

the year with a debt of over \$100,000 this result is most satisfactory. It is all the more so that during the course of this year the Board has received and forwarded something above \$130,000 of special contributions for the relief of the suffering Armenians. Most of this has come from the same constituency. The only thing to be regretted is that the financial balance has been restored almost as much by retrenchment in the expenditure as by increase in the contributions. Economy is a good thing everywhere, but retrenchment in mission work too often means the suspension of operations at points where they can ill be spared.

#### Sunday Cars.

Step by step the question of Sunday Cars is advancing. Last week the proposed agreement between the City of Toronto and the Street Railway Company was brought down and this week is being devoted to a discussion of the terms. It is probable a working agreement will be arrived at and carried in the City Council.

Until the terms of the agreement shall have been finally decided upon it will of course be premature to judge of the business value of the terms, but there is a phase of the question which no conditions, however favourable, can satisfy and that is that the whole thing is a clear violation of God's law. The observance of the Lord's Day is beyond the scope of any document that may be agreed upon by Aldermen and railway magnates and this fact must be emphasized. We must not think because an agreement may be arrived at, that the case has been decided it is far the other way. The first and main thing is to forbid the Company to run Sunday Cars, by giving a heavy vote against such a privilege. It is only by the consent of the people that the company secures a right. That right does not exist now, nor will it by virtue of the agreement now in hand, it will be, if at all, by the votes of the citizens.

The advocates of Sunday Cars have taken some pains to create an impression in the minds of the people that the Agreement now under consideration tantamount to permission to run the Cars on Sunday, and that the vote will have to do with the terms only. It is therefore all the more necessary to keep at it, day in and day out, placing the clear issue before the people. When the vote shall be taken it will not be on the Agreement, but on the question of whether the voter is in favour of a service of cars on Sunday or against it.

It is high time the friends of the Sabbath were a stirring. No effort must be spared, and if organization, on an adequate scale, is to be undertaken definite steps for mapping out the city cannot be taken too soon.

#### Knox College Endowment and Sustentation Association.

In connection with the meeting of the Knox College Endowment and Sustentation Association. The Secretary-Treasurer has the promise from one gentleman of a subscription of two life memberships—one for the gentleman himself—the other for his wife and to be supplemented by a subscription of \$500. towards the Endowment this means in all \$600. There are not a few in Toronto who might do likewise and some who could do a good thing by donating some of their wealth to the College and enjoy the comfort of seeing present fruits.

In an able article in *Knox College Monthly* for the current month the Rev. Principal, Rev. Dr. Caven, thus winds up:

"But, if Knox College shall do its work efficiently, some increase of revenue is indispensable. For some years, as we all know, the revenue has been insufficient to maintain things as they were. There is, at present, \$6,576

of debt on the ordinary fund—mostly accounted for by the diminution of the interest from investments; a very serious fact which has to be reckoned with in all cases of endowment. The increase of the faculty (rather its restoration) will necessarily increase the expenditure beyond that of the last two sessions. Will not the friends of the college—will not its alumni—lay this matter to heart and provide, as can easily be done, the funds required to carry on the work without embarrassment? May we not, at this important juncture, ask the alumni—ask *them* especially—to manifest their sense of the value of the college's work during these fifty years, and their desire to secure for it a future enhanced usefulness, by putting its finances on a satisfactory basis? We cannot doubt that by their united exertions it can be done. Those entrusted with the responsibility of teaching will do their utmost to serve the church, but the continuance of an incubus of debt would have a very depressing effect, not merely as preventing the more complete equipment of the college, but as suggesting doubt regarding the sympathy with which its work is viewed.

"No unnecessary increase of revenue is asked or desired. A reasonable improvement in the contributions for theological education over the entire area of the church would, in the meantime, suffice for Knox College and all the colleges. Should all, or even a majority, of our congregations do as well as some congregations, it would suffice. Perhaps it cannot be expected that all our people should see how essential to the church the colleges are, but many understand this; and to these we must look for commending the matter to their brethren, and for lifting our schools of divinity to the position which the highest welfare of the church demands. To Him whom this work seeks to honor would we humbly commend it."

These words shall not go unheeded, and to the liberality of the church we heartily commend them.

#### Augmentation Committees.

The General Assembly's Augmentation Committee will meet in the Board Room, Presbyterian Offices, Confederation Life Bldg., Toronto, on Wednesday, the 21st., Oct., at 9 o'clock A.M. The Synodical Augmentation Committees will meet as follows:—Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, in the Presbyterian Offices, Dominion Square, Montreal, on Friday, the 16th., Oct., at 10 o'clock a.m. Synod of Toronto and Kingston, in the Presbyterian Board Room, Toronto, on Monday, 19th., Oct., at 3 o'clock p.m. Synod of Hamilton and London, in Central Church Hamilton on Tuesday 20th., Oct., at 3 o'clock p.m. The Conveners of Presbyteries, Augmentation Committees, are requested to forward a few days in advance of the meeting, their claims for the past six months, and applications for the ensuing year, to the Convener of their Synod's Committee, and the Conveners of Synodical Committees, are requested to forward to Dr. Warden these claims and applications, with the judgment of the Synod's Committee regarding them.

**A Word in Season.** At this time of good resolutions and planning for the winter's work, the value of "spare moments" ought to be impressed on all. Our contemporary, *The Presbyterian* gives the following good advice, which will find wide application: "There should be no waste in God's house. There must be a wise adjustment of means to the end—a husbanding of resources—an economic use of time and privilege. We have plenty of agencies and of opportunities, but we must not let them go to waste. We must faithfully use our talents. Spiritual prodigals are worse than temporal spendthrifts. They squander more valuable treasures. They preserve not nor utilize God's choicest boons. They treat them as if they could not be lost. They read the Bible, and hear sermons, and frequent ordinances, but make no proportionate spiritual improvement. Their progress in the Christian life is far behind what their advantages demand. It becomes all to guard against every tendency to religious thriftlessness, and to cultivate their entire nature and allow nothing to lie unused, or to be squandered, which will add to their perfecting.