

men into the College, *deep piety*, and *full consecration of aim and purpose*, should be more than ever the subject of earnest solicitude. Such men, however, can only be expected when the churches have attained a deeper spirituality, and have such men to send.

One word on another topic. If gentlemen in Montreal erect college buildings at their own expense, and then present them to the Institution, no one has a right to ask for information as to their ability; but if the denomination is either now, or hereafter, to be called upon to assist in the undertaking, or if the endowment funds are in any way to be employed, it stands to reason, and to equity, that the matter should be openly and fairly discussed before the enterprise is carried into effect.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully.

KENNETH M. FENWICK.

### PRIZE ESSAY ON MISSIONS.

The wonderful results that have followed the self-denying labours of such devoted missionaries as Livingstone, Luff and others, have awakened in the hearts of very many new interest in the spiritual welfare of the millions still dwelling in heathen darkness, and have led them to ask—When will the Church awaken to the need of grappling earnestly with Paganism in its many deadly forms, and of entering boldly and hopefully upon the fields now open and awaiting the workers?

These questions, so pregnant with all that is of interest to the advancement of God's cause in the earth, have taken such a shape that the Board of Adjudicators, mentioned below, have been authorized to offer a prize of one hundred guineas for the best essay on the following subject, viz.:—"The Heathen World: its need of the Gospel and the Church's obligation to supply it." The essay should contain not less than 200 pages of 300 words on a page, and not more than 250 pages of 300 words. The essay should, if possible, consist of a number of chapters or sections, that, if deemed expedient, it may be published serially as well as in book form.

The following named gentlemen have consented to act as a Board of Adjudicators of prize: Rev. W. Caven, D.D., Principal of Knox College, Toronto; Rev. J. H. Castie, D.D., President of Baptist College, Toronto; Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., Professor of Apologetics, Wycliffe College, Toronto; Rev. H. D. Powis, Pastor of Zion Congregational Church, Toronto; Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Editor of *Canadian Methodist Magazine*, Toronto.

The competition for the prize shall be open to any person residing in the Dominion of Canada, or Island of Newfoundland. All essays must be sent post-paid to Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Toronto. The essays should be legibly written on one side only of sheets numbered consecutively, and not larger than letter

size. They should not be rolled or folded, but sent flat for convenience in reading. The time for receiving such essays shall expire at noon on the 15th of July, 1883. The name of the writer must not appear on the essay, but instead thereof each essay must bear some word or motto by which, *after adjudication*, its writer may be identified. Each essay must be accompanied by a sealed envelope, containing the name and post-office address of the writer, and bearing on its cover the word or motto of identification inscribed on his essay. The award shall be rendered on or before the 15th day of October, 1883. The successful essay shall be the property of the donor of the prize, to be by him published in such manner as he may deem expedient. Payment of prize will be made by draft, payable to the order of the successful essayist immediately on adjudication being declared. Essays which fail to obtain the prize shall be the property of their writers, and will be returned to them if so desired.

The Board of Adjudicators reserve the right of determining whether any of the essays come up to the standard which would entitle it to the prize. Although failure in this respect is not anticipated, it is deemed expedient to provide for it should it occur.

For any further information apply to

REV. W. H. WITHROW, D.D.

Toronto, October 19th, 1882.

### A FRIENDLY LETTER, ADDRESSED TO LODGING AND BOARDING- HOUSE KEEPERS.

Miss Havergal found her mission in the ministry of song. How sweetly she sang, voices from thousands of Christian homes declare. A pen in a quiet English rectory, in the hand of Miss Skinner, has found another mission in the writing of "Friendly Letters." These letters are printed in tract form and are directed to cabmen, policemen, labourers' wives, etc. We reproduce the one addressed to "Lodging and Boarding-House Keepers," that may tell its own simple story, and that an example may be afforded to our readers of the employment of a talent to the effectual service of the Lord which otherwise might be hid or perverted.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—A short time ago, passengers waiting for the train at E—, were amused to see several boxes with the words, "*Not yours*," painted in large letters, several inches long, on their covers. It was supposed they belonged to some one, whose luggage having been previously stolen, had taken this singular method of guarding against all future loss. But it suggested a thought: "*Ye are not your own*, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. vi. 20).

"*Not yours*." No doubt as you look round with pardonable pride on your comfortable, well-furnished