

grace, but there are many others who have also the power under the statute to give such a notice, and there is every reason in the world why they should do so. It may sometimes, in such a place as Toronto, be difficult to trace where the liquor was given or sold, but, in smaller places, the process would be comparatively easy, and for our part we don't see why a drunkard should not be obliged to tell who supplied him with whiskey, and be sent to prison if he refuses.

Everyone knows most heartrending cases similar to that of this poor woman. Why should not the same remedy be applied? There is not a town or village in the Province in which such notices could not very properly be served, and in which such prosecutions could not very usefully be proceeded with. The old plea of course, is always ready: "If I don't sell, another will, and I may as well as not get the profit." Let all understand that they will henceforth do this at their peril; and a few hundred or five-hundred dollar fines will perhaps make a good many of the dealers in "strong waters" think somewhat differently, and reason in a somewhat more merciful and Christian fashion. By the way, we notice that our venerable legislators at Ottawa are doing their best to emasculate and destroy the Scott Act. If these gentlemen think it decent or becoming to take such a course, why, no doubt, they must go their own way. But if they fancy that they will in this fashion improve their own position in the estimate of the best portion of the community, or permanently retard the progress of total abstinence and all which that implies, they never were more mistaken in their lives. We are always anxious to speak and think respectfully of our legislators and other dignities, but what is to be done if these gentlemen won't allow themselves to be so spoken of and so regarded? By all means let them, if they are so minded, burke the Scott Act. In due time something stronger and more effective will appear for their sanction, and, will they or will they not, they will have to pass it. No cause that has any life in it was ever "put down" in the manner proposed. Nothing, in short, like a little, "sharp practice," whether legislative or otherwise, for quickening energies and promoting activity and effort.

#### KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Treasurer of the above Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following additional sums:

Per J. Ballantyne, Robertson's, \$13; Uffington, £7.89; Baysville, \$15.50; Hamilton's, \$7: total, \$53.39. Per D. McColl, St. Thomas, \$52.50. Per W. S. McTavish, Campbellville, \$5.75; Plummer township, \$2: total, \$7.75. Per R. M. Craig, Union Church, Brucefield, \$12; congregation of the Rev. J. Ross, Brucefield, \$15.04. Per D. James, Hamilton, \$44; Sturgeon Bay, \$30. Per A. Mackay, Friends, \$2.25. Per T. Davidson, Charleston, \$2.75; Powassan, \$6. Per J. A. Jaffary, Bolton, \$12. Per G. B. Greig, Katrine, \$150; Emsdale, \$6.50; Burke's Falls, \$2; Arthur, \$7.75; Eden Mills, \$12.25. Per A. K. Caswell, Honeywood, \$1.92; Hanning's Mills, \$3.28. Per James A. Hamilton, Brantford, \$12. Per J. Neil, Mono Centre, \$1.50; Camilla, \$4.50. Per A. U. Campbell, Chatham, \$3.50. Per A. Hamilton, Rev. R. Hamilton, Motherwell, \$4. Per W. Cowie, St. Catharines, \$12. Per W. J. Logie, Friend, London, \$1. Per W. H. Ness, Friend, 35 cents. Per James Farquharson, Rock Lake, \$5. Per H. C. Howard, Blackheath and Seneca, \$7.25. Per J. Mutch, Caledon East, \$9.25. Per A. Robertson, Friend, 50 cents. Per G. B. Greig, Hayne's avenue, St. Catharines, \$19.10. Per Rev. Dr. Reid, College street Bible class, Toronto, \$4; Erskine Church Sabbath school, Hamilton, \$14; Knox Church Sabbath school, Hamilton, \$10; Central Church Sabbath school, Hamilton, \$15.10; College street Church Sabbath school, Toronto, \$15.10. Per Jno. Gibson, Bassingthwaite's Settlement, Manitoulin, \$8. Per J. S. Mackay, Friend, Thamesford, \$1. R. C. James, Albany, \$5. Per Mrs. Wilkie, Guelph, \$30. Per M. McGregor, Second Presbyterian Church, Douglas, \$15.75. Students, \$122. Per R. McNair, Friends in Goderich — Friends in Toronto, \$185. ANGUS MACKAY, Treas.  
*Knox College, March 10th, 1881.*

WE are pleased to learn that the Rev. David Watson, M.A., of Beaverton, who has been seriously ill for some time, is recovering.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. (Columbia, S.C.) A very respectable and vigorously conducted publication.

ROSE BELFORD'S CANADIAN MONTHLY for March contains the fourth chapter of A. Bourinot's interesting account of the intellectual development of the Canadians.

"MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS," is the subject of the second of Mrs. Oliphant's stories of English queens in "St. Nicholas." It will be begun in April and run through two numbers, and will rival in interest the story of Lady Jane Grey, so charmingly told in the March issue.

THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW for March. (New York: A. S. Barnes & Co.)—This number of the "International" is specially able and timely. A mere list of the subjects discussed is sufficient to shew this. We have the "Solid South;" "Modern Public Debts;" "The Scientific Relations of Modern Miracles;" "Ireland," II.; "The Irish Land Question;" "The Early Days of Fox;" "Jacques Offenbach;" and all discussed in a very vigorous and upon the whole a dispassionate spirit.

