

judgment it would be better for every interest that the Church should have been treated with the utmost confidence, and the fullest information given as to what the arrangements are for discharging for these months to come duties to the Church, than which none are more or even in some respects so important.

The further ray of light given by Mr. MacDonald will be indeed a surprise; namely, it is "quite a possibility that, in the event of Dr. Reid's decease, the affairs of his office may have to be carried on by his executors, at any rate till after April 30th next." We can only close again with the same words emphasized with which we closed our former article. "More light is wanted; the whole Church is interested in having, and is entitled to get, the fullest light upon this matter."

### THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

THE annual meeting of the Toronto branch of the Alliance held in Westminster Church in this city on Thursday evening last was one of more than ordinary importance. There was present at it a large and intelligent, and representative audience of the Protestant Christian Churches of Toronto. In addition to the Catholic nature of the Alliance itself, and its aims, so much in harmony with the spirit of the times and which it has helped in no small degree to bring about, the two matters announced to be brought before the meeting which are at this moment absorbing to such an extent the public interest, were well calculated to bring together a large, earnest and intelligent body of people.

Rev. Dr. Caven presided, and, after devotional exercises, explained the object of the meeting and vindicated the usefulness and services of the Alliance, which has now reached its jubilee. These, in a few words, he stated to be, having assisted in bringing into more close contact the different branches of the Church, and so of promoting amongst them a better understanding, and more mutual goodwill and co-operation; of having rendered a united testimony to important Christian truth as against Romanism and infidelity, and so a stronger testimony, than the bodies separately could bear; and lastly, its having time and again, successfully intervened on behalf of oppressed and persecuted Protestant Christians, and of others not Protestants, especially in its earlier days when there was more call for it, in Spain, Italy, Sweden and Russia.

The first resolution, the purport of which was to express sympathy with the persecuted Armenians, to utter a protest against and abhorrence of their inhuman treatment by the Turkish Government, and to act in concert with other branches of the Alliance in imploring the Christian nations to intervene to prevent the extermination of a Christian people, was moved by Rev. Dr. Sims. The origin, objects and methods pursued in this merciless and inhuman persecution of the Armenians were laid before the meeting in a forcible speech. The resolution was briefly but well seconded by Rev. Dr. Galbraith, and supported by Mr. M. Baghdasarian, a native of Armenia, who is pursuing his studies at MacMaster Hall in this city. He in a very earnest address made a strong appeal on behalf of his people, and showed clearly that it was simply because they were Christians that they were subjected to such fiery and exterminating fires of persecution, and that if only they would become Mohammedans their whole situation would at once be changed. A representative committee was appointed, under whose direction Mr. Baghdasarian was empowered by the meeting to take up funds for the relief of those who, unless they are promptly assisted, must perish in thousands.

The other important subject brought before the meeting was that of war. This was introduced in a resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Milligan, which, after a preamble setting forth that nations exist for mutual benefit and help, and the evils inherent in war, resolved that "by the Toronto branch of the Evangelical Alliance, war between Christian nations is grievous to God, damaging to the material and moral interests of man, and disgraceful between nations affecting to call themselves Christian."

This was supported by Dr. Milligan in a vigorous speech in which the threatened trouble with the United States more particularly, and with Germany naturally bulked largely. Rev. Mr. Eaton seconded the resolution in which he pointed

out as being the chief sources of danger in the States to peaceful relations with England, the spirit of their common school text books, commercial rivalry, and the Irish Democratic vote. He pleaded eloquently and earnestly for an everlasting peace among English speaking people and hoped for union eventually which would be a means of good blessing to the whole world. Both resolutions were unanimously and heartily carried.

A portion of the choir of the Church helped by their services to relieve the strain of attention to the speeches. After some closing remarks by Rev. Dr. Caven, emphasizing the importance of immediate help for the perishing Armenians, and referring to THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN Fund, now nearly \$400, a good and influential meeting was closed with the benediction.

