

The Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, on behalf of the committee of Home Missions and Church Extension, made the following recommendations: That the Rev. Mr. Tucker be appointed to the field of Grenville in the spring; that the Rev. Walter Ross be appointed to Avoca; that the Rev. Mr. Gardner be appointed to Mille Isles; that the Rev. Ephraim W. Florence be appointed to Lost River, and that the Rev. Mr. Menancon, of Arundel, who is incapacitated by ill-health, should receive one-half of his salary from the committee. These recommendations were adopted.

At the afternoon session the Rev. P. H. Hutchinson presented the report of the examination committee, and took occasion to remark that he asked each one of the students what was his reason for not taking an arts course at McGill. He added: "Some replied that it was too long, and some that it was too hard. I had a feeling, when I looked at them that the course in arts at McGill would be none too long for them. I have a feeling, and it is growing stronger, that we should never admit men unless we have a guarantee of their literary qualifications. I think it would be a good thing for the Church and for the Montreal Presbyterian College if the literary course at the college were abolished. I think the college should discourage men taking a short and easy way into the ministry. All those who have taken the literary course this year are young men, with one exception, and he, too, is a young man—29 years of age. I admit his is a special case, and he has special qualifications. Unless, under special circumstances, we should insist on the men taking a course in arts. They consider that the literary course is a very easy way of qualifying for entrance to the study of theology." The subject was not discussed.

The Rev. Mr. Morison spoke of the pressing needs of the Pointe aux Trembles School, and the work being done in connection therewith by the Young People's Societies of the Church. A resolution was adopted expressing the Presbytery's willingness to assist in any way in its power to create and sustain the interest of these societies in the building fund of the school.

The Rev. F. M. Dewey presented the quarterly report of the Foreign Mission Committee. Referring to work among the Chinese of Montreal, it stated that the Chinese element was not increasing. Since the Dominion Government imposed a tax of \$500 upon all Chinamen entering this country, immigration from China to Canada had practically ceased, and there was not the same stream of transients to be dealt with as formerly. The small number of Chinese pupils attending the schools were taught by voluntary workers, and it had not been thought necessary to engage a teacher this winter. All the schools previously reported were still in existence, as well as the other departments of work. Eighteen schools were conducted on Sunday, and also a large and prosperous Christian Endeavor Society. There were now 51 Chinese Christians in Montreal. The report was adopted.

A deputation representing the Longueuil Mission, which was started several weeks ago, reported that much success had attended their work, and the mission was now desirous of having a building of its own in which to worship. Presbyterians, it was stated, formed the majority of the Protestant population of Longueuil. It was estimated by the deputation that a sum of \$2,000 would be required for the erection of a place of worship.

A bequest of \$3,000 was made to the Presbytery a little while ago, on condition that the building of a church at Longueuil be commenced within a year. This bequest, however, is not immediately available.

After a lengthy discussion, a resolution was adopted encouraging the committee which had the matter in hand to continue the work until the next meeting of the Presbytery, in March, and the Home Mission and Church Extension Committee was instructed to devise such means as might seem best to solve the problem of a new church, and report at the March meeting of the Presbytery.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Suez Canal reduces the distance from Britain to India for ships by nearly four thousand miles.

Shanghai, it is estimated, will in ten years have a population of 1,500,000. At present it is 900,000.

Luncheon and tea are now to be served on board some of the trains between Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Leith last winter supplied 80,000 farthing breakfasts to poor children, and the scheme is to be again started.

At the request of Lord Roberts the King has consented to become patron of the Royal Army Temperance Association.

The interruption of railway traffic in Russia is hurting the herring market, Russia being ordinarily a large consumer.

A lecture on "Canada," illustrated by limelight views, was given in Broughty Ferry on the 20th ult., by Captain Sinclair, M.P.

At the Free Church Commission it was determined to take steps to compel the congregation at Kingussie to cease using human hymns.

Campbelltown, having fallen heir to £3,000 for behoof of the poor of the town, has got it invested to yield an income of over £90 a year.

Rev. Mr. Rose, minister of Wellpark parish church, Glasgow, from 1853 to 1873, is still alive, and a portrait of him is to be hung in the vestry.

There died on the 27th ult. Rev. George Boyd, M.A., formerly minister of St. Andrew's church, Halifax, N.S., and latterly of Restalrig.

Premier Balfour is to be nominated for Cambridge University, so that a safe seat may be found for him in the event of his defeat at East Manchester.

