

was untimely and uncalled for; it is not doubt, but faith, that is required to be preached in this country at present, where there is so much scepticism about and indifference to all that savors of Christianity, and where the great majority don't go to any church, but make the Lord's Day a holiday.

A Veteran Gono. The death of Rev. Wm. Brown, D.D., one of the foremost ministers in the Southern Church, has been announced, in his 84th year. Dr. Brown was at one time editor of the *Central Presbyterian*, of Richmond, Va., and was for many years President of Hampden-Sidney College. He was a man of rare ability—and of straightforward plainness as well. His death removes one of the best known and best admired men of the South.

Aged and Infirm The regular semi-annual division of the **Ministors.** Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund was made last week, and while it is gratifying to state that the deficit anticipated was partly made up; still it is a matter of deep regret that the annuities were in some cases as much as \$35 less than last year. If in this connection we note that over 200 congregations gave nothing, it will at once appear that the committee have been fighting a difficulty which only a more general interest in the fund can obviate.

Assembly Travel. The Canadian Pacific Railway is giving to commissioners who go to the General Assembly from the North-West, the extraordinary low rate of \$51.40 for a ticket from Winnipeg to St. John and return by the all rail route. If advantage is taken of the lake route between Fort William and Owen Sound, an additional charge of \$5 each way will be made. Since the Presbyterians in the North-west are not financially strong enough to defray the travelling expenses of their commissioners, these low rates are very acceptable.

Homo Mission The following circular has been issued **Shortage.** by Rev. Dr. Cochrane:—"I very much regret that at the close of the church year the Augmentation Fund is \$4,500 short of the amount required to pay in full the claims for the past six months. In accordance with the instructions of the committee in March, the sum of \$36 has been deducted from the claim of every settled charge. Where a settlement was effected during the past half year, a proportionate amount has been deducted from the claim. Dr. Reid has been instructed to forward you the amount due to your Presbytery, less the sums deducted."

A Slap at Lynch The brotherhood of man carries with **Law.** it grave responsibilities. Common humanity as well as the divine injunction places a duty upon us with respect to the perishing heathen and the down-trodden of civilized countries. It is in this light the action of the Baptist Union convened last week will appear pertinent, when a resolution was adopted protesting against the wrong done by the United States to the coloured people. The occasion of the resolution was the proposal to send a fraternal greeting to the brethren in the United States. Thereupon Rev. Mr. Askel of Liverpool protested against the greeting being sent and he was supported by Dr. Clifford and afterward by the Convention. The speakers held that the treatment of the colored people was a reflection on the administration of justice in the United States, and upon the honour of its people. It was a scandal that

had no parallel in the history of the world. The mobs that lynched the poor negroes were generally half drunk half insane and always bestial. These facts could not be impeached and the church must not remain silent. If this censure arouses the churches in the United States to action, great good may result. Yet, how sad it is to think that ministers of the Gospel have been bold enough to speak in mitigating terms of "mob justice." The law must be impotent indeed where the channels of "justice" are infuriated mobs of irresponsible people.

Ravages of Writing to the Englishman a corres-
Rationalism. pondent thus describes the influence of the late Professor Smith's teachings:—"Where the Higher Criticism has got any footing in the pulpits of the Free Church the effect is very lamentable. There are learned essays, but no Christ or His Gospel. The lamentable feature is not what men say but what they fail to say. The Free Church is not the same since the rationalist spirit evoked in the young professor's contentions began to have effect, and to-day, as one effect of it, the churches where any of the tendency prevails have many empty pews, and the Sustentation Fund for ten months is down over £4,000."

Missionary Jubilee. This is the Jubilee year of the South American Missionary Society, originally founded as the Patagonian Missionary Society in 1844. Its real founder was Captain Allen Gardiner, R.N., with whose pathetic death in 1851 it seemed as if the heroic efforts to obtain a missionary foothold in South America were finally wrecked. In reality they received a new and sacred inspiration. The work made headway, and it was the remarkable transformation wrought by it among the degraded Fuegians which moved Charles Darwin to become a subscriber to this Society. It is now proposed to celebrate its Jubilee by observing the 4th of July as a day of special thanksgiving and prayer, and by raising a Jubilee Fund to place every part of the work on a permanent basis, and to inaugurate a new mission to the Araucanian Indians of Chili.

A Hopeless Task. A Presbyterian paper is said to be "conducting a heated crusade against Christian Endeavor." The crusade will prove a failure and the mass of our people will regard the failure with satisfaction. The opposer of Christian Endeavor has come too late. He is engaged in a hopeless contest. The movement has reached a point at which it is not possible to suppress it or to arrest its progress. The one practical question for men who love the interests of Christ's kingdom, is: What shall we do with Christian Endeavor? It may be conceded that the system is not perfect, and that wise and good men differ in their estimate of some of its methods of Christian work. This is a reason for diligent and patient pastoral and Presbyterian care and oversight, but not a reason for making war on the institution or for regarding it with coldness or indifference. If it needs reforming, let it be reformed, and so far as relates to our own branch of the church, if it is not as loyal to the church as it ought to be, let it be Presbyterianized. Let the young people have more thorough Presbyterian instruction and training. If there are evils incident to the system, if it is subject to tendencies that are dangerous or in the wrong direction, this is the rational and the only cure.