

roads during the past winter, and the widespread prevalence of "la grippe."

The following items from the Educational reports of the Quadrennium may be of interest to the Conference:—

Expenses of Deputation for four years.....	\$2,100 03
" Examinations for four years	1,522 00
Amount of Loans to Students for four years.....	14,605 44
" Grants for Fees " "	2,815 64
Expenses of Local Treasurers " "	165 33
No. of Students' Notes to date, 214 ; Value.....	17,628 10

The importance of this work to the future of our Church, and also of our country, can hardly be over-estimated. By this means scores of young men, called of God to the work of the ministry, are annually furnished with the training necessary to their great work. But of equal, if not greater importance, is the fact that hundreds of cultured young men and women go forth every year from these academic halls to become influential members of society, and not a few of them, to become pillars in the Church of God, and leaders in all good works. With increased intelligence and more thoroughly trained minds, these young people, who are the hope of the future, must bring to their work not only better methods, but also broader conceptions of Christian duty, and a more permanent, because a more intelligent, consecration to the service of Christ.

The second department of work assigned to me by the General Conference, was the raising of an endowment and building fund for Victoria University, in order to the effective completion of Federation.

Until the close of the Conference year of 1886-7, the claims of Elm Street Church upon my time precluded any