

ness and genial frankness in our private intercourse." Rev. Murdo Mackenzie, who also represented the Inverness Free Presbytery, spoke of his long and close connection with Dr. Mactavish, and said that, having lately visited parts of Canada, the most savoury name he heard mentioned there was the name of Dr. Mactavish. Rev. Mr. Sutherland Kilmonvaig read an address from the Presbytery of Abertariff, where Doctor Mactavish began his ministry. Mr. James Ross also read addresses from the Presbyteries of Lindsay and Paris, and from the congregations of Woodstock and Woodville, Canada, which all referred in high terms to the respect and esteem entertained for Dr. Mactavish where his ministry was greatly appreciated.

Dr. Mactavish, in rising to reply, was received with applause and made a happy address, closing with the following characteristic words. "He had not changed one atom in his principles from the hour he professed to follow the Lord Jesus Christ until that present hour—applause). He had the kindest feeling towards everybody; he did not know a soul on earth of whom he owed a grudge—(applause). Dr. Mactavish, concluding, said:—"May God bless you all. May God make every soul here rest upon Him and rejoice in Him, and may we one day stand before Him to thank Him for all his wonders and goodness to us."

Rev. Dr. Robson, representing the U. P. Church, said that "all present united in recognising in Dr. Mactavish a man of stainless honour, fearless candour, and chivalrous loyalty to his own convictions. He thought it was a great blessing to the community of Inverness to have a man of such sterling integrity in their midst."

Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod was the last speaker, who, after alluding to the strong differences between Dr. Mactavish and himself on some questions, but their warm mutual regard in spite of all, expressed the hope that their father, Dr. Mactavish, might be long spared to wear with comfort that garland of affection and gratitude with which he had been wreathed that night by so many loving hands. They trusted he might have every blessing during the remainder of his life-time in this world, and that, when his life work was over, his might be the reward of a good and faithful servant.

#### THE WEEK OF UNIVERSAL PRAYER.— TOPICS SUGGESTED.

SUNDAY, January 6.—"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.—Isa. xl. 31.

Monday, January 7.—Praise and Thanksgiving for the goodness and mercy which have followed us through the past year, for many answers to prayer, and for the continued spread of the gospel.—Ps. cxxvi. 2-3; John xxiii. 14; 1 Sam. vii. 12. Humiliation and confession of grievous sins, of lukewarmness, of unprofitableness in the service of Christ, and of conformity to the world.—Ezekiel xxxvi. 31; Daniel ix. 3-19. Prayer for a deeper realization of the power of the Holy Spirit in the Church by Christ dwelling and abiding in us; for greater faithfulness and for consecration to a holier life.—Luke xi. 13; 1 Thes. v. 15-24.

Tuesday, January 8.—Prayer for the whole Church of Christ; for the manifestation of the Spirit, in order to separation from the world, and sanctification unto the Lord; for greater unity among the followers of Christ; that the growth of Romanism and superstition, of Rationalism and infidelity, may be arrested, and that the hope of the Lord's second coming may stimulate believers both to wait and work for Him.—Eph. iv. 1-16; 1 Cor. ii. 4; Phil. i. 27; 2 Thes. ii. 8; Mat. xxiv. 1-14.

Wednesday, January 9.—Prayer for national righteousness and peace, that the tendency to lawlessness, national discontent and strife may cease; for the putting away of legislative sanction to vice and all immoral traffic; for rulers, legislators, judges, and all in authority, that religious liberty may universally prevail, and that all persecution may be stayed.—Deut. iv. 5-8; 1 Tim. ii. 1, 2; Prov. xiv. 34; Ezra vi. 22; Ezra vii. 27-28.

Thursday, January 10.—Praise to God for increasing interest in the spread of the Gospel, for offers of personal service, for open doors throughout the world, and for the manifested power of the Holy Ghost in various missions.—Acts iv. 29-33; Acts xi. 20-23; Rev. iii. 7, 8. Prayer that all missionaries and Christian workers may be endowed with power from on high; that the privilege

and duty of evangelizing the world may be fully understood, and that many more laborers may be sent forth into the harvest.—Luke xxiv. 45-49; Matt. ix. 35-38.

