

## OPENING OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The College Session will open on Thursday, the 13th October, at 12 o'clock, noon, when the Introductory Lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Willis, in the Divinity Hall. Students of all classes, preliminary as well as theological, are expected to be present.

Those entering College for the first time, will appear with their Presbyterian and other certificates, before the Professors' Court, on Friday, the 14th October, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Students of all classes will be examined in Latin, on Saturday, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and in Greek, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The examination in Philosophy will take place on Monday, the 17th, at 9 A. M.; in Church History, at 10; in Hebrew, at 11; and in Theology, on Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

Entrants will be examined in the English Branches, on Monday, at 2 P. M.; and in Mathematics, on Tuesday, at 9 A. M.

It is particularly requested that attention be paid to the above instructions; and that all coming forward will make a point, at whatever inconvenience, of being present on the day and at the time specified.

The following is the Curriculum that has been fixed by the College Committee:—

## PREPARATORY COURSE.

- I. Year—Latin and Greek Classics; Mathematics and Natural History.
- II. Year—Logic and Mental Philosophy, (first part); Natural Philosophy.
- III. Year—Mental Philosophy (second part) and Ethics; with the Elements of Hebrew.

## THEOLOGICAL COURSE.

- I. Year—Evidences of Religion; Hebrew and Church History.
- II. Year—Systematic Theology; Church History and Hermeneutics.
- III. Year—Systematic Theology; Hermeneutics; and Pastoral Theology.

## JUBILEE OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We observe that the Committee of the Parent Society have recommended to all Auxiliaries, Branches and Associations in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, to celebrate the Jubilee, by setting apart a day most convenient for themselves for a special public meeting—to be preceded (if not already done) by Sermons and Collections in the various places of worship. The Committee have further thought it advisable to propose Wednesday, the 12th day of October, as a suitable day for holding such meetings, and recommend that the meetings be held on that day, or, where this is not practicable, during the week in which that day occurs. We most earnestly trust that such meetings may be held in many places, and that liberal Collections may be taken up as an expression of gratitude to God who hath so signally blessed this institution, and of a determined resolution to use still more vigorous efforts for the dissemination of God's precious word. In England, in Nova Scotia and in other places, enthusiastic meetings are

being held, and we trust Canada will not be behind. Undoubtedly at no former period has there been greater necessity for a close adherence to the grand principles of the word of God, and for the most vigorous efforts for the spread of the Bible. God is calling us to action. He is opening doors long closed against the Bible. We learn from a late number of the *Bible Society Reporter*, that there has been a public meeting in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society in Constantinople, at which Lord Stratford de Redcliffe presided, when it was resolved to organize a new auxiliary to the Parent Society. May the friends of the Bible be enabled to take advantage of every new opening, and to persevere in their efforts, until every family on the face of the earth shall be possessed of the Bible.

## TOKENS OF ESTEEM.

KINGSTON.—A number of the members of Chalmers' Church lately presented Mrs. Burns, the wife of their pastor, the Rev. R. F. Burns, with a pair of very handsome fire-screens as a tribute of respect and esteem.

The gift was accompanied by an address expressive of the feelings of the donors, to which a suitable reply was returned by Mr. Burns, in behalf of Mrs. Burns.

Few positions in the Church are more important and more difficult to fill than that of the wife of a Pastor; and it cannot but be peculiarly gratifying and encouraging to receive such a token of attachment and esteem.

ACRON.—The Ladies of the Congregation of Acon, lately presented their Pastor, the Rev. John McLachlan, with a purse of £11, in token of their esteem and regard, on the happy occasion of his removing to his new Manse.

Such gifts are not only of substantial benefit to a minister, but help to cheer and encourage him amidst his trials and labours.

MR. ADAMS' CONGREGATION, KING.—UNINTENTIONAL OMISSION.—We are requested to state that by an oversight, altogether unintentional, the formation of this pastoral charge, which took place within the year 1852, was not mentioned in the Home Mission Report of the Presbytery of Toronto. It embraces the members of the Church in King and such families in Vaughan as chose to connect themselves with them; and the Rev. James Adams, from the north of Ireland, was ordained over both. Tecumseth was also, at first, associated with the other departments of the charge. The number of members in all exceeds ninety.

## ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

POLISH BIGOTRY AND INTOLERANCE IN IRELAND.—It is sad to think of the extent to which bigotry and intolerance prevail in Ireland, fostered, there is too good reason to believe, by the influence of the priests. A number of ministers of different denominations lately went over from England and Scotland to preach the glorious truths of the Gospel. They were met with violence and tumult, and some of them were even in danger of their lives.

A memorial has been addressed to Lord

Palmerston, Home Secretary, by the Scottish Reformation Society, on the subject of these riots.

RAPID PROGRESS OF THE ANTI-POLISH MOVEMENT IN SCOTLAND.—The vigorous life and activity which seem to characterize the operations of the Scottish Reformation Society cannot fail to gratify every true Protestant. Not a week passes in which new branch associations are not springing up in every part of the country. No fewer than thirty-eight of these promising offshoots from the parent stock are either already in existence, or in process of being formed.

THE MADIAI.—A correspondent of the London Christian Times, writing from Genoa under date of July 2d, states that Francesco and Rosa Madiai had arrived at that place, on their way to Geneva. The former, he states, is wonderfully recovered both in body and mind, but Rosa Madiai looks very delicate, and complains of soreness in her chest, which it is to be hoped the pure air of Switzerland, during summer, in a circle of good Christian friends, will gradually dispel. They have been joined there by Mr. Chapman, a gentleman who takes the most lively and active interest in the evangelization of Italy.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"—Whilst people in England and the United States regard this work as exclusively an attack on slavery, it operates in other countries in a manner perhaps never contemplated by the authoress. The run of this book, its rapid diffusion throughout the civilised world, can only be compared to that of the *Wandering Jew*, by Sue, a few years ago. This latter book was the ruin of the Jesuits, and shook, in no slight manner, Romanism in parts where the disciples of the Loyola were again making head, and where the power of Popery had been long firmly established. Mrs. Stowe's book has been the means of thousands acquiring a knowledge of the pure Christian spirit existing where the Bible is the sole authority in religious thought.—*Exchange Paper*.

CHINESE LANGUAGE.—Who would have thought six years ago, that the laws of one of the States of the Union would have to be published in English and Chinese, for general circulation? Yet so it is. The ninth section of an act passed by the California Legislature for the collection of the foreign miner's tax has been printed in the Chinese language, for the information of more than thirty thousand Chinese in the New State. Tongk Achich, a Chinaman, certifies that the translation is "faithful and good."—*Albany Atlas*.

The English Parliament was prorogued on the 20th August by commission. The Queen's speech was entirely congratulatory.

The Select Committee of Parliament had published their report on the Slave Trade Treaty. It is a very long and important document. Its substance is, that Britain possessed in 1850 twenty-four treaties with civilized Powers to suppress the trade, besides forty-two with Africans. Since the above date Great Britain had terminated two more with civilized Governments, and twenty-three with Africans, making an aggregate of eighty-nine treaties to suppress the trade. The Committee report that the trade would soon be extinguished if the Cuban market was closed, and think the present time favorable for the joint efforts of Britain, France, and the United States, to stop it on the Cuban coast.

Another Peace Congress is to be held at Edinburgh, during the course of the ensuing year. A very large attendance is expected from both the old and new worlds.

SCOTTISH RIGHTS.—An association has been formed for the vindication of Scottish rights, and a spirited address issued, specifying a variety of particulars in which flagrant wrong has been done to the northern section of the Island. Incalculable benefits have no doubt flowed from the union. But, at the same time, it must not be