

about this is that the action of the Bishop should have come as a surprise, and that it will be vigorously opposed by influential persons who feel little doubt that what they describe as tyrannical interference, will be upset on an appeal to the higher authorities. The progress of High Anglicanism has been such, that worship of the Virgin and prayers for the dead, openly indulged in, are taken as ordinary elements of devotion in the Church. The Bishop of Manchester, Dr. Moorhouse, one of the great preachers of the English Church has also taken the field. He has not dismissed or suspended a curate, but he has taken the rostrum and has given a course of sermons directed against Popery and its practices, which has caused a sensation. Canon Farrar and Archdeacon Sinclair are now no longer the lonely fighters of first rank, against the defections of their Church, and it is most earnestly to be hoped that their efforts will materially help to stem the tide, and to bring back to allegiance to truth, the forward wing of the Anglican Community.

The Late Rev. James Gall.

The Edinburgh newspapers of the 9th of February announced the death there on the 7th inst., of the Rev. James Gall. A generation ago few names in Edinburgh, or for that matter, in Scotland were better known than his and for the best of reasons. Born eighty-six years ago, he, whilst yet a youth was deeply impressed with the truth in Christ and consecrated his life to the Divine Master. Conscious that the need of others was as great as his own he, immediately after his conversion, set himself to carry the message of peace to the multitude. The City of Edinburgh, was, and continued through his long life, to be the scene of his efforts to win souls. God granted to him and his co-laborers a great and lasting blessing. At a time when the evangelical methods now so commonly employed were unthought of he used every legitimate device to attract men and women within hearing of plain Gospel truth. In 1858 with three helpers he established a mission which under the name of the "Carrubber's Close Mission" has in the city exercised since that date a most potent influence for God and has acquired a world-wide fame. Until about twelve years ago, when a much more pretentious building was erected and occupied, this mission used the old Whitfield Chapel, originally we believe, a play-house, situated at the foot of Carrubber's Close and right in the heart of one of the poorest quarters of Scotland's metropolis. From the time of its establishment the mission has held at least one meeting on the street and one in the rooms each night. Mr. Gall insisted that all workers should be unpaid volunteers and the result has justified his wisdom. To that old Mission Hall the recollection of many a worker for Christ in distant lands fondly clings and there are many glorified saints before God's throne who first beheld the Lamb of God within its lowly walls.

Through the agency of this Mission and soon after its commencement Edinburgh was the scene of a great work of grace. In the Free Assembly Hall night after night great audiences gathered to hear Mr. Gall preach Christ. Physically a small man he possessed good scholarship, great powers as a preacher, and as an organizer was unequalled.

The Free Church recognizing his gifts persuaded him,

very reluctantly, to receive ordination and made him pastor of the Moray Free Church in the North Bide of the Canongate. Soon, led doubtless by the Spirit, he abandoned this position to re-engage in the evangelistic work he was best fitted for. He was a partner in the publishing house of Gall and Inglis and did not a little to revive the interest in hymnology which had so waned in Scotland. For a number of years past he lived a very retired life occasionally reappearing at the place he loved so well and where he was always warmly welcomed. With him there passes away the last of that great group of evangelists so well known forty years ago and which included such names as the Haldanes, Brownlow North, and Duncan Matheson.

Statue of John Knox. Rev. Dr. J. Cameron Lees is pressing his proposal to erect a statue of John Knox in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. Scotsmen in Australia have already subscribed the sum of £300 for the project, but that amount is not sufficient and Dr. Lees is appealing for more.

Donation from the Church in Ireland. One more proof of the interest in Canada taken by the Church at home as we still call Great Britain and Ireland has been given by the handsome donation of £150 in aid of Home Missions received by Rev. Dr. Cochrane from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Home Study Leaflet. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham Convener of Sabbath Schools writes to the effect that he will be pleased to send, free, to any Sabbath School, as many copies of the "Home Study Leaflet," for the first quarter of 1895 as may be necessary to put one in the hands of each teacher and senior scholar; also as many copies of the Teacher's Monthly as there are teachers in the school. Mr. Fotheringham's address is 107 Hazen St., St John N. B.

Reading the Bible. Prayer, and a love for reading the Bible, are good signs of active spiritual life. The following words of Rev. Canon Liddon are to the point on the latter duty: "As we drift along the swift, relentless current of time toward the end of life; as days and weeks and months and years follow each other in breathless haste, and we reflect now and then for a moment that at any rate for us much of this earthly career has passed irrevocably, what are the interests, thoughts, aye, the books, which really command our attention? What do we read and leave unread? What time do we give to the Bible? No other book, let us be sure of it, can equally avail to prepare us for that which lies before us; for the unknown anxieties and sorrows which are sooner or later the portion most men and women; for the gradual approach of death; for the period, be it long or short, of waiting and preparation for the eternal Judge. Looking back from the world, how shall we desire to have made the most of our best guide to it! How shall we grudge the hours we have wasted on any—be they thoughts or books or teachers—which only belong to the things of time."

The programme of the excursion to Europe by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, editor of the "Methodist Magazine," of this city, is a neatly printed pamphlet and provides for route to London, Paris, Rome, etc. It will be sent free on application.