

and circumstances very shortly after its recommendation by the Synod. The result has been most encouraging. One case has been reported to us in which two months trial of this system yielded more than a whole year of the old irregular and spasmodic method. It is the *scriptural* method; therefore success will attend its adoption, and the faithful working of it.

Monthly Summary.

Rev. John Inglis arrived at Ancientum on the 3rd July. He spent about twenty-five days in New Caledonia. He found Mr. Copeland and all the members of the Mission well. He states that nearly the whole of Mr. Paton's Library has been recovered. The R. P. *Magazine* for November contains very interesting letters from Mr. Copeland.

KNOX COLLEGE. Toronto, was opened on the first Wednesday of October with a Lecture from Dr. Burns on "The modern aspects of the Deistical controversy." There are 53 students in attendance. The *Canada Record* states that Mrs. Gibb, of Woodfield, Quebec, whose husband was a liberal benefactor to the College, has paid over the sum of eight hundred dollars for establishing a new scholarship, to be called the "Gibb Scholarship," for the encouragement of Sacred Rhetoric.

The United Presbyterian Church of Scotland advertize for three additional Missionaries, one for China, and two for Africa.

Rev. A. Renton of the Jamaica Mission died at Kelso on the 28th October.

Two Free Church Missionaries were drowned within the last few months. Rev. James Reid was drowned in Australia on the 24th July; and the Rev. Mr. Hislop in India. The former had left Scotland but very recently; but Mr. Hislop was one of the oldest and most experienced and valued missionaries of the Free Church.

THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY supports 32 widows of Missionaries who have fallen in the Society's service; also 60 children, and 12 aged and infirm missionaries.

The annual expenditure connected with Knox College, Toronto, is \$5,560. There are three professors in this institution.

EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENTS IN BRITAIN.—Special services have been arranged for the winter, with reference to the spiritual

benefit of various classes. Preaching in several theatres has been begun. One new theatre, the Victoria Theatre, Lambeth, has been opened by Mr. W. Carter, and is attended by very crowded audiences, chiefly made up of outcasts, and the "very poor." The society for the rescue of young women is accomplishing much good. The movement for the spiritual improvement of cab and omnibus drivers has been very successful.—Nearly one-third of the whole number of cabs in London are not sent out on the Lord's day. The number of persons connected with the London cabs and omnibuses amounts to 10,784.

CHURCH BUILDING AMONG THE ENGLISH CONGREGATIONALISTS.—It was stated in a paper read at the autumn meeting of the Congregational Union, that during the last fourteen years 52 chapels have been built in London at an expense of £120,000; that 150 had been built by the English Congregational Building Society in ten years, at a cost of £215,000; and that 300 chapels are in progress, or proposed, as the result of the bicentenary movement, at the expense of £300,000. The number of chapels now held by the Congregationalists in England and Wales is 2,687, giving, with Home Mission chapels and rooms, accommodation for nearly 2,000,000.

DURATION OF MISSIONARY LIFE.—The *Christian Review* states, that of 130 missionaries who had gone from Andover Theological Seminary up to 1858, the average term of missionary service was about fourteen years; of the 66 then living, the average was seventeen and a half years. Of the whole number, two had been in service 44 years, and 15 over 30 years. Of 250 missionaries in India, the average term of service was nearly seventeen years. Many of these returned to their native land, and lived many years after leaving the missionary field.—The loss of life by violence, or by sudden casualty is very rare. Of nearly 1,500 persons belonging to the families of missionaries, and of officers and agents of the American Board who have travelled over all continents and seas, only two have lost their lives by shipwreck, one a Secretary of the Board, and one a missionary to China, three died by the hands of savages while on a tour of exploration, one was drowned while crossing a river near his dwelling, and several were massacred in their own house by the Oregon Indians in 1848.

The *Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church* comes to us now considerably improved in outward appearance, and as well filled internally as ever.

We are glad to learn that the health of Dr. John Bonar, the Convener of the Free Church Colonial Committee, is greatly im-