Friday, January 11.—Praise for enlarged interest shown in Home Mission work, and in Missions to the Jews, and for special blessing attending them.—Ps. lxxii.; Isa. lii. 7-8. Prayer for all Christian masters and evangelists, for all efforts to reach social classes of the people and all who live without God, and for the better observance of the Lord's Day.—Col. iv. 2-4; Isa. lviii. 13-14. Prayer for the Jewish race: That special blessing may rest upon all those who are seeking to make Christ known among God's ancient people Israel, and that His purposes concerning them may be speedily accomplished.—Ps. li. 18; Ps. cii. 13-21; Is. xl. 1-5; Zech. viii. 7-8.

Saturday, January 12.—Prayer that husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and servants, may, in their mutual relations, follow the Divine teaching; that parents may have grace to train their children in the knowledge of God, for more abundant spiritual fruit from Christian Associations of young men and women; for Sunday and Day Schools, Colleges and Universities.—Eph. v. 22 to vi. 4; Col. iii. 18 to iv. 1; Prov. iv. 1; 2 Tim. iii. 10-17.

Sunday, January 13.—"Always abounding in the work of the Lord."—1 Cor. xv. 58.

#### PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

A CIRCULAR respecting the above college has been sent out by the Board to all ministers and sessions concerned, which, as it is desirable that all our people should see and read for themselves as soon as possible, we here insert.

REV. AND DEAR SIR: As the season is now approaching when the congregation of the Church allocate their missionary and benevolent contributions, we remind you of the claims of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, with a view to securing from your people a liberal contribution, consistent with the claims of other schemes of the Church.

Over and above the interest on the Endowment Fund and the guaranteed salary of one of the Professors, the sum of \$7,500 is this year required for the maintenance of the College.

The income last year was about \$1,200 less than the expenditure. This amount was made good by a few friends in Montreal. This, however, cannot be repeated, and it is earnestly hoped that there will be such an increase in the contributions from congregations as to meet in full the requirements of the present year. Last year only one hundred and fifty-one congregations sent anything. Were all to contribute even a little, there would be no difficulty in securing the necessary amount.

Will you kindly lay this matter before your Session and endeavor to secure their co-operation, as well as that of your people.

It is encouraging to report a larger attendance of students than in any former year.

Yours faithfully, D. MORRICE,  
Chairman of the Board of Management.

The treasurer's address is Rev. Robt. H. Warden, D.D., Box 1839, Post-office.  
Montreal, 10th Dec., 1894.

#### EXECUTIVE F. M. COMMITTEE.

DR. J. J. THOMSON has entered upon the work in Montreal, and the Chinese have rallied about him in a very interesting and encouraging way. He knows the Cantonese and thus speaks to them in their own language. It is intended to utilize Dr. Thomson in other cities in which Chinese are to be found.

Dr. Malcolm met the Executive. Medical Certificates from two doctors in Tientsin were read, strongly recommending him to come here for a short time. He has been so much improved by the trip home that he is ready to return with Mr. Goforth and Mr. Slimmon as soon as the committee allows them. They are eager to be away, but it is thought better to delay still awhile as the Chinese problem is not settled yet. The Executive were much gratified to receive important medical testimony encouraging the hope that Dr. Smith will in time be quite restored and able to resume work in Honan.

Dr. Reid received up to the 18th inst., for foreign mission \$10,979.50 and paid out \$41,350.05, leaving a deficit of \$30,370.55 at this date.

## Books and Magazines.

BENEDICTUS' STRANGER. London. The Religious Tract Society. Toronto. William Briggs.

This anonymous little book for young people is beautifully printed and very daintily bound, and it is as good in matter as it is attractive in appearance.

The *Knox College Monthly*, for December, presents the following interesting table of contents: "The Jewish Problem," by Rev. John Laing, D.D.; "The Development of the Earthly Life of Jesus," by Rev. Wm. Farquharson, B. A.; "Nehemiah," a poem by Charles J. Hardie, M.A.; "Shakespeare's England," by Prof. Archibald MacMechan, M.A.; "A Ministerial Circulating Library," by Layman; "A Greeting from India," by Anand Roe; "The Cariboo District," by Rev. G. A. Wilson, B.A.; "The Church, the Fulness of Christ," by Rev. T. Fenwick. The Missionary Department of the *Monthly* will be a strong feature for 1895. A series of valuable articles will appear on "Our Foreign Fields From the Inside," written by missionaries in the field. The first of these, by Rev. D. McGillivray, on Honan, will appear in January. A large amount of useful and interesting Home Mission material has also been secured. We commend the *Monthly* to those who are responsible for missionary meetings or addresses.