The finest grape vine in Europe is at Auchmore House, Lord Breadalbane's residence at Killin. It sometimes produces 4,000 bunches of grapes in a season.

Rev. J. B. Maharry, D.D., of Crouch Hill Church, London, has been nominated Moderator of the next Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England.

The Church Commissioners have intimated that they now desire to dispose of the 87 churches the possession of which the United Free Church does not propose to contest.

The death is announced of a Dumfries "character" who bore the famous name of Robert Burns. He was a shoemaker, rhymist and reciter. He belonged to Blairgowrie, and was well read.

Until the present minister of Ladywell U.F. Church, Bannockburn, got married recently, 40 years had passed since a minister's bride came to the manse, and 30 years since a minister's wife had occupied it.

The famous old mill at Corfe Mullen, which is mentioned in the Doomsday Book, and has probably been worked ever since, has ground its last sack of flour. In future it is to be used for pumping water through the mains which supply Poole, in Dorsetshire.

The atmosphere which a church paper brings into the home is that of the church, of Christianity, of duty, of righteousness, of service. There is no aid to the pastor so great in holding up the ideals of service, of sacrifice, of consecrated living, of Christlikeness. It should be considered as a matter of course that every Christian home should take the Christian weekly of the denomination. This brings it into direct connection with the vitalising life of the church.

WORLD OF MISSIONS.

The London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews has 49 mission centers in four continents and 212 missionary agents. Its income (\$27,000), in the last year was the largest in the history of the Society. The Society reports a number of baptisms and a much larger number of secret believers who hesitate before the boycott.

The Church Missionary Society is burdened by an accumulated deficit of about \$300,000. Nevertheless it holds to the policy pursued for a number of years of accepting every suitable candidate for missionary service. Faith explains this policy—faith that He who has led qualified candidates to offer themselves will also provide their support. Under these circumstances the Society is now sending out 56 new missionaries.

An old woman at Jhansi, in North India, is a Brahman of strictest sect. She is also mother of a princess who is very ill, and has called in Dr. Banche Manro of the Woman's Union Missionary Society. She dismisses the lady doctor each time with smiles, and thanks, and rich rewards. Then she grimly orders her servants to wash everything that the foreign lady has touched—the floor, the table and chairs, her own clothes, and finally herself. After she has taken a bath, she feels pure once more. We can now imagine the tremendous determination required by a Brahman who dares profess faith in Christ.

A really lovable old Mohammedan of Delhi, India, is in a pitiable case. He is worrying all the time about the dinner, at his age, of sudden death. He tells the missionary that he longs for just a few more years in which to work off by prayer and fasting the bad deeds of his early life. His religion tells him to wash hands, feet, arms, and head, five times a day, so as to be pure when praying to God. He washes seven times, and doubles the legal number of repetitions of his prayer; he wears out his feeble body by fastings that are not on the books; he multiplies his alms giving, but all in vain. He has been taught to consider God not as a loving Father but as an inexorable taskmaster who demands the full tale of bricks. He dares not, at his age, listen to the good news of a Savior in Jesus Christ. Oh the pity of it!

A CHRISTIAN PRIME MINISTER.

Apolo Kagwa is Prime Minister of Uganda, Africa. He is a tall, powerful man, thirty-five years old, and is one of three regents who have charge of the little King who some day will rule over this portion of Africa. When he was young he heard the Gospel from that dauntless missionary, "MacKay of Uganda" and since then he has been a faithful Christian. Every day he studies the Bible, has family prayer, and goes to the missionaries for help in teaching the people. Only twenty-five years ago he and his tribe—the Baganda—were veritable heathen. His life is in every way remarkable when viewed from that standpoint. "He built the first two-story house, he introduced sun-dried bricks, and afterwards the telephone and electric bells. He himself owns and can run a sewing machine, as well as a typewriter, and rides a bicycle. He is introducing among his people everything that will help in their advancement. He has written a fairly complete history of Uganda. His record of the cases he has tried in court is full, and the records of State affairs are kept in an orderly way. The Europeans who watch him are surprised at the energy and wisdom of the man, and his ability in accomplishing so much work. He was specially sent to England to attend the Coronation of King Edward. What a marvel it is that such a man can be brought so to the front within the score and a half years since Stanley found the Baganda sunk in degraded heathenism!"—Baptist Missionary Herald.