

graves before the 1st of October! Last month we published an obituary notice of Rev. G. B. Bucher; in this number appears one of Rev. J. Forsyth. Both were labouring in the Eastern Townships. Both had joined us from other denominations. We know not on whom the lot is appointed next to fall. It may be on one of the elders; it may be on one of the youngest of the company of preachers. 'But every one should heed the warning, to set his house in order, and to be ready to give an account of his stewardship.

We have suffered losses also by removals beyond our boundaries. England, Australia, and especially the United States, have drawn heavily upon us. We do not think of the Maritime Provinces as outside of our field; yet the Canadian Churches feel the want of those who have gone in that direction. We acknowledge the force of the earnest plea made by Rev. E. Ebbs, on another page, especially in view of the signal instance to which he refers. Nor can we deny that there is some portion of that belittlement of spirit which is a danger of residence in a narrow colony, in the objections we have sometimes heard against the College, that the Alumni do not all remain in British North America. These Provinces, all together, do not furnish as many Churches as many an English County; not nearly so many as most of the Northern and Western States. What would be thought of the supporters of an English or American College if they complained of its students going beyond the limits of the County, the Kingdom, or the State, in which it was situated? All these things we do not lose sight of. Yet, on the other hand, it must be remembered that this is a Missionary field, and that our students are educated primarily and specially for service on that field, which has a strong *first claim* upon them.

There have been a few, but, all things considered, a *very* few, ministers lost to our Denomination by going over to other Churches. In view of the many discouragements at home, and the many attractions elsewhere, the staunch fidelity to their distinctive principles of this body of men is deserving of more honour than it has received. Nor do we feel in duty bound to cast stones at those who have changed their ecclesiastical relations. "To their own Master they stand or fall." If their change has been purely conscientious, they could but follow their own light. If in any case it has been otherwise, "I will repay, saith the Lord!"

In that day "when the Lord shall bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and every man shall have praise of God," there will be revelations of quiet daily toils and sufferings for Jesus' sake, in some of the homes of these Missionaries, (and that more on the part of the wives chained to their own kitchens, than of their husbands whose travels have been relieved by generous hospitality,) which will amaze many. Some that have removed had borne their hardships till bearing was no longer possible; not a few that have remained have held fast to their post with a grip that would not be