

Ontario or Quebec, to say nothing of the other provinces in the Dominion, which are not being partially depleted by people leaving for the Prairie Province. Then we are assured on all hands that the emigration from Europe will be very large during this year, so that taking all into consideration, Manitoba and the North-West will demand a large increase to the staff of missionaries labouring there.

The Rev. Jacob Freshman, formerly of the Montreal Conference, himself a converted Jew, has organized a mission to the Jews of New York city, and conducts religious service for their benefit every Sunday. His mission is endorsed by some of the leading ministers of the city. Canadian sympathizers with this movement can greatly help it by sending donations to Brother Freshman at New York.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

Convocation, 1882.

It is always pleasant to attend Cobourg during Convocation week. There are so many associations of a delightful kind which make the visit an oasis in the journey of life. The sermons of the Sabbath were not only appropriate and strictly evangelical, but delivered in a manner that at times thrilled and delighted the audience. The Rev. Geo. McRitchie, one of the ex-Presidents of Montreal Conference, occupied the pulpit in the morning, and though age is now making its marks upon him, his mind retains all the vigour of youth. His sermon will soon be published by the Theological Union, and it will be well for our readers to read it for themselves. The Rev. Dr. Stephenson, of Emmanuel Church, Montreal, preached the Baccalaureate Discourse in the evening. This was the Doctor's first visit to Victoria University, but we predict that it will not be the last. It is not saying too much that he took every heart captive. His sermon on the "Ideal of Life" was a grand oration, just such a discourse as young men need when leaving their Alma Mater. The farewell address of Dr. Nelles

the President of the University, which was delivered at the close, was full of tenderness, calculated to impress the graduating class with the importance of their vocation. The lectures during the week were: "John Milton," by Dr. Stephenson; "Certainties in Religion," by Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., one of the ex-Presidents of London Conference; and "The Functions of the Brain," by Dr. McKenzie, of Aurora, and were all of a character to impress and instruct.

Thursday was the great day. Victoria Opera House was crowded, and for three hours the interest was unabated. Prayer having been offered by the Rev. T. W. Jeffery, the valedictory oration was delivered by Mr. J. Shilton, on "Thomas Carlyle." The career of that eminent man was depicted in glowing terms, and though the oration was somewhat lengthy, the interest was sustained to the close, when the audience cheered again and again. The ceremony of conferring degrees was then performed. Thirteen young gentlemen received the degree of B.A., five that of M.A. The degrees of M.D. and C.M. were conferred on several students from the Medical Schools; three clergymen, Rev. Messrs. Forster, Galbraith, and Chambers, received the degree of LL.B. Revs. George Cochran and W. H. Withrow, M.A., received the degree of D.D., and the Rev. W. Ormiston, D.D., received the additional honour of LL.D. Several students also received prizes for their success in various departments of study. Mr. P. T. Pilkey received the gold medal awarded by the Prince of Wales. Mr. Pilkey also received the gold medal in mathematics. Mr. W. S. Brewster received the Prince of Wales' silver medal and also the gold medal in classics. Mr. J. A. Munroe received the gold medal in natural science and the silver medal in modern languages. Other prizes were awarded which our space does not permit us to further enumerate. At least sixteen districts give scholarships of the value of \$25 each.

An address was delivered to the