

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford said the overture asked to have applied to the Church the system in other professions such as medicine. There ought to be one standard of an important character under the control of the Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, said that there was wide dissatisfaction regarding the education of students. The longing for itinerancy among congregations, he felt, was due to the fact that there was a tendency to send out an inadequately trained ministry. He believed that piety was often made to cover a multitude of sins and he was actually sick of the plea of piety. For one who was of service to the Church there were ten who were a hindrance to it." (Applause.) He moved that the subject be referred to a committee.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, in seconding the motion, said he would not go quite as far as Dr. Milligan and say that ministers were inadequately trained. He believed there was room for improvement and gave some amusing instances of ignorance displayed by some ministers presenting themselves to Presbyteries, but held that on the whole the Church had better trained ministers than any other Church. (Applause.)

Prof. MacLaren, of Knox College, said the trouble arose because students had not sufficient early training before entering college. While he had no objection to an entrance examination, he was doubtful whether anything would be gained by an exit examination. It would lead to an examination from text-books, and he did not think this was the best way for teaching theology.

Principal Forrest, of Dalhousie College, while sympathizing with the object of the scheme, thought it would prove an utter failure. He indignantly repudiated the statement of Dr. Milligan that the Church was sending out an inadequately trained ministry in the east, at any rate, for every graduate of the Halifax College last year was a University graduate. This was not the time to speak in a loose and reckless way. (Applause.) The plan proposed is ridiculous from the word go. It has failed in other professions and the failure with regard to the ministry will be more utter and complete. The Assembly had heard a lot about the mistake of the examined, but nothing about the mistake of the examiners. (Laughter.)

Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, in supporting the motion, hoped that the Church would cease spoiling students for the ministry by overloading them with home mission work and leaving them so little time for study.

Principal MacVicar in offering the motion, said any cases of restlessness and longing for itinerancy were due to ministers thinking that after ten years' study perhaps they were exempt from further study. Grey-haired ministers were welcome in the Church when they kept up with the spirit of the age. What is needed for an effective ministry is a force of living, forceful, clear-headed teachers. A paper university is undesirable. Principal Grant agreed with Prof. MacLaren that the time for the Church to speak was at the beginning and not at the end. Therefore the question was whether the Church was prepared to require theological students to be matriculants in arts. He thought the Church was prepared. He believed the Assembly was really agreed on the first step that theological students must be adequately prepared. Finally, at the suggestion of Principal Grant, and, as Rev. Robert Johnston, of London, pointed out, owing to the fact that the subject was in part to be dealt with by the Committee already appointed to consider a preparatory course for colleges, the Rev. Dr. Milligan agreed to change his motion so as to refer the matter to this same Committee, with the addition of the following members:—Revs. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Prin. Forrest, Prin. Grant, Prin. Caven and Prin. MacVicar.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

Communion was dispensed at Knox church on Sabbath afternoon, by arrangement of the Assembly. The Moderator officiated assisted by prominent brethren, members of the Assembly. The attendance of Commissioners was not as large as it ought to have been, a fact which drew forth a deprecatory remark from Rev. Dr. Robertson at Monday morning's session.

#### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

On Monday morning Rev. Dr. Fletcher moved that next meeting of the Assembly be held in Hamilton. A proposal has been on foot to meet in Toronto, but was not pressed as Hamilton's claims were considered to be stronger than those of the Queen City. The Assembly therefore agreed to meet in Central church, Hamilton on the second Wednesday in June next.

#### INDIA MISSIONARIES.

The report on the Correspondence from the India Missionaries was presented by Mr. Scott, and after a spirited discussion it was agreed that ordained missionaries of one year's standing who have passed their first examination in the native language shall be a Finance Committee; that a Woman's Council shall be formed of the lady missionaries, the estimates of the one and the plans of the other to be under supervision of the F. M. Committee.

## LOOKS INTO BOOKS.

THE TRANSLATION OF A SAVAGE. By Gilbert Parker, Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited. Price \$1.25.

