

rous of escaping from the restraints of a life which they had taken up voluntarily; and this doubt was naturally made the most of. But in this case no such doubt can exist. All the parties to the trial are devoted to the Roman Catholic faith. An uncle of Miss Saurin, who spoke in most energetic terms of the gross and scandalous unfairness of the Bishop and of those who were engaged in the enquiry held in the convent itself, is a priest in orders. Miss Saurin's brother, who could scarcely find words strong enough to denounce the outrages to which his sister was exposed, is a Jesuit. The witnesses for the defence were the "Mother Superior" of the convent, nuns and priests. The plaintiff, Miss Saurin, so far from desiring to leave the communion in which she had been educated, has clung to it with desperate tenacity. Out of the mouths of all these witnesses has been told a story of the most pitiful, sordid meanness, the most wretched and contemptible persecution. Life in a convent has been stripped of all its romance, and the inmates shewn to be the worst specimens of the typical old maid whom the ill-natured satirist depicts, instead of examples of the true woman who in single life performs the social duties devolving upon her. And as educational establishments, of which the convent, the condition of which has just been laid open, was one, they are shown to be utterly inefficient, the very teachers being ignorant of the most ordinary branches of education, and of course unable to communicate knowledge to others which they themselves do not possess. It is a humiliating exposure of the effects of a system professedly founded for raising woman to a higher level, but it is well that it has been made. It is but another proof, if proof were wanted, that the laws of nature and the ordinances of God cannot be contravened with impunity.

Since the publication of the article on "The Scottish Hymnal," in the last month, the writer has discovered that in an early edition of the Wesley poetry, Hymn 172 appears in the precise form in which it is given in the Hymnal. That which was suggested occurs in a later edition, but the change is clearly by the author's hand.

We give a fuller report than usual of the meeting of the Montreal Sabbath School Association, as it possesses more than merely local interest, and the address by the Rev. Mr. Paton is one that will afford to all Sabbath School teachers matter for thought. We occasionally receive a hint that more space is given to Eastern than to Western congregations. The fault is one easily remedied by the complainants themselves. Let them take the trouble to write out and send the news and it will be inserted. But it must be a very exceptional case indeed in which we can insert long addresses and replies passing between congregations and their pastors. The fact of these being given is all that is necessary to be recorded.

The report of the meeting held in Montreal in aid of Queen's College, renders unnecessary any editorial remarks on the subject. We refer to this and to the other information regarding the scheme, to be found under the proper head.

Great inconvenience is occasioned by remittances and business communications being addressed to the *Editor*. These ought to be sent to Mr. James Wardlaw, whose address will be found on the cover. Matter for insertion, or anything connected with the editorial department should be sent addressed to the *Editor direct*. This rule should be strictly adhered to, as it will save much delay.

The last of Dr. Macleod's address on India will be found in the present number.

News of our Church.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

HEMINGFORD, Q.—The annual missionary meeting of this congregation was held on the evening of the 25th January. The attendance was very fair, considering the drifted state of the roads. Messrs. Fraser and Macpherson, not being able to attend, the burden of interesting the audience fell upon Dr. Jenkins alone.

RUSSELLTOWN, Q.—On Tuesday evening the

26th January, the missionary meeting was held at "the Flats," Rev. Mr. Masson in the chair. The attendance was much the same as at Hemmingford, and with the exception of the aid brought by Mr. Patterson, the single member of the deputation present had all the work to do.

BEECHBRIDGE, Q.—The deputation visited Beechbridge on the evening of the 28th, but alas! the fine commodious manse that used to be open with its true Highland hospitality was found a