

Honan, China, and of a report upon the state of the Goforth fund. A report was also presented by Mr. Mutch respecting a post-graduate course of studies to commence on the last Tuesday of January of next year. But the most important matters before the alumni were those relating to the increase of the present endowment fund, which, because of the lowering of the rate of interest, has ceased to be nearly as productive of revenue as it once was or is likely ever again to be; and the appointments to be made to the vacant professorships.

With regard to the former more especially, the Rev. Mr. Jordan of this city, by the request of the College Board, addressed the Association at some length in a forcible speech, and as a result a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the Board regarding the formation of an endowment association, to have branches at different points throughout Canada, for the purpose of assisting in the effort to increase the endowment fund of the college.

Touching the professorships, there was first read by Rev. Mr. Turnbull of the city, a resolution to be entered on the minutes of the Association respecting the lamented death of the late Professor Thompson, owing to which one of the vacancies was caused. After this a free and informal conversation was held, taken part in by a good number of those present as to the way in which the Association might, at the proper time, render assistance to the Presbyteries and the College Board in making the best selection possible to professorships, a matter which all present were unanimous in regarding as most vital to the usefulness and prosperity of the college. In pursuance of this a committee was appointed whose duty it shall be to make enquiry in every proper manner as to the qualifications and fitness of candidates for the vacant chairs, and to report at a meeting of the Association to be held at the time of the holding of the post-graduate course.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARY STAFF.

IN referring to our Foreign Missionary staff it is natural to begin with the most recent additions to it. The others have been noticed at more or less length in these columns. We begin with Miss Rachel W. Chase, B.A., of Toronto University where she took a high place. Orillia being her home, her designation took place there last Wednesday evening in the presence of a large congregation which assembled in Knox Church. Her being the first to offer herself for Foreign Mission service from any church in town, gave a special interest to the occasion. Besides Rev. Dr. Grant, pastor of the church there were present and took part in the service, which was most solemn and impressive, Rev. Dr. Gray, of Orillia; Mr. Hamilton Cassels, convener of the Foreign Mission Committee; Rev. R. P. MacKay, secretary; Rev. Dr. Wardrope, and the Rev. D. D. Macleod, of Barrie, who represented the Barrie Presbytery. The W.F.M.S. was represented by Mrs. R. N. Grant, president of the local branch, who, in the name of the general society, presented Miss Chase with a Bible, in connection with which Rev. Dr. Grant read a letter from Mrs. Harvie, the secretary of the W.F.M.S. Dr. Grant also, on behalf of the session, and Mr. H. Cooke, Sabbath School superintendent, on behalf of the school made a presentation of several valuable books to Miss Chase, and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, through Mr. C. J. Miller, presented a portable organ. For these presentations and to the addresses made in connection with them, Miss Chase made a touching reply. Previous to this meeting, the members of the Young Ladies' Sunday morning class, of which Miss Chase had been leader, and of the local Christian Endeavor Union embracing the Presbyterian and Methodist societies, had both made suitable gifts, expressive of their affection and esteem.

Miss Ptolemy, who has also been appointed to India, and who accompanies Miss Chase, goes from Binwood congregation, of which Rev. W. P. Walker is pastor, and where also her designation took place. Miss Ptolemy has for some time been a teacher in a ladies' school in Hamilton, and like Miss Chase, possesses high scholarly attainments. In her designation services, besides the pastor there were present and took part, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Rev. Mr. Shearer and Rev. Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, who

on the occasion represented the Presbytery of Hamilton. The congregation of Binwood and many friends have taken very deep interest in Miss Ptolemy's devoting herself and her experience and scholarship to this work, and manifested their interest at the farewell meeting by affectionate parting presentations to gladden her on her way and in her work. Both of these ladies are regarded by the Foreign Mission Board as possessing exceptional fitness for the work to which they have given themselves.

There accompanies them for medical mission work in India, Dr. Thompson, whose designation at Kirkton as a medical missionary we have already noticed. To fit himself as thoroughly as possible for this work to which he has been looking forward for years, he has added to three years practice as a doctor in Kirkton, a post-graduate course in New York. These three valuable additions to our mission staff in India, left Union Station, Toronto on Thursday evening for Montreal, and are now on the Atlantic to proceed from Britain to their destination, followed by the prayers of the whole church as well as of many warm personal friends.

