

her unlimited resources, besides the sympathy on her side of powerful European peoples, it can hardly be but that in the end, China must gain the day and get the better of Japan. The character and state of civilization of both peoples are such that the war, if continued, must necessarily be attended with great cruelty and a vast amount of suffering for the want of those alleviations and appliances which now exist so largely among Western nations, and reduce to a minimum the suffering and misery inevitably associated with war.

The work of Christian missions in both countries, on which so many English-speaking and other missionaries are engaged, and which has been attracting towards it so large and an ever-increasing amount of the interest of Christians in all lands, must for the present, at least, be rendered more difficult and less successful by the people having their passions aroused, and their minds pre-occupied in a way most unfavorable to listening to and accepting the truth which the missionaries are engaged in teaching. Recent reports mention the existence in some parts of China of strong anti-Christian and anti-foreign feeling exposing the lives and property of missionaries to serious danger. And it may be that this state of things will be aggravated by war. This cannot but call forth towards all the missionaries and mission work, a very deep interest, and lively, earnest sympathy and prayer that He in whose name they have gone forth may have them all in His holy keeping and the gospel whose principles of peace and good will they have gone to proclaim may assert its power, and the missionaries be allowed to prosecute their work without danger or even molestation.

Should hostilities be long continued, and they may be, very serious complications may possibly arise involving other powers which, it may be hoped, will be averted. Apart from this possibility, which need not be dwelt upon, should the war be prolonged, here will be an opportunity, which it is hoped will not be lost, of medical missionaries going to both armies, and by showing them what science can do to alleviate suffering, and what the beneficent and unselfish spirit of the gospel is, make such openings for both as will result in a great readiness to receive and welcome both, and thus make what at first sight may seem adverse to the gospel and the cause of Christ, the means, in God's providence, of preparing many minds now blinded, and closed, and hostile to the truth, for the hearty reception of that which can alone bring to them, as it has brought to other nations, such manifold and rich blessings of every kind as now they have no conception of.

**ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCH SCHEMES DURING THE YEAR 1894-5.**

THAT the church may know at as early a date as possible the amounts needed for the several schemes of work during the year, we publish the following circular and commend it to the attentive consideration of all our readers.—ED.]

The following statement of the requirements for the year, for carrying on the Missionary and Benevolent Schemes of the church, is now submitted, with the view of guiding Presbyteries and congregations in the amount which they should aim at, and in the appropriation of their contributions.

It is most desirable that Presbyteries should, at an early meeting, give their attention to the matter, and carefully consider what amount they should equitably assume, and then apportion this amount among the several congregations. In many Presbyteries this has been done with satisfactory results.

SCHEMES.	
Home Mission Proper (Western Section) amount required.....	\$ 73,000
Stipend Augmentation (Western Section) amount required.....	31,000
Foreign Missions (Western Section) amount required including what may be received from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	117,952
Jewish Missions.....	5,000
French Evangelization, including Pointe aux Trembles.....	47,500
Coligny College, Ottawa, SPECIAL TO REMOVE DEBT.....	25,000
Colleges, viz., Knox.....	\$6,500
Queen's.....	4,500
Montreal.....	5,000
Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Western Section).....	16,000
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section) For ordinary revenue.....	7,500
Manitoba College (East and West)—Exclusive of amount from Synod of Manitoba (which should be at least \$3,500)	19,000
Assembly Fund (East and West).....	5,000
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For the following schemes, viz. French Evangelization, Manitoba College, and Assembly Fund, the congregations in both Eastern and Western Sections should contribute.

For the other schemes the estimates are for the Western Section.

It has been thought necessary to give the average amount per member; but to show that the amount asked is not unreasonable, it may be stated that an average contribution of a little over \$2 per member would furnish the amount required for the ordinary schemes.

