

to support these ministrations. The importance of not allowing an interval to elapse, during which settlers may get into the habit of being without religious ordinances, is obvious, and such being the case, one cannot but feel that in a much wider sense than that of merely denominational extension, this method of action forms a contribution to the well-being of the community as a whole."

**TORONTO'S CHOICE.**

**T**HERE will be general satisfaction with the nomination by the Toronto Presbytery of Rev. James Carmichael D.D., for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly. No man stands in higher esteem than the genial, retiring and scholarly minister of King, and no father of the church would better grace the high office of Moderator than he. He is proverbially modest, but it will not do to allow his modesty to prove an obstacle to the honor so many brethren desire to confer upon him.



REV. J. CARMICHAEL, D.D.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael was born at Carlton Place in 1830, of Highland Scotch parents, who had come to Canada ten years before. He was educated at Queen's College, and took his last year in the University of Glasgow, from which he graduated in 1859. He returned to Canada, and the following year was inducted to the pastorate of King, where for thirty-seven years he has labored, one of the most faithful and honored ministers of the Church. Dr. Carmichael is a man of scholarly attainments, and was honored by Queen's with the degree of doctor of divinity. He is one of the foremost Hebrew and classical scholars in the Church, and was for a number of years lecturer in Church history in Queen's University. He is a man of deep spirituality, fine poetic instincts, and a very able and cultured preacher.

**THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.**

**A** COMMITTEE representing the Joint Conference of the Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada, has issued a circular, asking that in connection with the Week of Prayer, Friday, Jan. 7th., be observed as a day of special prayer for Foreign Missions, and that on the Sabbath following, Jan. 9th. sermons be preached in all the churches on the duty and privilege of being "witnesses . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

No doubt the large number of circulars issued by different Boards provokes the usual remarks about circulars, and yet no one will say it is not the duty of Boards to inform and appeal to the Church in this way. Boards can only appeal to Pastors, and "Under God the Pastors must be the leaders. They are the divinely ordained means for the instruction of the people. They alone have direct and influential access to them, and unless they act the Boards are helpless." It seems as if all the Boards are in the same discouraged condition. In the face of "larger opportunities, of the awakening of long-slumbering peoples, of increasing multitudes eager to hear the Gospel. . . they are compelled to retreat—to close schools and hospitals, dismiss native helpers, see vacancies in their own ranks left unfilled and turn a deaf ear to importunate calls for enlargement." They call attention to the position held by Foreign Missions in the Bible in these just words. "We talk about America for Christ but let us remember that from cover to cover the Bible through is the World for Christ, a God who rules all nations, a Saviour who is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, a Holy Ghost who broods over mankind,

a plan of salvation which is adequate for all men, a command to the Church to send it to all men." The writers of this appeal are above seeking to enlarge their own revenue at the expense of other funds, and rightly seek to evoke a breadth of sympathy that will embrace all within the one supreme motive 'the World for Christ.' There is reference made to what Richard Storrs characterizes as 'the growing secularization of the Church' the low spiritual state so generally recognized—the indifference of very many pastors and Church members to the salvation of their fellowmen, who though distant, are none the less their brethren. We feel that this circular is of no ordinary character and deserves more than ordinary attention. Every thoughtful and conscientious man will consider its solemn message and if its statements are true will ponder whereunto they lead. "If places of amusement are thronged, if the scale of living is increasingly elaborate and expensive" whilst the purpose of the Church's existence, the evangelization of the world is languishing, what does it mean? It cannot but mean dishonor and defeat.

**CHURCH SCHEMES.**

**T**HIS is the season of the year when circulars are being issued by many of the Committees who administer the work of the Church. A copy of each of these is sent to every minister. It is sometimes said that these are consigned to the waste paper basket. This, however, cannot be taken seriously, as the circulars are sent to the minister not in his individual capacity, but as the Moderator of Session, and with a view to the several Schemes being presented to the congregations under their care. The returns show that there are still quite a number of congregations that do not contribute to some one or more of the Schemes of the Church. We are of those who think that every congregation should have the opportunity to contribute to each Scheme, leaving the responsibility with the people to respond, or otherwise. The General Assembly year after year orders,—"That all the congregations and mission stations be enjoined to contribute to the Schemes of the Church." Every loyal minister and Session will do their part to render obedience to this request.

With a view to guiding congregations in the allocation of their missionary money, the following is a statement of the amount required this year for the several Schemes, and also of the average contribution, per communicant, for each Scheme:—

	Amount required.	Average per member.
Home Missions . . . . .	\$80,000	52 Cents.
Augmentation . . . . .	30,000	20 "
Foreign Missions, (Not including W.F.M.S.)	77,694	51 "
French Evangelization . . . . .	40,000	21 "
Knox College . . . . .	12,000	8 "
Queen's " (including deficit of \$9,000) . . . . .	13,000	8 1/2 "
Montreal " . . . . .	5,000	3 1/2 "
Manitoba College . . . . .	5,000	3 "
Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' . . . . .	10,500	7 "
Aged and Infirm Ministers . . . . .	15,000	10 "
Assembly Fund . . . . .	6,000	3 1/2 "

The amounts above given for the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Funds, are the amounts required over and above Ministers' Rates and interest from investments. The congregations in both Eastern and Western Sections of the Church, contribute for French Evangelization, Manitoba College and the Assembly Fund. The amounts named for the other Schemes are for the Western Section alone.

**IN DEFENCE.**

**T**HE *Presbyter*, after a bright, but all too brief career has been compelled to discontinue publication, and has given its subscription sheets to the *Westminster*. The latter journal in announcing the fact takes occasion to say some things concerning attempts generally to establish a