The arrival, as we go to press, of the following letter from that well known friend of our missions in India and of our church, Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., and its special bearing upon our Indian mission work at this very time, has turned us from our purpose for the present, to refer more at length to our Foreign Mission staff. We do so that we may give the pleasant tidings which his letter conveys to the church, and that we may join in the prayers which Dr. Kellogg invokes, for a blessing upon his work and that of all our brethren in India in the interesting services in which they have just been engaged, and in which they have enjoyed his valued assistance and long experience, a service for which the whole church in Canada will feel grateful.

Landour, N. India, Sept. 17th, 1895.

MR. EDITOR:—As a general rule, I am careful to abstain from putting my hand into any matter which may affect the special interest of another mission than that of which I am a member, but I have this day made an exception to this rule in respect of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Nevertheless, when the Canadian Presbyterians who shall read this shall have read my confession and self justification, I feel confident that both the honored members of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, and the general public will pardon me for putting my hand into business which more especially concerns their own mission.

In a word, then, what I this day have done is this: I have taken active part in the transfer of a young lady of this place, a missionary's daughter of another mission, to the Central India Mission of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. Not to be ambiguous, however, I should say that this young lady, Miss Maggie Evans, has seen fit to enter your mission as Mrs. Frank H. Russell; and my share in the transaction—no very large share indeed,—consists in this, that the Rev. Norman Russell and I assisted her honored father in that ceremony which gave Miss Evans the right to this name. Leaving, however, all pleasantries, I wish to take this early opportunity through the columns of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, to congratulate the Church on this addition to their staff in Central India. I am sure that those most concerned will pardon me for saying so much as this, which every one else here is saying, that Mr. Frank Russell has herein not only done well for himself, but also exceedingly well for his mission, in bringing about this addition to their number. Miss Evans is the daughter of a worthy Welsh missionary, whom I have known well for some twenty-four years, and with whom for the past two years I have been associated in the charge of the Union Church in this station of Mussoorie; so that she is "to the manor born," and in entering into your mission, will only work elsewhere in a work in which, both by grace and by the spirit of a happy missionary home, she has already been well trained.

I was particularly pleased to learn that Mr. Russell and his wife will begin their life work together in one of your new stations, the city of Dhar, west of Mhow, where the fallow ground is as yet quite unbroken, and where, I am delighted to hear, the ruling Raja has by a considerable gift of land, etc., shown a hearty interest in the establishment of a mission in his little State. One could not wish for a more pleasant and encouraging beginning of Mr. and Mrs. Russell's work, and I am sure that they will have the prayers of many in Canada, that they may not only be indeed a blessing to each other, but both of them an occasion of eternal blessing to many of the unevangelized multitudes of Dhar.

I recently had a letter from your well-known missionary, the Rev. Dr. Buchanan, of Ujjain, which gave me great pleasure, asking me to come and assist them in a Christian "mela," which they propose to hold there on the 18th October, just before the meeting of the Mission Council. This, the providence of God permitting, I propose to do; and am anticipating very special pleasure in meeting at that time all the members of the Canadian Mission, with nearly all of whom I already have the privilege of more or less personal acquaintance. It is also in the plan that I should arrange, if possible, to deliver a short course of lectures on Christian Apologetics to the large class of English-speaking, educated native gentlemen in Indore, a little after the mela. So that by just about the time that this will appear in the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, I shall probably be with the members of your mission in Ujjain, and trying to help them, with God's blessing, to quicken the spiritual life among the Hindoo Christians of your mission. After I shall have made this visit to the Canadian Mission, I shall hope to write again to the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, whose readers, I am sure, will be glad to hear in this way from the mission and work in which they feel so much interest. Meantime, I will ask the prayers of Canadian Christians that in the coming meetings in Ujjain, which will probably be in progress about the time this is published, we may have abundant evidence of the presence and blessing of God the Holy Spirit, among both missionaries and the native brethren of the mission.

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Books and Magazines.

The October number of *Knox College Monthly* is decidedly above its average in articles that are thoroughly interesting as well as useful. It opens with an article by John A. Patterson, M.A., on "Paul the Apostle Arraigned," in his usual felicitous, flowing style and wealth of allusion. Every article he writes only makes us wish he would write more. The somewhat abstruse subject of "Hypnotism" is discussed by John Ferguson, of Toronto; while Rev. William Fritzell discusses the vexed but important question of "Woman's Place in the Church." "Summer Schools of Theology" are treated by two such competent authorities, inasmuch as they took part in them, as Professor McCurdy, of Toronto University, and Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., pastor of St. James Square Church, of this city. The former gives an account of that held in Halifax in connection with our own Church, and the latter of that held in Cleveland, in which, amongst other able men, Principal Fairbairn was the shining light. A letter from Honan, by Rev. J. A. Slimmon, which has already appeared in our columns, and some odds and ends complete a good number. [F. N. W. Brown, Toronto.]