All congregations and mission stations are enjoined to contribute to the schemes of the church, and to remit promptly to the Treasurers. The Assembly has repeatedly recommended that there should be Missionary Associations in all the congregations, or other organizations, for raising missionary funds. Where these do not exist, collections are to be taken up according to the following arrangement: French Evangelization, 4th Sabbath of July; Home Mission, 4th Sabbath of August; College Fund, 3rd Sabbath of September; Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd Sabbath of October; Assembly Fund, 3rd Sabbath of November; Manitoba College, 3rd Sabbath of December; Augmentation Fund, 3rd Sabbath of January, 1895; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, 3rd Sabbath of February, 1895; Foreign Missions, 3rd Sabbath of March, 1895.

It was ordered by the Assembly that the amounts collected for the several schemes should be remitted without delay to the Treasurers.

TORONTO, July 11, 1895. W. REID.  
R. H. WARDEN.

REMARKS.

1. HOME MISSIONS AND STIPEND AUGMENTATION.—These Funds are separate, and it is particularly requested that, when money is remitted for either object, or for both, it be distinctly stated for what object it is intended, or how it is to be divided. It is earnestly hoped that the Stipend Augmentation scheme will be liberally sustained.

2. FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.—The estimate includes the amount required for Point aux Trembles school expenses.

3. AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, AND WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—These Funds are distinct, and contributions should be sent separately for the two objects. Congregations whose ministers are connected with the Widows' Fund of the Synod formerly connected with the Church of Scotland, will still contribute at their usual rate, these contributions being payable to James Croil, Esq., Montreal. It should be borne in mind that congregational contributions to the Widows' Fund cannot be dispensed with. For the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund it is absolutely necessary that an effort be made to raise the amount in the estimates.

4. ASSEMBLY FUND.—The Assembly has repeatedly instructed Presbyteries to collect or see to the collection of this amount which should be shared by all the congregations of the church. Besides the expenses immediately connected with the Assembly this Fund has to bear all expenses connected with committees which have no fund of their own, such as the Committees on Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance, State of Religion, Statistics, etc. There is also a charge on account of the general expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance. The burden would be easily borne if all took their own share. The amounts should be collected and remitted early in the financial year, as the printing of the minutes and other expenses have to be met.

5. COLLEGES.—The Assembly in 1888 decided that the Common Fund for Montreal, Queen's and Knox colleges should be terminated, and that the congregations should contribute to one or other of the colleges, as their judgment might dictate. The requirements of each of the three colleges are given above, and it is hoped that no congregation will omit contributing for college support, so that the full amount may be given. All the colleges require additional funds.

6. Manitoba College, as in former years, requires a special contribution, distinct from the contributions of other colleges. All the congregations, East and West, should contribute to the support of the Manitoba College.

7. It is particularly requested that congregations should see that contributions are sent in promptly, and not left till the close of the year. Payments have to be made for missions and other objects, and were the moneys to be sent in promptly, much might be saved in the way of interest.

The books will close without fail on 30th April.

**Books and Magazines.**

THE WIFE OF FAIRBANK ON KIRKS AND MINISTERS. By Rev. D. McNaughton, M.A., author of Laura Clarence, etc. Toronto: Press of the Canada Presbyterian, 5 Jordan Street.

Under this quaint title the author writes a book whose object is to promote Christian unity. It is written in an interesting, conversational, colloquial style, with a good amount in it of broad Scotch now so much in vogue. In the form of dialogue or conversations carried on by several fictitious personages introduced into the work, almost all knotty points in church polity which separate the different denominations are discussed in a racy, interesting style. This also extends to some of the points of doctrine on which they are divided. The method adopted by the writer draws the reader on from chapter to chapter, and much valuable instruction on the points at issue between the different bodies of Christians is imparted, which, had it appeared in the usual form of a treatise on them, would never have been gained because it would never have been read. In this way the author has given us a very useful and, at the same time, most readable book. We have only to add that the writer of it is a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and dedicates his work to the Moderator of the Venerable the General Assembly, the ministers, office-bearers and members of that body.

