

human. They are endowed physically as other men are, and cannot be expected to stand the physical strain of continuous over-work. They ought to be relieved of some of their work, so that more time could be devoted to special subjects; and students, also, require encouragement, not by easy tasks, but by bursaries and scholarships that would allow them to devote more time to college studies and less to the mission field. Provide the means and the Colleges will produce the men.

BLUE POINTS.

THE Assembly of 1898 is probably the largest since 1877. Both ministers and elders have been very fully present.

The special favorite of the billiting committee is the man who claims to have many friends in the city but declines to impose himself on any of them, and prefers to go to a good hotel at their expense without their knowing anything about it.

Some of the most eloquent speeches of the whole Assembly were made in connection with the election of the new Moderator. The candidates are happily men of too much sense to be spoiled by too much praise.

The dreariest work the Assembly had to do was to listen to a long document from an absent missionary. Courtesy required that it should be gone through, but we venture to say that it was listened to by few and even these few were satisfied that the only course was to refer it to a committee for consideration.

Dr. Warden ingeniously regulated the distribution of the limited edition of the stitched Assembly Reports by arranging that they should be given out in return for the cards and railway certificates of members.

The presentation of cards at the same time obviated the necessity for calling the roll and it was held as read.

The omission of the Saturday Sederunt enabled all the committees to get forward with their work and be ready to report early in the week.

Dr. Cochrane in presenting the Home Mission Report spoke with his usual vigor. Dr. Caven in moving the resolution would not venture to emphasize any of the points made by the previous speaker.

Dr. James Stuart, of Prescott, excused himself neatly from making a speech in seconding a formal resolution by stating that he supposed he had been asked to do so because he knew so little about it.

CORPORATION OPPRESSION.

THE report presented to Parliament of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the complaints of the men working on the construction of the Crows Nest Railway makes it very clear that there has been shameful oppression by the representatives of that great corporation, and that the most inhuman cruelties have been practised.

Now that these have been exposed it may be assumed that the worst of them at least, will be made to cease. We have no idea that the heads of that corporation have purposely given instructions that require such abuses, and they are human enough to be unwilling to have them continue. But we venture to say that there is only one way in which they can satisfy the public and regain the confidence of the men and that is by the dismissal of the officer or officers who have been directly responsible for them. The chief of construction cannot have been ignorant of these abuses and should be made to suffer for his mis-

conduct. It would be an intolerable thing if one who has been guilty of such oppression as has been exposed, should be still in a position to repeat his practices and allow his subordinates to abuse the helpless laborers under them.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

THE good feeling existing between the kindred Churches in Canada is emphasized by the exchange of courtesies indulged in by the various denominations. The Methodists have been conspicuous by their friendly delegations to the General Assembly. Year after year, some of their leading ministers and members are appointed to convey the friendly greetings of their Church to their Presbyterian brethren. This year the two delegates were men of distinguished personality and position. Rev. Neil Burwash, LL.D., D.D., is the learned Chancellor of Victoria University, and Rev. Principal Shaw, is the late Rev. Dr. Douglas' successor in the Principalship of the Wesleyan Theological Seminary, Montreal. Needless to say their visit to the Assembly was greatly appreciated and they received a true blue Presbyterian welcome. The sincerity of their greetings no one could doubt, and the form was as graceful as the substance was appropriate. The Church who sent them was well represented indeed, never better, and we can assure the Methodists that the Assembly felt honored by the words of their "Grand Old Men." The resolution of acknowledgment was felicitously submitted by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, and voiced the unanimous opinion of the brethren as to the value they set on such expressions of Christian courtesy and good will. The two Churches have much in common and it goes without saying that these courtesies strengthen the bonds of fellowship between them.

"THE REVIEW" AND THE CONGREGATIONALISTS.

OUR article of a fortnight ago criticising the remarks of the Rev. J. H. Brook regarding Congregationalism in Canada, seems to have furnished a welcome text for the opening meeting of the Union in Toronto on Thursday evening last.

From a business point of view we have no objection to this prominence given to our remarks and we are glad to see that they have been taken seriously. But we must confess to a good deal of surprise at the tone that pervaded the various addresses as reported in the daily press. There seems to have been special resentment at the idea of their being criticised at all, overlooking the fact that the first criticism came from a Congregational minister, and his remarks were given in a paper under Congregational control. The party that begins an attack can hardly complain that notice should be taken of it and a reply made. Least of all does this complaint come with good grace from a body which claims special freedom in discussion and a platform open to all the four winds of heaven. It is probably only another indication that the Congregational Church in Canada is no longer in a position to fulfil even the mission which it professes to set before itself. They pride themselves on providing the only platform broad enough to furnish standing ground for such a thinker as Lyman Abbott. We cannot help wondering what Dr. Abbott would think of this tender sensitiveness to outside criticism.

We shall say nothing further as to the merits of the question regarding the prospects of Congregationalism in Canada as no attempt seems to have been made to