

they are not visited. In this direction we could, with profit, practise some heroic independency. We hope to be enabled—Mr. Hall being freed from most of the visiting—to chronicle some new causes in important centres ere long.

OUR College finances also will apparently show a deficiency of \$1,000 at our Union meeting. When, however, we consider that the year began with a deficiency of over \$300, that \$600 additional have been added to our expenditure by the gratifying increase in the number of our students, and that during the year the erection and furnishing of the College building have been completed, we are far in advance of the preceding year, or of any year in the past history of our College. Remembering this, all we need is a more general and deeper interest in this department of our work, and "the stone is rolled away from the mouth of the sepulchre."

THE closing exercises were pleasant and profitable. The Convocation Hall was filled with a representative gathering. Students and professors appeared robed in their academics, and a cup of coffee with cake at the close sent all away comfortable as well as pleased. The exercises consisted of reports from the various professors and lecturers, and two addresses, the one by Mr. Hunter, of London (who, however, by a domestic affliction was compelled to leave for the train, shortly after the meeting was opened), the other by Mr. Morton, of Hamilton. The last we shall allow in a subsequent issue to speak for itself. The happy bearing of the students, with their hearty singing during the evening, touched many a heart with reminiscences of days gone by, and many others with loving sympathy as they looked forward to the hopeful future of those thus devoting themselves to the Lord's work.

THE graduating class consisted of Mr. James W. Pedley, who has accepted a call to Georgetown; Mr. George Whyte, who has also decided upon a call to Manilla; Mr. Andrew W. Gerrie, who has placed himself at the disposal meanwhile of a sub-committee of the Missionary Society; and Mr. Walter T. Currie, who is to go under the direction of the A. B. C. F. M. as our missionary to West Central

Africa. The other students have been allocated to various mission fields. We expect from time to time to speak concerning the work of all these friends, hence we say no more at the present regarding them, beyond commending them to the churches of our order, and encouraging those who have some interest in our denominational work to feel that under God we are stepping out into wider, brighter lines.

THERE has been for years on the Statute Book for Ontario (Upper Canada, as it was when the statute passed) a law prohibiting all servile works on the Lord's day, except works of necessity and charity. By a decision in the Ontario High Court of Justice, some two years ago, the exception made for the conveyance of travellers was made to extend to excursions, which then became legal. The friends of the Sabbath were desirous that this manifest violation of the spirit of the law should be amended. They approached the Dominion Government and found, owing to the attitude of our French-Canadian fellow citizens, noticed in our jottings of March 16, that no general measure could be passed at Ottawa. Mr. A. F. Wood, M.P.P., from North Hastings, took the matter in hand in the Provincial Legislature, and introduced a bill covering the ground desired. The Premier of the Province ably supported the measure though Mr. Wood is a prominent member of the Opposition, and we gladly note the fact that the moral question sank all party issues, and though the Hon. C. F. Fraser vigorously opposed the measure, the third reading was passed by a vote of fifty-seven to eight. The bill has received the royal assent and is now law.

A PARAGRAPH has been going the rounds of the papers, as, e.g., the *Presbyterian Review*, of the "absent-mindedness" of a Canadian clergyman, Rev. W. Mitchell, of the "Congregational Union." We have faults enough of our own to bear without being asked to bear the woes of the other denominations. We have no W. Mitchell in our Union. We never had, and our good friend the *Review* ought to have sufficient knowledge of his own denomination to know of a Presbyterian clergyman of that name, who was troubled with some little confusion in matters of *meum et tuum*.