

papers read were valuable as setting forth the practical experience of the most successful workers among the young, some of which we have secured, and will publish in this and our succeeding issues. Mr. J. A. Paterson aroused a most welcome enthusiasm against the danger of Sunday cars in Toronto. His remarks will have a good effect, and in the battle just at hand the co-operation of the Young People will be of the greatest possible value. Let it be used wisely and efficiently. Glancing over the audience, thinking of the latent power there among the Christian Young People of the city, especially the young men, we could not help feeling how great a service to the Lord's Day it is in their power to render. A passage in Mr. Paterson's speech is worthy of being deeply pondered: "I have no doubt that upon the verdict to be pronounced by the young people of this city will depend the future of Sabbath observance in Toronto. The old people you cannot convince. They are either for or against Sunday cars, and their opinion you cannot alter. But the young people you can either influence for Sabbath observance or by neglecting them cause them to be against it. You can help the cause of Sabbath observance if you give us your sympathy, your prayers, and your active co-operation." A thoughtful utterance by Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, on "Good Citizenship" contained views of the theatre which were rather broad for many in the audience; it is the old difficulty of the "use" or "abuse" of a thing. "Shun every appearance of evil." It is needless to say that Rev. Prof. Robinson was listened to with deep interest. He was masterly in his vivid description of the events in the reign of Xerxes, related in the Book of Ezra. The oftener Toronto hears Prof. Robinson the higher he rises in their esteem as a learned and lucid expounder of the profound and difficult problems of Biblical research and of the glories of ancient orientalism. The Union enters on its new year with every promise of prosperity.

The Armenian Fund We have much pleasure in acknowledging the sum of \$7.50 from the Women's Missionary Society of Knox church, Spring Ridge, B.C. Dr. Geikie, the treasurer of this fund will be most happy to receive through the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW continued contributions to this very deserving object.

Missions and Revivals. Two great interests press to the front at this time—missions and revivals. They are not antagonistic, but allied and co-operative. Where the one abounds, there the other is found. A revived church is a missionary church. What we need, then, and should seek, as pastors and people, is the Pentecostal baptism. This will not only quicken church members and save sinners, but consecrate the purse, whereby the work of the Church at home and abroad shall be properly sustained and advanced.

No need for alarm. Mystery envelopes the future. We know not what is before us. But our inability to penetrate the secrets of Providence is no reason for doubt or alarm. We have already gone through previous years with their enigmas as unsolvable at the outstart as any that now confront us, and the same God, who has given light and grace as the days brought their trials and difficulties, will go with us hour by hour, and help us as his purposes are disclosed. We can take courage, then, and move forward with comfort and hope.

New College Vacant Professorship. The vacant chair of apologetics in the New College Edinburgh will be difficult to fill not for want of able men but because of the large number who are specially qualified for the

position. The names of Rev. Dr. Denney, and Rev. Alexander Martin, Morningside are familiar to Canadians in connection with the recent vacancies in Knox College, these with those of Rev. Dr. Stalker and Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, Aberdeen have been sent up by Free Church Presbyteries and there are more to follow. It is not expected that Rev. Dr. Stalker will launch upon professorial work at his time of life, especially as he has made the pulpit the particular outlet of his great abilities, and should Rev. Dr. Denney consent to leave the quiet of his semi-rural, semi-urban compact and comfortable charge at Broughty-Ferry the prize will likely be his. The name of Professor Werach is also favorably mentioned.

Church Attendance in Doonachie Recently a census of church attendance was taken at Glasgow, the results of which has caused much thoughtful correspondence in the Scottish papers. It has been clearly proved that there is a serious decline in the attendance at public worship and that the membership rolls represent a church connection that does not mean church attendance. The *Christian Leader* in an able article attributes the deplorable result to a breaking down of Dr. Chalmer's idea of territorial work owing to the divisions which have taken place in Scottish Presbyterianism, and concludes with the following reference to the change that is coming over the religious spirit of Scotland:—The question has often been asked why the Reformed Presbyterian Churches which joined the Free Church twenty years ago have never increased. The reason of that is that while the faithful and attached members might come from far these worthies die out, and no one takes their place, and the days of travelling long distances to churches—as the Seceders did long ago—are gone. And one of the reasons of the decay in church attendance is the losing sight of the idea of territorial work. It almost looks as if the end of the nineteenth century is to be like the middle of the eighteenth, and to close in the darkness of moderatism and the decay of evangelical life.

Wellhausen's Critic. A letter which has in certain quarters revived an interest in Rev. Dr. Cameron's book "Sanctuary and Sacrifice" has been written by Professor Sayce. Writing from Egypt Dr. Sayce says: "A thousand thanks for your book. It my letter to you had anything to do with the publication, it was the most useful and fortunate letter I have ever written. Once more let me thank you for your exhaustive exposure of the 'Higher Critics' and their methods . . . Professor Hommel paid me a visit on his way from Palestine to Munich. He told me he had just been writing an article in which he had arrived at precisely the same conclusions as myself as regards the antiquity and trustworthiness of the Pentateuch, and the baselessness of the philological analysis of it. And he ended by saying: 'Ten years hence the school of Wellhausen will be no more.' If the prophecy is fulfilled, you will have had a large share in bringing it about. Dr. Boyd has used the right expression about your work; it has simply made 'mince meat' of Wellhausen and his friends. *No reply to it is possible.*" The February number of the King's own has a remarkable article by Dr. Baxter in which he exposes the unfair treatment accorded by editors and critics to his book.

The great musical composer Haydn was sixty when he began his "Creation." When urged to bring it to a speedier termination, he replied, "I spend a long time upon the 'Creation' because I intend it to last a long time." Much of the work done in this age of hurry has no staying power. Christian workers should be on their guard against the prevailing spirit of fastness and impatience. We ought not to be more anxious for quick conversions than for solid building and steady growth.