

THE INTER-COLLEGIATE MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

THE fourth annual convention of this Alliance met in Cobourg, the seat of Victoria University from the 8th to the 11th ultimo.

There are only two features in which it would be safe to attempt a comparison of this with former conventions, namely, its size and composition. It was the largest meeting yet held. When, at the first regular *sederunt*, the roll was called thirteen colleges were discovered to have sent up forty-nine delegates, modestly conspicuous among whom were the representatives of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby. This was the first appearance of ladies as *members* in the Alliance. The number of devoted women already in active foreign mission service, and the still greater number in our seminaries at home who look forward to the same work of faith and labor of love, make it most meet that our sister students should have voice and vote in the deliberations of the Inter-Collegiate Alliance. We were pleased to welcome them, though few, to the Cobourg Convention; and hope, that next year when we assemble in the Queen City it may be ours to greet representatives from many other Canadian Ladies' Colleges.

Though deeply conscious that this meeting of the Alliance was not an altogether unimportant affair, I shall shield myself behind the forcible statement of an outsider rather than venture a personal opinion. Speaking at one of the meetings in Jackson Hall, Prof. Wallace, of Victoria University, said, "There have been many important meetings held in this room; but I doubt whether there has ever been one more important than the present." in the judgment of the learned professor the people of Cobourg seemed to concur, for in spite of cold autumn rain abundantly bestowed, they filled the hall at nearly all our afternoon and evening meetings, while to accommodate the crowd that flocked to the farewell meeting on Sabbath night the largest hall in the town was far too small.

Nor did the members of the convention themselves fail to realize the importance of their work. They were prayerful and earnest. How could they be otherwise with a problem like the world's redemption on their minds? A spirit of brotherly kindness, of