The *Presbyterian Quarterly*, a theological, philosophical and literary review; editors, G. B. Shickler, D.D., G. H. Barnett, D.D. Managing editor, George Summey, D.D. The first and leading article in this quarterly is by that well-known and able critic of the Irish Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert Watts, D.D., LL.D. It is entitled, "The Place of Christ in Modern Theology," and is a criticism upon the book of that name by Principal Fairbairn, of Mansfield College, Oxford, Eng. This book has attracted to it a great deal of attention, and in this article Dr. Watts reviews it ably and unfavourably. "Side Lights in the Correlation between Thoughts and Words," is by H. C. Alexander, D.D. An interesting and recondite subject is here ably discussed. Henry Alexander White, D.D., contributes "The Original Manuscript of the Pentateuch." The important practical subject of "The Power of the People in the Government of the Church," is discussed by W. A. Campbell, D.D. The Lexington Presbytery and Dr. Vaughan having in defence of an action affirmed that, "the people in a congregation have surrendered all governing power to the elders as their representatives, except in those cases in which the constitution expressly authorises the congregation to exercise that authority," Dr. Campbell denies that position and in this article proceeds to vindicate his position. "Addison Once More," by C. Alphonse Smith, Ph.D. Notes, Criticisms and Reviews, and Notices of Recent Publications complete the number. Whittet and Shepperson, 1001 Main Street. Richmond, Virginia.

The *Quarterly Illustrator*, including the months of July, August and September, is a most attractive magazine. This number contains 362 illustrations by over 150 well-known artists, and beautiful and most life-like many of them are. One could, without wearying, while away many an hour over these excellent and interesting illustrations; their number, variety and truth to life in most cases draw you on and time passes unobserved. Such a magazine coming into a home could not but refine it in many ways and we wish to commend it to many homes. Among such a host of illustrations it becomes difficult to particularize, but we mention the following chapters under which will be found many admirable illustrations: "Felines and Canines in Life and Art," "A Magician of Line," "Etching and Painter Etching," "A New Field in American Art," "Painting the Sea," "A Portfolio of Sketches," "Stray Bits of Character," "A Renaissance of an XVIIIth Century Art," "The Artistic Side of Photography." The magazine concludes with a chapter on thoughts and suggestions from studio and school, accompanied by various sketches from the pens of several well-known writers on art subjects. It is printed on heavy paper and the letterpress is in clear and beautiful type. Harry C. Jones, 92-94 Fifth Ave. New York. \$1 per year.

"Toronto and Adjacent Summer Resorts," is the name of an illustrated Souvenir and Guide Book, designed to give to those who may need or desire it all necessary information with regard to our fair city and its many adjacent summer resorts. It is edited by E. Herbert Adams, M.D., C.M., D.D.S., and published under the auspices of the Citizen's Committee of Toronto, so that the information contained in it may be depended upon as reliable. In the preface a high claim is made for Toronto as a health and pleasure resort, and in the body of the pamphlet of upwards of 120 pages this claim is in many ways substantiated. It is profusely and prettily illustrated, contains an index to its contents and a map showing the Muskoka Lakes and the routes of the Muskoka Navigation Co.'s steamers and the way to get to Muskoka from Toronto and neighboring towns. Altogether this is a most excellent guide book to put into the hands of anyone needing information on the matter it treats of, to take with one, or consult in view of an outing to Muskoka or for one wishing to visit Toronto or its neighborhood for health or pleasure. Frederick Smiley, publisher, Murray Printing Company, Toronto.

The special features of *Harper's Magazine* for August are "Old Monmouth," by Julian Ralph; "Up the Norway Coast"; "An Ideal Summer Excursion"; "A Few Edible Toadstools and Mushrooms"; "My First Visit to New England"; impressions of Hawthorne, Emerson and Thoreau, by William Dean Howells; "Stubble and Slough in Dakota"; "Triby," concluding instalment and six complete short stories. Fiction is an especially strong feature of the number. Harper & Brothers, New York.

Some of the more notable articles in the *Century Magazine* for August, apart from its usual supply of fiction by well-known writers are, "Washington as a Spectacle," profusely and happily illustrated. "A Cumberland Vendetta," a tale of the Kentucky mountains. "Across Asia on a Bicycle," part (vth) with quaint illustrations. "Walking as a Pastime"; "Poe in the South," with a striking likeness of the poet, and "Dr. Morton's Discovery of Anesthesia," by Alexander Schilling. The Century Co., New York.