

his comings and goings, are all reported. One sometimes wonders why the sermons of men who are good enough in their way, but who never say anything worth printing—men who, by a system of free advertising and judicious display of all their stock in the front windows and showcase, seem to do a good business on small capital—one wonders why their sayings and doings are reported. A week in the city editor's office would— But why talk about it? Another thorn in the editor's side is the man who is doing a work about which the public would like to know, and the knowledge of which would benefit the public, the work and the worker, but about which he himself will say nothing. By "button-holeing" and "interviewing" the reporter may obtain some information, but nothing satisfactory.

THE Calendar of Knox College, for Session 1887-88, has recently been issued by the Presbyterian Printing and Publishing Co. Several important changes have been made. The Board of Examiners has been abolished as a separate board; its work will hereafter be performed by the Senate, which has been greatly enlarged. The most important changes are in connection with the giving of prizes and scholarships. The Senate has resolved that all scholarships, with the exception of those which are specially designated by their founders and donors, shall be awarded for general proficiency in the work of the several years, and shall be numbered 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. Several scholarships are reduced in value owing to the depreciation in value of the money invested. The Prince of Wales' prize, \$60, for essay on "The Theistic Argument"; the Smith scholarship; and the Brydon prize are offered this year. The Willard Tract Depository prizes, of \$30 and \$20, second and third years, for proficiency in knowledge of the English Bible, are offered here for the first time. The rest of the prizes remain as in former years.

THE season for picnics, festivals, etc., has come again, bringing some of the disreputable practices of past years. An exchange reports the Presbyterians of — as having "a splendid picnic" recently. "Everything passed off in capital style." The "feature of the evening was the contest for a handsome cake between Miss —, of —, and Miss —, of —. Proceeds over \$700." We do not know the Misses who engaged in this contest; nor do we wish to know them. An introduction to any of the parties concerned shall be regarded as an insult. Those who conducted the affair should be arrested for violation of the Lottery Act; and those who persuaded the young ladies to lend themselves to such degrading traffic should taste the lash provided for the basest corrupter of youth. This whole business has all the vices of gambling and none of the virtues (?), and, wearing the garb of religion, does more for "Monte Carlo" than all the casinos, faros and gambling-hells in town. Of course the Church makes money—probably to pay their minister. "Proceeds over \$100." But they've lost their good name. And not money, nor ministers, nor prayer-meetings, nor revival services, nor "all the drowsy syrups of the world" will give back to that Church the moral power they lost.