THE increasing popularity of the coöperative stores in England has furnished the text to Charles Barnard for a brief article in "Scribner" for April, entitled, "The Shoppers' Rebellion." He points out the effect which this successful English movement has already had on this side of the water, and predicts a more thorough revolution in the present relations of shopper and shopkeeper. The same number will have an account of the new coöperative apartment-house system, now meeting with much favour in New York. It will be accompanied by estimates and diagrams.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY supplies a short poem "On a Valentine;" "The Black Robe," by Wilkie Collins, proceeds steadily on its way;—Temple gives a short poem on "Cupid's Missive," another valentine, probably though it would require some sharp insight to say just what the writer would describe; Mr. Buchan gives us a thoughtful paper on "George Eliot;" Gowan Lee furnishes a short poem on "Nature," Nicholas Flood Davin furnishes universal compliments in "Great Speeches." In short, to mention all the good things, would occupy too much space. Let people get it.

#### THE REVIVAL IN LINDSAY.

MR. EDITOR,—I have been asked to give some information through THE PRESBYTERIAN, in regard to the revival in this town.

It has been in progress in its present shape a fortnight. The Churches engaged unitedly are the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Bible Christian and Methodist Episcopal.

Three services a day are held—forenoon, afternoon and evening. In the evening it is difficult to get sufficient accommodation in any one building for the people. The "inquiry meeting" occupies a large part of the time. Nearly the whole congregation remain for personal dealing. The ministers are greatly aided by the members of the several churches.

Many profess to have found the Saviour. Very many more are seeking salvation. Some very noted cases of conversion have taken place, e.g., of some who were pronounced sceptics, or openly godless. The work has taken hold of all classes of the community; young men of education and position are conspicuously coming under the power of the truth.

Much, too, has been done in the way of developing latent Christian effort and piety. The ministers expect, hereafter, much more help from their work from the membership than heretofore.

The utmost harmony exists among the ministers and their congregations so far.

In reference to the origin of the work, it is only due that I should say, that it sprang (instrumentally) very largely from a visit from Peterboro' of four earnest men, who had been engaged in the recent revival there, under Mr. Hammond. These were Messrs. Sheriff Hall, Portland, G. M. Roger, and Rev. W. M. Roger, of Ashburn, who had been at Peterboro' for some time. A young Methodist minister from Peterboro' also assisted.

Under their direction the work took its present shape. Rev. Mr. Torrance then followed, and gave

two days of invaluable aid, and was succeeded by some others.

The work is under the direction of a union committee, consisting of the several ministers together with two or three experienced laymen from the several congregations represented.

There is no undue excitement present, nor are any *extraneous* methods attempted. So far as we can see, it is a genuine work of God, and our earnest prayer is that it may go on till our whole town is blessed with salvation. J. HASTIE.

*Lindsay, March 15th, 1881.*

#### CHURCH COMMITTEES.

MR. EDITOR,—On reading your statement regarding the different schemes of the Church and their financial position, one cannot help feeling discouraged. The Home Mission Fund is sadly deficient, shewing a decrease from last year of nearly \$12,000, and I suppose but for the earnest pleadings of Dr. Mackay the Foreign Mission Fund would likely be as bad. I say nothing at present regarding the other schemes.

But there is one question that I would place before you regarding the Home and Foreign Mission Committees. Is it right that the members of these committees should have their expenses paid when they meet, seeing that the funds for both of these missions are invariably deficient? I honestly think they should not. But I put the question for another reason, which is one of simple justice. Is it right or just that the members of these committees should have their expenses paid when they meet, when all the other committees of the Church are doing their work gratuitously? I think the answer must be in the negative. Is it not a fact that the conveners of these committees plead from time to time for greater liberality on the part of our people? And this is right and proper. Is it not a fact also that our ministers are doing the same from the pulpit, almost every Sabbath? This is my own position, and I intend to continue it. But, I hold that the money is neither collected nor given for the purpose of paying these committees. The expenses of the two committees referred to are not a trifle, and if this money were turned into its legitimate channel, it would accomplish a good deal. In making the above statement, I charge no one in particular, but have been actuated to do so, simply in the interests of our mission schemes. JOHN R. BATTISBY.

*Chatham, March 11th, 1881.*

ON Sabbath, the 6th inst., anniversary services were held in the Presbyterian church, Collingwood. The Rev. John Laing, M.A., of Dundas, preached to large and attentive congregations both morning and evening. A service was held in the afternoon for the Sabbath school, which was well attended, and Mr. Laing and Mr. Starr gave excellent addresses. On Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., the Rev. R. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, delivered his popular lecture on "Our Successors." The audience was large, and listened with the utmost attention till its close. The "Messenger" says: "The lecture was one of the finest and most entertaining ever delivered in Collingwood." A cordial vote of thanks was moved by the Rev. R. Ewing, which was given unanimously by the audience. During the evening several pieces of choice music were given by the choir. Collections amounted to about \$70.

ON Monday evening last the annual meeting of Knox College Metaphysical Society was held in the College, and the distribution of prizes and election of officers occupied the entire evening. Mr. John Gibson, B.A., won the first prize as essayist, Mr. David James taking the second; and as speakers, Mr. C. H. Cook, B.A., and R. Y. Thomson, B.A., took the first and second prizes respectively. Mr. James also secured the prize for Scripture reading, and Mr. A. B. Meldrum that for secular. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Gibson, B.A.; 1st Vice-President, C. H. Cook, B.A.; 2nd Vice-President, John Currie; Critic, James Ballantyne, B.A.; Recording Secretary, D. M. Ramsay, B.A.; Corresponding Secretary, Jos. Builder, B.A.; Treasurer, J. S. Henderson; Secretary of Committee, W. S. McTavish; Curator, Thos. Davidson, B.A.; Councillors, D. McLaren, B.A.; R. M. Craig. The valedictory address was delivered by the retiring vice-president, Mr. J. Farquharson, and after the president elect had been introduced by his predecessor, the meeting adjourned.