will discuss the very important question of "The Interpretation of Scripture Translations." Other articles will follow from Principal MacVicar, Principal King, Professor Ross. There will be no lack of good matter in the MONTHLY for 1891.