The October *Queen's Quarterly* is a most interesting number. The first and second articles deal with two poems both well worthy of the study and pains bestowed upon them, and both most helpful to the intelligent reading of the poems treated. The first is by J. M. Dixon, on "In Memoriam." It contains many quotations, and to those who have not already made this poem a study, will add greatly to its interest. The next is equally, perhaps, more interesting. It is "Browning's Interpretation of Alcestis," concluded by Professor Watson, of Kingston. It has also plentiful extracts with commentary upon them. Two learned works are noticed and discussed at some length; "Beyschlag's New Testament Theology," by Professor Sharp and "Harnack's History of Dogma," by Herbert Symonds. An interesting popular article by R. Vashon Rogers is "Some Notes on Widows, giving some account of their status, social and legal position and rights in various countries. Science Notes contain many interesting and suggestive references. Current Events, signed by G., are racy and fresh, as we would expect them to be from that facile pen. [The News Printing Company, Kingston, Ont.]

The October *Arena* is filled with articles on subjects both interesting, and many of them most important. It opens with a portrait of Will Allen Dromgoole as a frontispiece, who also contributes an article entitled: "A Humble Advocate." B. O. Flower, the editor, writes two papers, both on English subjects, the first beautifully illustrated, "Chester-on-the-Dee," and the other, "The England of Sir Thomas Moore." This monthly is doing good work in the battle for social purity and protection of women from their destroyers. Of this character are the articles: "A Battle for Sound Morality," and "Representative Women on Vital Social Problems: a Symposium." Other valuable articles which may be mentioned are: "An Era of Fraud and Embezzlement"; "Preacher and Plutocrat"; "Why the Workers Want"; "The Significance of Labour Day," by Eugene V. Debs; and "Manual Training for Women" and the "Problems of Domestic Service," by G. Vrooman. Several other valuable papers may be found in this number with notices of a large number of Books of the Day. [The Arena Publishing Company, Boston, Mass., U.S.]

Godey's Magazine makes a point of having at least one article of weighty importance each month. The November number contains a timely and suggestive discussion of "The Vatican and the Peace of Europe," by Jesse A. Locke. A narrative that will provoke much argument is Cleveland Moffett's impartial description of "The Miracles of Saint Anne." "Camera Caprices" describes and illustrates many of the illusions possible in photography and is as amusing as it is instructive. The true characters of those picturesque plutocrats, Hettie Green and Russell Sage, are portrayed entertainingly, and what Lee J. Vance tells about "The Gold Fields of the South" will be a surprise to many. The musical article discusses American Grand Opera. "Fashion, Facts, and Fancy," gives the latest ideas for personal and house adornment, as well as hints on innumerable subjects of interest to women. And on the whole the magazine, brilliantly illustrated as it is, is full of variety and entertainment. Ten cents a copy. [The Godey Company, 52-54 Lafayette Place, New York.]

Book News for October has a new and ornate cover design. Numerous improvements are noticeable in this old friend of the book-lover, and the fact is no reader of books can afford to do without it. Nobody ever pretended to know how such a magazine can be furnished at fifty cents a year. The plate-paper portrait of Frank Vincent, traveler-writer, is accompanied by a story of his life prepared especially for *Book News*. Talcott Williams, M.D., is at home "With the New Books;" the Boston literary field is gleaned by Mr. Dole; Gotham is done by Walter T. Edwards. Selections from "The Stark-Munro Letters," by A. Conan Doyle; "About Paris," by Richard Harding Davis; "From the Memoirs of a Minister of France," by Stanley J. Weyman, find place among the illustrations from the new books. Reviews, notes, poetry and other miscellany go to make up an attractive number. [John Wanamaker, Philadelphia.]

The *Sanitarian* for October, after an opening article on "Sanitary Brushwood Picked up in Europe," discusses such useful and practical questions as "Filters"; "What Shall We do With the Old Well"; "Sewerage of Edinburgh and Leith," a consular report; "Tenement Houses and Dwellings for Workingmen in Glasgow"; and besides many interesting bits of information under "Medical Excerpts" and the "Editor's Table," and notices of new books. [The American News Company, New York.]