The present volume is the sixth of the Canadian copyright edition of Gilbert Parker's works, which are being issued in uniform style by the Copp, Clark Co. The story is again laid in Canada, having for its hero the son of an English gentleman, and its heroine an Indian half-breed whom he makes his wife. The closing chapters are particularly pathetic, in which the Indian wife learns that her husband married her for revenge rather than love. The hero of the story is to the average Canadian a very familiar character, for Canadian abounds, unfortunately with the sons of Englishmen who are dumped upon this colony largely to avoid domestic unpleasantness, and who too often win the hearts and hands of the daughters of Canada, who, like the heroine in the story, learn when it is too late, the material of which their husbands are made.

THE STORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY. By Alfred T. Story. Price 40c. New York, D. Appleton & Co.

This useful little work is the latest addition to the library of useful stories, a series that have from time to time been noticed in these columns. It contains 38 illustrations and covers a very wide field of the history of photography, and will be found of great help and interest to amateurs as well as those who make a more thorough study of the popular art of photography. The second chapter on the Optics of Photography, the seventh and eighth chapters on the Camera and Lenses, the fourteenth chapter on recent discoveries, and the fifteenth on Color Photography will be found particularly interesting.

THE MAKING OF THE CANADIAN WEST. By Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M. A., Toronto, William Briggs.

The publishing house of William Briggs deserves the thanks of all patriotic Canadians for the many books on Canada issued from its press. The long list of such publications indicate, not only broad patriotism but very commendable enterprise. We hope the reading public appreciates the service thus briefly referred to by extending a liberal patronage. The latest volume in this class is Mr. MacBeth's "Making of the Canadian West." It is the author's second effort on this congenial theme, the first being "The Selkirk Settlers in Real Life" a book of great interest. Both books merit a place on every well-stocked bookshelf. The former is a carefully written story concerning important affairs transpiring in Manitoba and the North West, told by one who brought the keen observation of an eyewitness and the sympathy of a participant to the congenial task. The stages of transition in the life of the community, the Riel rebellions, the leading civil, military and religious actors on the Manitoba stage during troubles and peaceful times down to the present day are well described in the stirring narrative and the author has placed the public under a distinct obligation by his interesting and valuable work.

Messrs. W. S. Partridge & Co's. illustrated monthly magazines for June are to hand, including *The British Workman*, *Band of Hope Review*, *Children's Friend*, *Infant's Magazine*, *Friendly Visitor* and *Family Friend*. In the latter "Home Makers of the Bible," by the Rev. C. N. Barham, will be read with interest.

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD READ IN JUNE MAGAZINES.

"Cuba Under Spanish Rule." Personal Impressions of the Island, People, and Government, and of the War for Freedom. By Major General Fitzhugh Lee, in "McClure's."

"Ladies of New Zealand." By Frederick Dolman, in "The Woman at Home."

"Toledo, the Imperial City of Spain." With pictures by Joseph Pennell. By Stephen Bonsai in "The Century."

"The Trolley in Rural Parts." Six Illustrations by Peter Newell. By Sylvester Baxter in "Harpers."

"Seaside Pleasure Grounds for Cities." Illustrations by Walter Appleton Clark. By Sylvester Baxter in "Scribner's."

"What an American Saw in the Philippines." By Joseph T. Mannix, in "American Monthly Review of Reviews."

"The Physiology of Strength and Endurance." By Dr. L. W. Howard, in "Popular Science Monthly."

"Some Aspects of Courage." By F. Foster in "North American Review."

"The Art of Whittling." Illustrated by the author. By H. L. Robinson in "St. Nicholas."

"The Most Beautiful Love Story in Literature." By Clifford Howard in "The Ladies' Home Journal."

"Guajajuato and the Catacombs." By Gilbert Cunningham in "The International Magazine."

"A Holiday at Lochtayside." By Rev. Hugh Macmillan, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., in "Chambers Journal."