

If the Comox Mission field was an ideal one, the Rev. B. K. McElmon, in certain respects, was an ideal pioneer missionary. He came to Comox from Nova Scotia prepared to "rough it." He accepted the situation as he found it, and addressed himself with zeal and determination to the discharge of duty. On his arrival the leading Presbyterians of the district rallied round him. A site was secured and a commodious church building was at once erected free of debt. Mr. McElmon with his own hands did no inconsiderable portion of the work of building. His life was pure and his preaching Evangelical. Not always considerate or discreet (who is?), he sometimes gave offence to his people when, in all probability, no offence was intended. In 1882 Mr. McElmon left Comox for Washington Territory.

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FROM A "THEOLOGUE'S" VIEWPOINT

Student Notes by Wm. Scott, B.A.

EDITORIAL NOTE:—During the past eighteen months, and still more so in the past six months, there has been considerable development in the scope and constituency of the Westminster Hall Magazine, which is at least suggested by the complementary title of "Farthest West Review."

As we have made plain otherwise by word and deed, we are awake to the great opportunity that is ours in connection with the extension of our publication in the West and elsewhere as a journal devoted to "Social, Literary, and Religious" life and work; and in these days of rapid development the main difficulty of the management as affecting Editorial Work, as well as in other departments, is to get the time essential for efficient oversight of every department.

In these circumstances, as the conditions of working have changed much since the present Managing Editor arranged to devote his whole time, energy and experience to the work of the Magazine, it is all the more gratifying to find that the gentleman who last year discharged the duties of "Student Editor" with faithfulness and good taste, has responded to our invitation to give us from month to month more "Student Notes."

Mr. Scott may be relied upon to give a fair reflection of the student life of the College, and readers particularly interested in the "Hall" and all others who have a living concern in the training of men for the great work of the Church, are likely to find this department enlightening, enlivening, and in every way "worth while."

A casual visitor to the Hall during these April days might readily discern a different atmosphere from that which prevailed during the winter term. And unless he were initiated into the inner feelings of a body of divinity students he might question whether the change was a healthful one. He would hear an almost unearthly din issuing from the class rooms between lectures; the pounding of tables and chairs, the shuffling of feet; the shriek of the theological quartette and accompaniment; and the laughter unrestrained and loud that fol-