

It is of great importance that the circulation of *THE MONTHLY* be increased, and those interested in the enterprise are asked to make an earnest effort in this direction. To those sending us the names of *six* new subscribers the publishers will send Vol. VI. of *THE MONTHLY*, May to October, bound in half-roan, indexed. Here now is an opportunity. Students should do some systematic work before returning to college.

THE committee appointed at the General Assembly in Winnipeg, to arrange for a Conference on Evangelistic Services, have prepared a programme and issued circulars, calling the meeting for Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3rd and 4th, in Central Presbyterian church, Toronto. Although no programme has been sent us, we are informed that all the arrangements are excellent, and a very large meeting of ministers and elders is expected.

THE regular meeting of the Knox College Alumni Association will be held on Tuesday evening, October 4th, in the College building. The Annual Alumni Supper will be served in the dining hall, after which the meeting for business, etc., will be held. An interesting programme is being prepared; among the items are the election of officers, important matters relating to *THE MONTHLY*, the College Mission Scheme and arrangements for Mr. Goforth's ordination. Other items are not yet settled. The Secretary, Rev. G. E. Freeman, Deer Park, will send programmes, railway certificates at reduced rates, etc., to all members desiring them. The railway certificates are for a fare and a third, and are issued to all wishing to attend the Alumni meeting and the opening of College, or the conference on Evangelistic Services to be held the same week.

If any minister is hesitating about attending the meeting of the Alumni Association and the Opening of College, let him think of what is "on the boards" for the first week of October. Monday and Tuesday, Conference *re* Evangelistic Work; Tuesday evening, Alumni Association Meeting; Wednesday forenoon, Toronto Presbytery; Wednesday afternoon, Opening of College; Thursday and Friday, opening of new Y.M.C.A. Hall, addresses by Sir Stevenson Blackwood, Rev. J. Jackson Wray (Eng.), etc.; Friday to Monday, sermons, addresses etc., by Prof. Henry Drummond. Besides all this there will be the Evangelistic services, beginning on Sept. 18th, conducted by Dr. L. W. Munhall.

THIS is the time of year when Presbyteries examine candidates and recommend them to College Senates. A great deal might be said about the wrong done to all concerned, when Presbyteries recommend men whom they are convinced are doomed to failure. Of course examiners do not wish to seem unkind, and they cherish the hope that the boy may not be father of the man. The cruelty of their kindness is made manifest to the man himself when, at the end of a long college course, he finds himself face to face with work for which he has no aptitude and placed in a position for which Nature never intended him. He is not "apt to teach," and never was made for a preacher. What shall he do? "He cannot dig, to beg he is ashamed." He may turn life assurance or lightning rod agent; but a theological course is not usually the best preparation. He remains a victim of his own short-sightedness and of the kindness of his Presbytery.