

with calm, clear, logical insight on all the problems that present themselves to the thinkers of the time. The mode in which he presents the results of his thinking may to some minds seem dubious, but his thoughts are uttered because they are based upon thorough personal conviction. His thinking, moreover, is not only deep but extensive. It covers a wide range. Dr. Behrends thinks for himself and he compels his hearers to think also.

The sermon on Tuesday evening in the Elm Street Methodist Church, was a fresh and powerful illustration of the text selected: "That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." It was a masterly refutation of anti-Christian methods to weaken the force of Christianity by developing the theory of so-called Comparative Religion, of which a recent outcome is Edwin Arnold's "Light of Asia." Neither in form nor mainly was the discourse polemic, and for that reason was all the more effective. The massive thinking was relieved by passages of great beauty, fervency and pathos. The sermon was not artificial. It was simple, earnest and powerful.

The following evening a large audience representing the various denominations in the city assembled in Knox Church, where the annual meeting of the Society was held. After the devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. H. M. Parsons, the chairman, the Hon. G. W. Allan, commenced the proceedings by a brief, appropriate address. Dr. Behrends spoke to the second resolution. In his address he permitted himself more latitude and discursiveness than in his sermon. It was, however, characterized by the same mental and moral qualities. Oftener than once he approached debatable points, as when speaking on theories of inspiration, and the relations of religion and science. His visit to Toronto has produced a very favourable impression. The other prominent speaker of the evening was the Rev. Hugh Johnston, of the Metropolitan Church, who made a stirring speech that was highly appreciated.

The forty-fourth annual report, having been distributed in the pews, was held as read. It contains much valuable information bearing on the work of Bible circulation in Canada and throughout the world. It richly deserves and will repay careful perusal. It opens with a brief but interesting historical sketch of the Upper Canada Bible Society from its inception in 1818 to the present time. The total receipts during the year amounted to \$30,632.70, being \$912 less than was received the previous year. This is accounted for by existing depression and the partial absence of legacies during last year, though the handsome bequest of the late Mr. James Michie is included in the receipts of the year. The work in Canada has been carried on by means of agents and colporteurs, who report their varied experiences, while in the main substantial progress has been made. The free contributions, subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the funds of the society during the year were \$21,266.02, which were apportioned to the work of the society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Montreal Bible Society, and the Quebec Bible Society, and in addition to these, donations of \$500 have been given to the Quebec Bible Society for its work among French Canadians, and \$1,000 for work in Manitoba and the North-West. The following is the work of distribution accomplished during the past year:—

The number of Bibles, Testaments, and portions issued from the depository in Toronto during the year is 31,271, being 1,506 more than during the previous year. This increase is partly in colportage and partly in issues to branch depositories. Of these issues, 3,296 were sold, and 1,078 issued gratuitously from the Toronto depository; 21,579 supplied to branch depositories, or sold to the trade; and 5,318 were issued by colporteurs. Included in the above are 1,308 copies in foreign languages, and twenty-eight in raised characters for the blind. The total issues of the society since its commencement is 1,241,141.

The great and glorious work in which this Society is engaged commends itself to all who reverence the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever. It is a mighty agency for the conversion of the world. To take a part in this work, however humble, is a blessed privilege and an incumbent duty.

KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

MR. EDITOR.—It would afford the College Board a real pleasure to be able to report at the General Assembly that all the subscriptions to the Endowment of Knox College, which are now due, had been paid. Perhaps some of your readers may need the reminder. May they take the hint. W. B.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS.

The tenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is appointed to meet in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, 4th June, at half-past seven o'clock. In the absence of Dr. King, the retiring Moderator, who is now in Europe, the ex-moderator Dr. Cochrane will preach the opening sermon.

NOMINATED FOR THE MODERATORSHIP.

Revs. Prof. McLaren, D.D., Kenneth McLennan, M.A., of Prince Edward Island; Principal McKnight, D.D., of Halifax; Thos. Wardrope, D.D., of Guelph; J. K. Smith, M.A., of Galt; Principal G. M. Grant, D.D., and Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Winnipeg.

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OBITUARY.

Isaac Weylle died at his son's residence near Streetsville on the morning of Saturday, 12th April. He had attained to the patriarchal age of ninety-four years. Mr. Weylle was a native of Donegal county, Ireland. He became a member of Knowhead Presbyterian congregation under the ministry of the Rev. Richard Dill. He was soon afterwards elected to fill the office of deacon in that congregation. Together with his family he came to Canada, settling in Toronto township in 1835. In the following year he was elected to the eldership in the Presbyterian congregation, Streetsville, then under the ministry of the Rev. William Rentoul. The duties of his sacred office he continued to fulfil with exemplary diligence till incapacitated by the infirmities of old age. He was frequently appointed representative elder. His long life was an exemplification of the power and influence of the religion of Christ. It was marked by uniform kindness and courtesy, in his dealings with his fellow-men. In all the relations of life, at home and in the circle in which he moved, his demeanour was such as to commend to all with whom he came in contact the religion which he professed. May the mantle of his quiet, consistent Christian life fall upon all the members of his family and the many friends he has left behind him.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following anonymous contributions for schemes of the Church, viz.: L. N., for Foreign Missions \$9.50, also for French Evangelization, \$5.50; A Friend, Innisfil, for Foreign Mission, Formosa, \$17. Dr. Reid has received per W. T. Ross, Picton, \$1,100, being balance of W. Cooper's bequest for the schemes of the Church, which amount has been apportioned as follows: Home Mission, \$183.34; Foreign Mission, \$183.34; French Evangelization, \$183.33; Widows' Fund, \$183.33; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$183.33; College Fund, \$150; Manitoba College, \$33.33.