

Principal, and Dr. Cornish will in the meantime attend to such correspondence and duties other than teaching which obtain to the Principal's oversight. In addition to Mr. W. H. Warriner's lectures on O. T. Exegesis now arranged for, Mr. John Wood, of Ottawa, has agreed to give a course on Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. This, with some lengthening of other courses, will give plenty of work and profitable for this winter. A committee, also, consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Mr. E. H. Hill and Henry Lyman, Esq., have been appointed to correspond and to enquire regarding a permanent professor.

One word regarding College finances. They are not satisfactory. We begin with a debt of seventeen hundred dollars. Expenses will not decrease this year, the travelling and other expenses of the lecturers will be heavy as they must not forsake their pulpits, and the increase in the number of students means increase in expenditure. There is poor prospect of overtaking work if our churches do not more liberally support, and unless contributions are in excess of last year our deficit will grow. As we write we remember how many important charges are vacant: Paris, Barrie, Toronto Zion, Forest, Montreal Emmanuel, Sherbrooke, besides places such as Alton, Franklin Centre, Keswick Ridge, and others. Only four students graduate next spring, what are we to do? There is evidently room for all our College can do at present. God grant us increase.

OUR Mission field came under review at the meeting of the Executive. And here the question of finance is serious also. The debt subscriptions are not all in, indeed very little is in, the fall payments are becoming due, and the appropriations made with the utmost regard to economy exceed by one thousand dollars the entire income of last year. This is not healthy, and should call for earnest self-denial. The work is going on, are we to stop because of the lack of funds? Who is on the Lord's side, who will serve the king? In all probability Mr. Hall will visit the old land this winter, our collections must be made without him, hence individual faithfulness and activity are prime necessities; we have now a golden opportunity to prove that Congregationalism means individual consecration, and that churches are composed of living men. Up and be doing, forward into light!

OUR friend from Yarmouth, Mr. Wm. McIntosh, was present at our meetings to aid with his counsel. Nova Scotia air seems to agree with him, and his manly presence did much to encourage us as we sat together at the committee table. Yarmouth is holding well up our banner in that Province. The news from St. John, N. B., is not without its discouragement. Our estimable friend, Mr. J. B. Saer, is working like a hero as he is, and gaining the loving esteem of all, his purity of life and singleness of heart are felt; but the long arrearages of the past in St. John seem at times insurmountable: we trust with the help this one year to be afforded by our society that the past will be a thing of the past, and that our church there may regain its old position of influence and usefulness.

AN unpleasant correspondence has appeared in the Montreal papers regarding the sale of the building in which Zion Church has for some time worshipped. Our readers know that the building has been for some time in the market, and has been secured by the St. Gabriel street Presbyterian church, thus leaving Zion homeless. Disappointment, bitter, has no doubt been felt, but the alienation evident between Christian teachers and brethren of different names is to be very much deplored. On the justness of complaint or the fulness of justification we can say nothing; there are two sides evidently, and they are not before the editorial chair. We shall regret the extinction of the historic Zion, should it disband, but often, to the trusting, at eventide there is light.

THE great Methodist Church has gone in favour of University Federation. Under existing circumstances we believe this to be the wiser course. Much theological narrowness will be avoided by a free intercourse of all classes at a provincial university. Means will be economized thereby, and the efficiency of the teaching staff rendered more sure. Of course the vote has not removed Victoria to Toronto, means must be forthcoming, and years may be consumed ere the resolution becomes a *fait accompli*; yet the discussion, which was very able, and the vote, which was decisive, will largely influence future educational legislation, and tend to render Toronto the great educational centre of Ontario if not of the entire Dominion.