

tions for the year directly to me. Others are feeling impelled in the emergency to make special contributions as an expression of their continued confidence in the Seminary. All gifts from whatever source will be very gratefully accepted by the Board of Trustees, and by myself as the professor in charge."

The Anglican General Synod.

DURING the last seven or eight days there has been a notable assembly of Anglicans in Toronto, the object of whose coming together will mark a distinct period in the history of the Church of England in Canada. Profiting by the experience of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the Church of England decided to form a general Synod, which would include within the scope of its jurisdiction all the ecclesiastical provinces of the Dominion, and be the supreme authority in the Church, from sea to sea. Accordingly the duly accredited delegates and the bishops met last week and proceeded to give effect to the decision. A general synod has been formed consisting of two Houses, the Bishops, and the Clerical and Lay. The difficulties incident to such an important undertaking as the founding and constituting of a supreme body holding vast powers, were not wanting, but they have been surmounted, and the purpose of the meeting has been translated into fact. The Anglican Church includes many of the most distinguished men in Canada. And the best minds of the Church were represented at the gathering. It was a distinguished assembly, and it was exceedingly pleasing to note the good feeling and fine spirit which pervaded the deliberations throughout. The plane of discussion and of action was pitched high and sustained. The knotty points were candidly threshed out, patient consideration was given to every relevant suggestion, arguments were forcibly put, but a spirit of harmony and earnestness reigned over all and most excellent results were amicably reached. The Presbyterians cordially welcome the step forward taken by their sister Church. They congratulate them on what they have accomplished, believing it will be for the great good of the Anglican Church. As co-workers in the vineyard we rejoice with them and pray that God's blessing may rest upon this, their latest advance.

A Free Church THE Bulwark reproduces the following paragraph from the Bombay Guardian, which speaks for itself:—"Have any of our readers ever known a Protestant professor of history at a Roman Catholic College? Perhaps not. Such an appointment is without the range of probability. This is not so, however, with its opposite. During the hearing of a libel case at the chief presidency magistrate's court, Bombay, last week, it transpired that Mr. Julio Robeiro, M.A., a Roman Catholic, is professor of history and Latin at the Wilson College, in this city, an institution connected with the missionary work of the Free Church of Scotland. Mr. Robeiro, it appears, is the editorial contributor to the Anglo-Portuguese Roman Catholic newspaper, the Boletim Indiano. His complaint in this suit was that the editor of a rival paper, the Anglo-Lusitano, published in this city, had charged him with attempting to smuggle liquor when returning from a vacation at Goa, whereas, he had with him at that time only a small quantity of Lisbon wine, for personal use, for which the preventive (excise) officer told him he would not have to pay duty. He considered that the

obnoxious paragraph had lowered him in the estimation of many persons, although he "had lately been to a ball, and had no difficulty in getting a partner; in fact, he danced with the accused's wife." An unqualified apology for the libel was tendered in court, and the case thus ended in its legal aspect. But the facts it elicited have a wider than local interest. However respectable a man Mr. Robeiro may be according to the rule of the religious community of which he is a member, it will seem to many friends of missions, and not least to covenanting Scotland, that a Roman Catholic who is a liquor drinker and a frequenter of balls, is not up to what should be the standard of a Protestant missionary institution. A Roman Catholic professor of history in a Scottish missionary college, and not in the college only but in the affiliated missionary high school, is an anomaly than which we never expect to hear of a greater. What Roman Catholicism in India says officially of Protestant history, and especially of the leaders of the Reformation, we shall exhibit on an early opportunity."

Parliament of Religions. A CORRESPONDENT gives the following description of the opening of the World's Religious Congress at Chicago: "A processional in which the religions of the world were represented marked the opening of the World's Parliament of Religions at the Art Institute to-day. It was a processional that had a world of meaning in it, one that would have been impossible not many years ago. Jew marched with Gentile, and Catholic marched with Protestant. The religious beliefs of India, of China and of Japan were represented, as well as those of the English-speaking nations. All, attired in their priestly robes and wearing the insignia of their office, marched to the platform, while the audience rose and cheered at the sight. First came Cardinal Gibbons, escorted by President Bonney. Then came Mrs. Potter Palmer and Mrs. Charles Henrotin representing the board of lady managers, and then the following with their suites:—Archbishop Redwood, of New Zealand; Archbishop Dionysios Latas, of Zante, Greece; the Rev. John Henry Barrows, of Chicago; Archbishop Feehan, Count A. Bernstorff, of Berlin; Dr. Carl von Bergen, of Sweden; Prof. O. N. Chaharar, D. Dharmapala and P. O. Moosmdar, of India; the Rev. Augusta Chapin, of Chicago; the Rev. Alexander D. McKenzie, Pung Quang Yu, of China; Dr. E. C. Hirsch, of Chicago; Miss Jeane Birbi and Khersedji Laugraua, of Bombay; Bishop Bwarnette and Mrs. Laura Ormiston Chant. Even more inspiring was the scene when the vast audience arose and joined in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Later, Cardinal Gibbons led those of all nations and all religions in reciting the Lord's Prayer. The regular proceedings of the Parliament of Religions were opened auspiciously by an invocation by Cardinal Gibbons and addresses by President C. C. Bonney and religious lights from various parts of the world.

Christian Endeavour. THE Ontario Christian Endeavour Union has issued a provisional programme of the fifth annual convention, which will take place on October 10-12 at St. Catharines. The bill of fare is exceedingly well selected, the subjects for discussion being varied and forming a comprehensive whole, and the devotional exercises being appropriately arranged. The meetings are designed to quicken interest in the work of the Church among young men and women.