

to right-minded men in the thought of toiling amid adverse circumstances and making even the hostile environment yield to the power of grace and truth.

Our College is well represented in Chester by the Rev. J. Cairns Mitchell, B.D., who, from the date of his graduation with us, has been Pastor of the congregation of the renowned commentator, Matthew Henry. In addition to his successful ministerial and pastoral work, Mr. Mitchell has found time to become eminent in astronomy and enjoys the distinction of being a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of Britain. It was a great pleasure for me to occupy his pulpit two Sabbaths, while, in company with other astronomers, he went on his holidays to make special observations in the Land of the Midnight Sun. While at Chester we visited the palace and grounds of the Duke of Westminster, and the mansion and castle of Hawarden. The sail up and down the Dee is enchanting, and the palace of His Grace, externally and internally, is the most costly and magnificent modern dwelling in England. One wonders as he views such mansions and grounds, when the general consensus of Christian thought will pronounce such lavish expenditure unnecessary and unjustifiable to provide a home for one household.

We rested at Chester, before going into North Wales, three weeks, during which, in addition to enjoying short excursions into the country, I found some leisure for reading and writing, and sent a critique on "The Mind of the Master" to the "Canada Presbyterian." I see the author, Dr. Watson, will have read "two unpublished annals of Drumtochty" to a Montreal audience before you receive these notes.

Here I must close, having already, possibly, exceeded the limit of space in the pages of the "Journal" at your disposal for correspondence. Letters and papers have just now reached me, giving an account of the successful opening of the College session, in which I greatly rejoice. I shall await with deep interest the arrival of your first issue, when I shall have