In the *Treasury of Religious Thought*, for December, Rev. J. E. Cummings, late of Boise City, Idaho, is the preacher of the initial sermon, on Anchors of the Soul. The sermon on God in the Soul of Every Man, by Dr. O. P. Gifford, of Buffalo, is full of his characteristic and scholarly eloquence. Dr. Gregg, of Brooklyn, gives the second of his sermon on Temple Beauty. A sermon on "Burying the Old Year," is by Rev. Franklin Noble, D.D. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst appears in a sermon on Pharisees of Society. Rev. Burdett Hart gives his fourth essay on Presidents of Yale; and Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler his third article on Elements of Pulpit Power. Other papers of interest will be found in this number. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

The illustrations in each succeeding number of the *Cosmopolitan* appear to be more beautiful than in the last. We cannot conceive how those in the December number can be excelled, especially of the beautiful women at its beginning. Throughout they are beautiful. The principal articles are: "The Tribes of the Sahara," "Margherita of Savoy," "Musical Instruments of the World"; "Great Passions of History—IV., Paris and Helen"; "On Frenchman's Bay"; "Abraham Lincoln in His Relations to Women"; "The Story of a Thousand." In the World of Letters and the Progress of Science departments are the usual interesting notices. The *Cosmopolitan*, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York.

We only give the names of some leading articles in the December *Arena* which are as follows: "The Real Significance of the Parliament of Religions," by Max. Muller; "David A. Wells' Downfall," by George Wilson; "The Religion of Holmes' Poems"; "Well Springs and Feeders of Immorality," by B. O. Flower; "William Penn and Peter the Great"; a symposium on the "Abolition of War," and two pieces for Christmas. The January *Arena* promises several very important articles which should make it a suggestive and able number for the beginning of 1895. The *Arena* Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.

Leading articles in the *Gospel in all Lands*, for December, are: "Country and People of Tibet"; "Obstacles to Christianity in India"; "The Eskimos"; "The Situation in Japan," by Rev. Julius Soper; "Origin and Growth of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," by Rev. Albert S. Hunt, D.D. The other departments are well filled with missionary articles and information. Hunt and Eaton, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

The important articles in the December *Sanitarian* are on the two very important subjects of "The Examination of the Milk Supply for Tuberculosis in the State of New York"; "Drinking Water in its Relations to Malarial Diseases," a paper read at the Salisbury Health conference, N.C., by Richard H. Lewis, M.D. To these are to be added a variety of other useful articles. The American News Company, New York.

*Littell's Living Age* contains in its last November issue articles from *Blackwood's* and *MacMillan's* magazines, the *Contemporary Review*, *Temple Bar*, *Public Opinion*, *Spectator* and *Chamber's Journal*. Leading articles are "The Accession of the New Sultan of Morocco," "Joseph Priestley in Domestic Life," the "Historical Novel," and articles from several magazines on the late Oliver Wendell Holmes. Littell & Co., Boston, U.S.

*Harper's Bazaar*, for December 8th, besides the usual varied and beautiful illustrations and shorter sketches, contains the continuation of the story "Beyond the Dreams of Avarice," by Walter Besant; "Mrs. Starbuck's Pie Mission"; "Russian Costumes," illustrated; "A Confidence"; "How English Literature was Made"; "An Evening with the Microscope." Harper Brothers, New York.

*Manitoba College Journal*, for November, is well stocked with news items and sketches interesting to all students and friends of the college. Besides these it contains "A Brief Statement of Some of the More Important Questions in Ethics," being notes of an address by Rev. Principal King, to the Philosophical Society of Manitoba and Wesley Colleges. Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

The chief features of the *Altruist*, for December, is a character sketch of Miss Jessie Ackerman, and an article on Ralph Waldo Emerson, by James L. Onderdonk. It contains, besides, the usual monthly Round Up, and for busy men the useful gleanings from Current Literature. The *Altruistic Review*, Springfield, Ohio, U.S.