

that is to make us progressive is under God to be found in our college; as truly as the hope of the church, is in our youth, so truly the future of our denomination is there. Let this be realized, for these words are true.

LOOKING over the published list of subscribers to the endowment, the Lillie Memorial, and the building funds, we were painfully struck with the absence of Western names. A single name from Paris, Guelph, Brantford and Hamilton, and a subscription from the Toronto Bond-st. Church, cover all the moneys received for endowment and building west of Kingston. This shows alarming apathy in our western churches. Can anything be done to remove it? There is opportunity now to make amends for the past by an effort to complete the second endowment by raising seventeen thousand dollars. Will any begin the work? We should like to see this stone of reproach rolled away from the west. In the west we ought to grow, in the west many alumni are settled. Cannot some interest be awakened in this very necessary direction?

OUR Foreign Missionary Society has now a definite object in view. One of our own men is preparing for the field, and will doubtless visit most of our churches. Give him a right good welcome. Then our Provident fund deserves attention; read well its appeal, and if, gentle reader, you think this is simply the old story of give, give, we would remind you that you are just as eager for your monotonous three meals a day as you were twenty, thirty years ago. Do not you incessantly cry give, give! Did not the Christ teach us to pray "Give us this day our *daily* bread." So Missions and College pray. Is the prayer unreasonable?

Kind reader, accept our New Year's greeting, and believe us when we say that by taking heed thereunto in Christ's name you will best secure what it is our earnest wish you should enjoy—

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

We have received a letter from the facile pen of Mr. W. F. Clarke, correcting some statements and inferences regarding Sarnia in Mr. Hall's letter of the December issue. As Mr. Clarke's avowed object is to prevent misunderstanding, we handed the letter to Mr. Hall in

our sanctum, and his letter will show the result. Our friend Mr. W. H. Allworth also writes upon the same subject, and on much the same lines. Mr. Allworth's came after Mr. Hall's was in our hands, and he will doubtless agree with us, that the remarks of our superintendent will have anticipated his; there is therefore no necessity for publishing the same. Not controversy, but conference and the right we all are striving after; we are attaining thereunto, and shall, so long as with confidence in each other's motives we compare our differences. They that seek, find.

BOTH Mr. Clarke and Mr. Allworth stumble at the word "organized," not that they advocate disorganization, the very opposite, but there seems a dread lest "organization" should lead to a yoke which our fathers were unable to bear, and therefore heroically shook off. Well, we are not adverse to that watchfulness which is the constant guard of liberty; nevertheless we would say—have confidence in the motives of the brethren. There can be no tyranny where organization is used simply as the means of expressing unity and attaining to efficiency in working. When organization fetters, away with it, but life will—must—organize, only let those forms be as the rules of prosody to the poet

"who freely sing
By strictest law of line and rule,
And finds therein not bonds but wings."

What have Christian brethren to fear by taking others into their confidence, and walking orderly for each other's sake?

As we go to press a letter from Mr. Claris comes to hand also commenting on Mr. Hall's "Sarnia letter." Mr. Claris has a right to be heard, and his letter is written in a kindly Christian Spirit. It seems to us however that Mr. Hall's disavowal in this issue of personal allusion does away with the necessity of much of Mr. Claris' communication. On questionable methods of supplementing church income, Mr. Claris writes:—

"Our income was always wholly raised honestly and righteously. Neither did we increase our income by picnics as Mr. Hall stated. We usually had one for the S. school each year, which generally, if *not always*, cost us more to pay the boat for our ride than we ever made by our tickets, etc. I do not think we made five dollars in ten years by picnics. But supposing we had, what question can be honestly raised against it? We