

OUR U. S. BRETHREN.

The three visitors from the United States, Rev. Drs. Hawes, Baker and Fitch, not only conveyed the salutations and good wishes of the Triennial Council of U. S. Congregationalists, but were full of wise counsel and encouragement. Their presence was a decided gain in the profit as well as pleasure of the meetings.

AMALGAMATION.

Though debated on several days, and under several "Society" auspices, the chief discussion on the proposed amalgamation of all our Societies and the College with the Union, so that they would be all under the supervision of the one body, instead of acting under independent control—was had at the meeting of the Home Missionary Society. The outcome of the discussion was, that without pronouncing for or against the scheme, the Society appointed its chief officers as a Committee, to form part of a Joint Committee, if such should be thus appointed by the Union and the other Societies; to whom should be left the whole question; to report next year. The Union, the College, and the other Societies followed the precedent thus set; and the Joint Committee of about twenty members will meet during the year to consider the matter. It is confidently believed that some wise scheme of co-operation will be marked out, which, whether it assumes the form of amalgamation or not, will bind all the Congregational interests and Societies in closer union.

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.

While the Home Missionary Society had a clean balance-sheet, and was patiently carrying on its special work, the Foreign Mission was likewise reported in an encouraging position. A fully-trained Medical Missionary was needed in Cisamba, in Africa; but meanwhile the work, both in its secular and spiritual aspects, was going steadily forward.

THE COLLEGE.

The death of Dr. Cornish, so long the Classical Professor, and more recently the Chairman of the College Board, was fittingly referred to. Dr. Cornish was one who grew upon one