

work. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." That tie is the loving Jesus.

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Our duties, as editor of this Column, end with this month. We shall henceforth be able to sympathize with those whom the students appoint to represent them as editors.

We are always glad to hear from graduates of our College, consequently we welcome the following letter from Rev. A. P. Solandt, B. D. Its logic is convincing:—

BAKERSFIELD, VERMONT.

Dear Editor of the College Column:

I reply to your kind request to send you an article. I think well to refer to some matters concerning my leaving Canada, and coming to the United States.

A good deal of more or less wise discussion has been indulged in, at the Union and elsewhere, about the graduates of our College leaving Canada. Some even go so far as to say, that we are under a strong obligation to stay; that we are disloyal, etc. Loyalty to any country, or system, or anything else, certainly implies obligations and duties on both sides.

Now if we were required loyally to stay in Canada, why should not the Canadian churches be loyally bound *not* to employ ministers from abroad?

The fact is, that few of our prominent pulpits are now filled with our graduates. Why? For one of three reasons: either young Canadians are inferior to outsiders; or our College does not equip us properly; or the churches do not at least give us an equal chance.

As for myself, I entered College intending to labor where a door of usefulness might open; and while I regret that no suitable door opened in Canada, I do not blame myself in the least for being here.

I believe it would have been a thousand times better for Canadian churches, if they were more closely drawn to the American Congregationalists; and had gradually cut themselves adrift from English influence.

Canada is permeated with American ideas, through books, papers, magazines, commerce, etc.: and though some might wish it otherwise, jealousy of this great country will only show the short-sightedness of those who are annoyed if any graduate crosses the lines to take some further studies at Yale, or Oberlin, or even to settle here.

Let English, Irish, or American preachers fill our Canadian pulpits if the churches so desire; but do not find fault if some leave for other lands that welcome them also.

I like the *Column*, dear Editor; and I read it first on opening the *INDEPENDENT*. As one of its first editors, I shall be glad to help it at any time.

Yours faithfully,

A. PARKER SOLANDT.

NOTES AND REPORTS.

Dr. Barbour is spending two weeks at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Mr. W. Jackson, a son of our respected friend and teacher, Dr. Jackson, is a member of the freshman class this year.

Mr. A. J. Robertson has been spending the summer in study at home. It seems, however, that the churches did not leave him undisturbed,

for we learn that he has occupied the pulpit some dozen times during the summer.

It does one good to look again on the grassy campus, lofty trees, and venerable buildings of old McGill. The sight is beautiful at this time of the year. Supplemental and other *Exams.* engross the attention of the men to-day. The new Science building is to be a grand structure.

Our own College building has been considerably renovated during the vacation; the floors have been painted again, and the walls of our rooms tastefully papered. Altogether, we are well pleased with the change in its appearance inside.

Mr. W. T. Gunn reports from Baddeck:

The summer is over, and my work in Baddeck ended. It has been a very pleasant summer. The country is pretty, and the people have been kind with all the far-famed hospitality of the Scotch and Gaelic-speaking races. A hearty welcome wherever you go, and friendly greetings on the road, even from strangers, give a home-like feeling that is missed in other places.

The preaching has been a great help to me, and the separation from friends brought a sense of greater nearness to God, and thankfulness that He is with us alway. Though the congregations have not been large, the services have been happy and cheerful, and our prayer-meetings have been a great blessing, the last one especially so.

One of the most pleasant features of the summer's work has been the harmony with our Presbyterian friends. I have preached occasionally in their branch churches, and have been vice-president, acting drill-master, and sometimes even bell-ringer, for the "Loyal Legion," a drilled Band of Hope, whose meetings have been very interesting. I have also been an active member of the Christian Endeavor Society, meeting in the Presbyterian church, and have enjoyed the meetings, and helped as much as I could. Altogether, the work has been very pleasant and profitable to us all; and the only thing to be regretted was, that just as we were beginning to know each other, and work together well, the summer was over, and we had to separate.

COIN OF THE REALM.

Cultivate a spirit of love. Love is the diamond amongst the jewels of the believer's breastplate.—*Rowland Hill*.

Toil, trouble, travail and labor are words that cannot be spelled in heaven; they have no such things there, for they always rest.—*Spurgeon*.

What is the best government? That which teaches us to govern ourselves.—*Goethe*.

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