

new edition. My monthly periodicals are still selling to the amount of 10,000 copies and more, notwithstanding many others have arisen since I commenced, and have gained an extensive circulation. Laymen are now travelling through the length and breadth of the land, holding meetings, circulating the Bible and other Christian books."

SABBATH OBSERVANCE IN PARIS.—Recent travellers have been as much gratified as surprised to see the progress made within the last few years in the important matter of shutting up shops on Sundays. This excellent change has no warmer friends than the Emperor and Empress themselves.—*Post Correspondent.*

Official.

PRAYER FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Churches and Pastors are requested to take notice of the *recommendation*, by the Congregational Union of Canada, "that the *last Thursday in February* (28th) be observed as a *day of united prayer for Colleges and Schools*; that all learning may be sanctified in promoting the glory of Christ and the good of souls."

Paris, 21st January, 1861.

EDWARD EBBS,
Secretary of Union.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS.

The Western Association will hold its *Annual Meeting* at Sarnia, on Tuesday, the 19th February, at the earliest hour at which the Brethren can arrive from London. The following Exercises were assigned for next meeting, viz.:

Exposition, by Rev. Thomas Pullar.

Sermon, by Rev. John Armour.

Plans of Sermons, Rev. R. G. Baird and Rev. R. Robinson.

Review, (Subject, Beecher and Spurgeon,) by Rev. Wm. Hay.

Essay, by Rev. W. H. Allworth.

Preacher at Public Service, the Secretary,

EDWARD EBBS,
Sec. West. Association.

CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY MEETINGS FOR 1861.

MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Bowmanville	Monday, February, 4,	} Deputation : — Rev. Messrs. Marling, Unsworth, the Pastors of the Churches, and a lay deputy.
Whitby	Tuesday, " 5,	
Base Line	Wednesday, " 6,	
Stouffville	Thursday, " 7,	
Markham	Friday, " 8,	
Stouffville and Markham..	Sabbath, " 10,	
Newmarket	Monday, " 11,	} Deputation: Rev. Messrs. Reikie, McGregor and Byrne.
Bell Ewart	Tuesday, " 12,	
Manilla	Monday, " 11,	
Argyle	Tuesday, " 12,	