### INDORE COLLEGE OPENING.

THIS event of which last week we published so full and interesting an account from the pen of the Rev. Mr. Wilkie, and whose aims are fully and so well set forth in the address of Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Neemuch, which appears in our columns this week, was an event of much more than usual interest, not only to our whole missionary staff in India, but also—and we wish our brethren there to know this—to the whole parent Church in Canada. It was an event of such importance that under the blessing of God, it may well prove an epoch—as we hope it will—in the history of our mission and the work for Christ it is carrying on in Indore. The account and address referred to will have been read by all interested in our missionary operations, especially in those in India, with feelings of peculiar satisfaction, and the Church in Canada cannot but rejoice with and congratulate all our brethren there, especially Mr. Wilkie, on the auspicious occasion, and the completion of so large an undertaking. From its inception, how many have taken an interest and lent a helping hand in the work. Canadian Christians, the whole staff in India, the Maharajah Holkar, native non-Christian gentlemen and Christians, the representative of the Governor-General of India, and how many more we know not. Of what labour and prayer, and of how many anxious hopes and fears is it the crowning result; and now there it stands, an exhibition, an eloquent and expressive testimony, and, let us hope, an enduring one, to the spirit and aims of the religion of Christ as associated with sound, Christian education. It is, besides, an even more eloquent testimony to the hearts of all who have wrought and prayed and given for it, to the goodness and faithfulness of God, an encouragement and stimulus to yet more prayer and labour, and yet stronger faith and courage to undertake great things for God.

Though there may be differences of opinion among good, and equally earnest missionaries and Christian people, as to the exact place which Christian education should take in Christianizing the heathen world, there can be no question that, especially among a people like those of India, it must occupy an important place, and that a Christian school and college are the logical and necessary complements to other agencies, which, by some, may be considered to be of a kind more immediately and directly evangelizing. But that the aims of the founders, promoters and conductors of this college are most directly and thoroughly Christian and evangelizing no one who reads Mr. Wilson's address can have any doubt. The whole Church here at home will be glad, and it will give them confidence in supporting it, that this was so frankly and unmistakeably avowed and emphasized at the very opening of the College in the presence of the large assembly then present. Let the day never come when it shall depart from this supreme and noble aim. Its very foundation rests upon, the very heart and soul of all its teaching is, the Word of God. Its aims and work are, as stated by Mr. Wilson, "to bring souls into living relation to the Lord Jesus Christ," to promote "consecration to God and devotion to the good of men," "the formation of the highest spiritual character." The whole Church in Canada will heartily unite their prayers with those of all their brethren in India, that the brightest hopes and expectations raised by the completion of this College are bound up in its work in the future, may be more than realized to the glory of God in the extension and building up of His kingdom in India, and especially in Indore.

## Books and Magazines.

The January *Arena*, as will be seen by the simple mention of some of its articles, deals with very living questions. Under the head of "Representative Women on the Vital Social Problems," the "Single Tax" is discussed. "A Universal Ratio—a Silver Bill to Suit Both Parties" is the subject of a long article. Part I. is given of a paper on a cognate subject, "The Bond and the Dollar." There are two articles on the telegraph, one by the Postmaster General of the United States, the other by Professor Frank Parsons. "An Inspired Preacher" is an account of the opinions and work of Rev. F. W. Robertson. Chapter first is given of a new story, "Between Two Worlds," which promises to be full of interest. "The Spiritualization of Education in America," with some continued articles, others of a minor kind and book notices make up this issue of the *Arena*, which is now one of the cheapest of magazines. [The Arena Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.]

