

their labors have not been in vain and that the first-fruits, so to speak, are gathered here, ere the eternal crown has been placed upon their heads by the Master Whose "wel done" must shortly greet them within the golden gate.

Woman's Blessed Work.

Next week the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will take place at Peterboro, and will continue from the 21st to the 23rd inst. The annual reports and the usual routine business will be interesting, but the chief interest will lie in the addresses which will deal with live topics in connection with mission work. A cordial welcome will be extended by the Peterboro' friends and delegates may expect a pleasant as well as a profitable time.

The Church is especially interested in this meeting, as its work is of the most vital character in the mission field, and its contributions year by year have been princely in their largeness. When it is remembered that the splendid amounts paid over to the Church funds are made up of small items, reminding one of the words,

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

—the detailed character of the work and the huge area which it penetrates can be imagined. Yet the money side is only an evidence of the real missionary work conducted under the direction of these devoted women. The relief to the poor, the dissemination of the Gospel truth, the care of the young—in these and other such labors they are unwearied having their reward in heaven and in their hearts, for so quietly do they move along that they are too often unnoticed and overshadowed by the more claimant activities.

Let there be a great gathering at Peterboro' next week. Let every delegate be in her place. The meetings will be an inspiration and good will follow. As the Sabbath for the week, so is the Convention for the year.

The Augmentation Fund. The report of the meeting of the Augmentation Committee, published in another column, reveals the fact that the sum of about \$3,000 will be required to meet the claims of this year. Contributors are earnestly reminded of the necessity of promptitude in sending their offerings so that the books may be closed with a balance on the right side. We publish a note from Rev. Dr. Warden drawing further attention to this important matter.

Tunes for the Hymnal. It is understood that the sub-committee of the Hymnal Committee, appointed to arrange the tunes for the proposed Hymnal has made satisfactory progress with its work. Hymn tunes which have become wedded to certain words have been left untouched while the new tunes are said to have been chosen with great care. Messrs. Herridge, Heine, Beckett, Thompson and MacMillan have been asked to undertake the duty of arranging for the editing of the music and the harmonies, and they will likely entrust the work to a composer of recognized ability.

The Mission of Presbyterianism. In setting forth the aim of Home Missions a Leaflet for March, published under the auspices of The Home Mission Society has this to say about Presbyterianism: "We are laying the foundations of a new country. Now remember this, Presbyterianism is the best known element with which to build up a strong, free, prosperous State. Presbyterianism is better than any other 'ism' for the government of a country, it is better for the morals of any community, and it is better for the thrift and industri-

ous habits and business integrity of the people. Have faith in your heritage. It is the grandest on earth. Let us do all we can to share it with our fellow-citizens and to hand it down to posterity. Our country's future depends on this. Our various mission societies will have done a grand thing when they shall have enabled the Home Mission Committee to report to the General Assembly that they have, for the first time in the Church's history, occupied the whole of the Home Mission Field. Why not?

A Pertinent Query. A correspondent writes to the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:—In the columns of a contemporary I read, the other day, that among other good works a certain prominent minister of the Gospel "threw himself heartily into the temperance reformation. The phrase "temperance reformation" puzzles me. Can you tell me its meaning? Is it not a misnomer, or can there really be a reformation of temperance by total abstinence methods. Is it not rather a reformation of drunkards or of moderate drinkers; can you answer? This query we pass on to our Prohibitionist readers.

Close of Financial Year. Rev. Dr. Warden has addressed the following letter to treasurers of congregations, Sabbath Schools, C. E. Societies, etc.:—"The current financial year terminates on Thursday, April, prior to which all contributions for the Schemes of the Church should be received. A considerable number of congregations have not yet contributed to one or more of the schemes. To enable the respective Committees to end the year without debt liberal contributions are required. It is earnestly hoped that Treasurer's will forward all money on hand without delay, as the books will be closed promptly on the afternoon of Thursday, 30th inst.

Happy McGill. How generous these Montreal millionaires can be? Here is Mr. Macdonald again breaking the bounds of ordinary conduct by donating a trifle \$150,000 to McGill University. Not satisfied with the princely sums he has already given to this favored seat of learning he must keep on shaming other rich men out of countenance by his prodigality. Had he but put it in his will it would not have been altogether so trying, but no, he must have his way even should he be in a hopeless minority! Yet we say, "all honor to him." No doubt he shall leave enough behind to make it worth while disposing of it by a regularly drawn up will, a will, however, containing many benefactions to churches and charities, for the man who gives freely during his life is the man who seldom forgets worthy bequests in his last will and testament.

A Good Example. Our esteemed contemporary, the *Belfast Witness* gives an editorial account of an iron foundry in Toronto, with which a chapel is connected, where every morning at seven o'clock a religious service is regularly conducted which lasts exactly half an hour. The workmen may attend or not, just as they please. But as a matter of fact they nearly all attend regularly. The outer door is locked so that no outsider can disturb the service. No sound of hammer is heard till 7.30. The results are all that could be desired. In keeping with such a practice is the absence of street cars on the Lord's Day, a fact proudly acknowledged by our contemporary. We may remark that there are several business places in Toronto where the day's work is begun after prayers or a short religious service, and the effect as might be looked for is beneficial to all concerned. Thus the fame and good name of Toronto are spread abroad and the devout in other cities are encouraged to do likewise.