

# Canadian Missionary Link

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## MISSIONARY NEWS.

The fiftieth anniversary of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, has just been celebrated. This is the College for colored boys, of which Dr. Geo. Sale was President, and therefore we have an especial interest in it. Six hundred boys are now in attendance. The school is one of the children of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and, in recognition of the Societys' unflinching interest, and particularly of Dr. Morehouse's personal inspiration, his name has been given to the institution. The present President is Dr. Hope, a graduate of Brown University.

A splendid start has been made in Baptist work in Nicaragua. The missionary writes that the ground seems to have been prepared. In the capital city a church has been organized with 42 constituent members, and among them some of large influence in the community.

The Northern Baptist Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-23. This convention includes the annual meetings of the Foreign Mission Society, the Home Mission Society, the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, the Woman's Home Mission Society and the Publication Society. The World Wide Guild meeting, May 15, in its second annual meeting, had Miss Ellis as one of its chief speakers.

The story of a notable Indian Christian, Sirdar Didar Singh, of the Pan-

jab Mission of the Church of Scotland, is told in Life and Work. He represents the high caste type. Hindus, Mohammedans and Christians all agree that he has been a great helper of every righteous and philanthropic cause. An old-fashioned Hindu once said of him, "Didar Singh is a good man and a clever business man, but he has one fault, and that is, he is a Christian." He is a highly respected citizen, and as the leading evangelist of Gujrat has been a right-hand man to the missionaries—while he is one of the strongest supports and pillars of the Indian Presbyterian Church. He is an eloquent preacher as well as able business man. Once when a European member of the General Assembly was objecting to the election of so many Indians on committees, the Sirdar, after detailing some of the trials through which converts passed in order to throw in their lot with the often despised missionaries, "Now, Moderator, we Indians have given up high position, wealth, and much more, even our family connections, to join your Church; why are you afraid from us?" He sat down with the question on his lips and a tremble in his voice, which quite carried the day. He was in youth a student under Baba Singha, one of Duff's converts. Thus the links are formed in the chain of life influence. The Sirdar is proof of the falseness of the assertion so often heard that our Lord has no message for the higher caste people of India, and finds no response to His Gospel in their hearts. He is one of many men of in-