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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

READER, do you ever sing "consecrate me now to thy service Lord?" and as you sang, has the heart followed the lip? Consecrated to His service, who gave Himself to serve you. What a depth of meaning! Are your hours thus consecrated? eating and drinking to His glory. Are your means thus consecrated? or the rather spent to minister to earthly pride and passion? Consecrated, by the power of grace divine; yet without that consecration we are in the very gall of bitterness, and in the very bonds of iniquity.

It has been our privilege again to be at the closing exercises of the College session; and to listen to one of the kindest, most earnest, and gospel-spirited addresses it has ever been our privilege to hear. We shall print it for the benefit of our readers, and ask them to read into it all the neatness and unction of delivery of which our esteemed brother Wood is capable. The attendance was fair, the interest unflagging.

THE fourteen students have enjoyed the blessing of good health throughout the winter. Thirteen go forth to work on our mission fields, one has thus far kept himself free from engagement. The examinations yielded on the whole satisfactory results, the session may be looked upon as successful. There are no graduates this year.

THE mission field was reviewed by the Executive Committee, and presents many encouraging features; not all we could desire, but sufficient to enable us to thank God and to take courage. The one discouraging feature is the shortness of funds, and this, not because contributions are less on the whole, but because

the work has grown upon our hands. It grieves us much that our supplemented pastors should be compelled to contribute ten per cent. of their small allowance to the funds of the society; and still we are behind. Again we urge upon our churches the necessity of more self-denying effort, that present friction may be avoided. The increasing number of students moreover has largely increased our college expenditure, and we must press on to complete our forty thousand endowment fund, for which we need fifteen thousand more. Who will aid in this commendable and necessary undertaking; or remember us in their wills! which will not shorten life by a hair's breadth.

THE following resolution concerning ourselves was passed—not by any means unanimously—at the last meeting of the Western Association:—

Resolved,—"That the Association, while recognizing with gratitude the energy and self-sacrificing spirit of the Editor and staff of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, would yet recommend an earnest effort to secure an improvement in the mechanical execution as regards cover, quality of paper, and type; and would suggest the insertion of a larger proportion of interesting and live reading matter, and the avoidance of all appearance of partiality in reference to correspondence and selections."

The resolution is fourfold, and on each point we offer a remark, thanking our friends for kindly criticism.

First,—The personal reference to the Editor. We thank the brethren for their constant expression of confidence and esteem, which we accept as thoroughly genuine and hearty, especially as in reference to this very resolution we have received private assurances of the same.

Secondly,—To the complaint regarding the mechanical part we plead guilty. "Our poverty, not our will, consents." Brethren, give-us a larger subscription list, or subsidize us, and we