

and the work of reclaiming them ought not to be hopeless. The Home work of the church lies right here: first in keeping a hold on those brought up in the church and Sabbath School and, then, through them to penetrate to the people who are and have been altogether churchless.

The means to be used have been frequently discussed, but the question will not suffer by being ventilated. It has been attracting much attention in Australia and the conclusion come to at a recent meeting at Sydney, will be interesting to brethren in Canada, even should it not be accepted as suitable for our case. We believe the approved methods adopted by the Church, to be the only sound methods of evangelizing and of extending the Kingdom. What is wanted is the power of the Holy Ghost with the preaching of the word, and that power as exemplified in the Christian lives of business men and godly women.

The hindrances which kept men from attending church, and the suggestion of efforts which would be likely to bring about a better state of church attendance were thus pronounced upon by the Sydney brethren. Under the former head, there were alleged the forbidding influences of pronounced sacerdotalism on the part of many occupants of the pulpit, which sometimes approached a species of priestcraft that enchained the human conscience; ill-ventilated churches, which produced a tendency to drowsiness; the lack of interest in the pulpit, both in respect of subjects and their treatment; a defective religious training in early life; and the growing frequency of Sunday amusements and excursions. The principal remedies suggested were—that the service should be fairly musical and characteristically bright and hearty; that preachers should occasionally deal with subjects of general interest, speaking on public matters from the Christian standpoint, while endeavoring to show how the teaching of the Bible would effect a social regeneration; that ministers should not stand aloof from societies in which men congregated and took an interest; that the acquaintance of the leaders of democratic thought should be sought for to bring the Church more in touch with the masses; and that laymen who attended Church should more generally use their endeavors with those who did not; to induce them to follow the same practice.

Father of Prohibition Neal Dow, the veteran temperance worker and advocate of the total prohibition of the liquor traffic celebrated his ninety-first birthday on the 20th inst. He received congratulations by wire and letter from ardent admirers all over the world, many of which he was able to reply to, being in excellent health.

Choral Services in Scotland. A noticeable change is taking place in the church services in the three leading Presbyterian churches in the south-west of Scotland. In Glasgow, especially, it seems innovations in the service of praise are making rapid headway. The service in a congregation typical of the changed conditions is described as follows. "The 'Dead March in Saul' is played over the death of the beadle and session-clerk alike, showing there is no respect of persons in this matter; and the greater portion of the services is being enlivened by chants extending to a whole Psalm of 15 or 20 stanzas, and other fine pieces of music, which is

attracting such crowds as mere preaching could not. Especially is this the case in the evenings, when the service is entirely choral, assisted by an instructed choir and a skilled organist." It is evident the voice of Dr. Begg is no longer heard in the land of our fathers.

New Anglican Diocese. The necessities of the administration of the Church have rendered it desirable to erect a new Anglican diocese in Ontario, and, accordingly, a meeting was held in Toronto last week at which it was agreed to raise an endowment for the proposed diocese which will be carved out of the existing ones in Western Ontario. The result will be an improvement in the affairs of the Church, and it is hoped in its prosperity.

Statistical Statement. The following statement of Schemes of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has just been issued:

	Mar. 5, '94	Mar. 5, '95.
Assembly Fund.....	\$ 2,392 50	\$ 2,197 17
Home Mission.....	36,891 50	42,446 92
Augmentation.....	14,192 95	15,432 42
Foreign Missions.....	35,421 50	42,149 20
Manitoba College.....	2,046 80	1,836 74
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	3,139 27	3,926 77
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund..	5,396 62	5,337 31

Worthy of Consideration. In some Presbyterian bodies, they elect the moderator at the close of the annual session, who shall serve for the coming year. That would give him a chance to appoint his committees with a little deliberation. They have now to be chosen in a night. It would enable the presiding officer to prepare for his work. When business has to be rushed through, that is a very important matter. An extempore moderator labors at a disadvantage. It might be worth while to consider the other plan.

Women's Work in Quebec. The accounts published in the local press, of the twentieth annual meeting of the Quebec Women's Christian Association show, not only that the Association is in a prosperous condition, but also the extremely interesting character of some of the work in which the members are engaged. The mission to Beaufort Asylum is thus described: The Beaufort Asylum was one of the main features of last year's work. A committee was formed which, after some difficulty succeeded in obtaining permission to see the patients (Protestants). Through the kindness of Rev. W. Love, who personally conducted the mission, a short service was held once a month, those who were able to do so, taking part, and frequently joining in the hymns.

Sir William Collins' Death. A man whose name has been associated for many years with Christian philanthropy and mission work died recently at Glasgow, at the ripe age of seventy eight. We refer to Sir William Collins the eminent publisher. For at least fifty years he was foremost in good works. A large employer of labor, he took an intelligent interest in labor problems; he was a staunch advocate of total abstinence, and of social reforms. His means were ample and his benevolence was carried out on a large scale. To the poor he was a sympathetic and liberal friend and the unfortunate and needy will miss his kindly face and wise counsel. In church circles his influence was widely felt, especially among the mission workers of the Wynds and poorer districts of the large city of which he was for some years the Lord Provost.