

there were 31 names passed. Since the 1st October, \$456 has been paid in to the Secretary for Membership fees. This is well, but it might be much better. We trust that all in arrears will hand in their fee, thus saving us the expense of collecting the same, which we must do after the 1st December.

### LECTURES.

**T**HE Second Lecture of our Regular Course was delivered on Monday, 21st inst., by Rev. Principal Grant, of Kingston. The attendance was good, yet not so large as the well-known ability of the lecturer would have warranted us in expecting. Those who failed to attend missed a great treat. The chair was occupied by our President, Hon. S. H. Blake.

### MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

Will (D.V.) be held in Shaftesbury Hall, during the coming week on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. The Bishop of Saskatchewan will address the meeting on Monday. Speakers for the other afternoons are not yet arranged.

Meetings held from 4 to 5 p.m.

## SHAFTESBURY HALL

SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH,

AT 3 P.M.

## PUBLIC GATHERING

IN THE INTERESTS OF

Christian Work among Railway Men.

W. H. Howland, Chairman. Addresses by E. D. Ingersoll, Railway Secretary of the International Executive Committee, and others.

**ALL INVITED.**

### DR. DOD'S SERMON ON MALT.

**D**R Dod was a good clergyman who lived many years ago a few miles from Cambridge, (Eng.) Having several times preached against drunkenness, some of the Cambridge students were very much offended, and thought he made reflections on them.

Some little time after, Dr Dod was walking towards Cambrdge, and met some of the gownsmen, who, as soon as they saw him at a distance, resolved among themselves to ridicule him, and when he came up, they accosted him with,—

“Your servant, sir.”

He replied, “Your servant, gentlemen.”

They asked him if he had not been preaching very much against drunkenness of late. He answered in the affirmative. They then told him they had a favour to beg of him, and it was that he would preach a sermon to them *there*, from a text they should chose. He argued that it was an imposition, for a man ought to have time for consideration before preaching. They said they would not put up with a denial, and *insisted* upon his preaching immediately (in a hollow tree which stood upon the road-side) from the word MALT.

He then began, “Beloved, let me exhort your attention. I am a little man—come at a short notice—to preach a short sermon—from a short text—to a thin congregation—in an unworthy pulpit. Beloved, my text is—*Malt*. I cannot divide it into sentences, there being none; nor into words, there being but one; I must, therefore, of necessity, divide it into letters, which I find in my text to be these four—M, A, L, T.

M—is Moral.

A—is Allegorical.

L—is Literal.

T—is Theological.

“The Moral is to teach you rustics good manners, therefore

M—My Masters,

A—All of you,

L—Leave off,

T—Tippling.