The *Atlantic Monthly* is more purely literary in its character than many of the now great host of monthlies. That for January contains a large number of readable and instructive articles. "The Country of the Pointed Firs" is an account of a maritime village in Maine; "The Johnson club," suggests a once familiar topic. Continued is the story, "The Seats of the Mighty." "The Children of the Road" is an interesting sketch of tramps and tramp life generally. Articles bearing on politics are "The Emancipation of the Post Office," "Congress out of Date," "The Schoolhouse as a Centre," "The Christian Socialist Movement of the Middle of the Century," and "Settlers in the Olty Wilderness" are interesting articles on social subjects. F. J. Stimson contributes "Pirate Gold" in three parts. Criticisms and Comments on new books complete the number. [The Atlantic Monthly, Houghton, Mifflin and Company, Boston.]

Kate Douglas Wiggin has written an excellent article for the January issue of *Table Talk*, on "Shall our Daughters' Study Kindergarten," and it is followed by the usual departments so helpful to house-keepers and home-makers alike. Besides the many good receipts to be found in its pages, an article on "Market News" will be most useful to all who are not sure of the best piece of meat to buy for certain dishes, and menus are also given for every day in the month. "Twelfth Day" and its entertainments; "Nursery Hygiene," "Wedding Fads and Fancies," "Lace and Its History," "Father Time's Reception"—one suitable to New Year's Day, the latest fashion of the day, etc., are dealt with. If you do not know this little magazine, avail yourselves of the liberal offer made to our readers, which is that a sample copy will be sent free to anyone addressing Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

*Harper's Magazine* gives, in its January number, as a first article, "In Washington's Day," with a likeness of him as a young man. "Brisels," "The German Struggle for Liberty," and "Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc" are continued. "The Story of Miss Pi," by Julian Ralph, has its scene in Hang-chow. Other stories are "The Courtship of Colonel Bill" and "Twenty-four: Four." It contains the second paper "On Snow-shoes to the Barren Grounds," with fifteen illustrations. "London's Underground Railways," with illustrations, are described by Elizabeth Robins Pursell. The standard departments at the end of the magazine are as usual varied and interesting. [Harper & Brothers, New York.]

*The Bookman*, an illustrated art journal, is a perfect and most interesting storehouse to rummage in. Its principal departments are: "Chronicle and Comment" which besides much interesting literary gossip and news has interesting portraits of men and women whose faces all like to see. "Poetry"—Here we are especially attracted by a poem of William W. Campbell, "When the Birds Fly Home." "The Reader," under which most will at once turn to "Kate Carnegie," a novel by Ian Maclaren; a "Paris Letter"; "Reviews of New Books"; "Novel Notes." "The Bookman's Table," with several minor departments, should satisfy the book-lover. [Dodd, Mead & Company, New York.]

The January *Century* is of more than usual interest. In addition to the continued articles, "Life of Napoleon," with its graphic illustrations and maps; "Tom Grogan," and "Sir Tressady" by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, a most interesting article is "A Kaleidoscope of Rome," with many striking illustrations; "Antarctic Exploration" takes the general reader into a new and all but unknown field of travel and adventure. "Tribal Life among the Omahas," "A Feast Day on the Rhine," "A Slender Romance," "Topics of the Time" and "Open Letters" dealing with timely subjects, make up a good number for the first month of the new year. [The Century Company, New York.]

The January *Ladies' Home Journal* is a marvel of cheapness and beauty, and when we say that among the contributors to it for this month are Mary Anderson de Navarro, ex-President Harrison, Frank R. Stockton, Rudyard Kipling, Mary E. Wilkins, Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, Edith M. Thompson, Julia Magruder, Jerome K. Jerome and others equally well-known, writing on subjects interesting, novel or important it is enough to commend it to all lovers of good literature. [The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.]

The *Homiletic Review* is now in its thirty-first volume and still it holds on its useful, helpful way. That for the current month contains, in its Review Sections, five articles of importance to ministers and students of which the last is by Professor McCardy, of Toronto, on "History, Prophecy and the Monuments." The other sections will all be found helpful to the preacher, pastor, teacher and social reformer. [Funk and Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York.]