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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

While the success of the Lord's Day Alliance Conference, as a means of stirring up an interest in Sabbath observance, has been every where admitted, an important fact in connection with the work necessary. has not been brought to the front. It is obvious that the work of the Alliance must be sustained by money. There are necessary expenses that must be paid, and it is now in order to follow up enthusiastic addresses by liberal contributions. It would be unfair that burdens of this kind should fall on the shoulders of the devout few and we appeal to all interested to send contributions to the secretary, Mr. A. E. O'Meara, Confederation Life Buildings, Toronto, who will acknowledge the same.

Last week was one given over in Toronto church circles to Foreign Missions. Interest centred on the meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee and on the departure of the missionaries who have been recruiting on furlough. The presence of Rev. Prof. MacLaren, D. D., at the Foreign Mission Committee meeting was hailed with deep satisfaction, indicating as it did the withdrawal of his resignation, tendered at Winnipeg on account, to some extent, of the policy adopted by the General Assembly with respect to the Indian Missions. Dr. MacLaren has been so long associated with Foreign Mission work that his large experience will be of incalculable value to the Board, and it is fortunate that he has seen his way clear to continue his connection with his old colleagues. Regulations affecting the male and female missionaries in their respective spheres of labor; and those affecting native helpers were adopted unanimously. Considerable attention

will be given to the planting of a native ministry in India on a basis that will ensure financial stability.

It has been a pleasure to many old friends to meet Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie who has labored in Honan for quite a number of years with gratifying success. Mr. MacKenzie is a native of Rosshire, Scotland, and is a typical "man of Ross," earnest, devoted, and hopeful. He spent a portion of his furlough at his old home among his relatives, but has been busy touring Canada in the interests of his mission for some months past. He has an intelligent grasp of the problems in the Chinese field, and his full information has been of service to the Committee, and to the Presbyteries and congregations he has addressed. He studied for the ministry in Canada, and is supported in his Honan work by Erskine Church, Montreal.

Mr. J. Stuart Coleman, the indefatigable secretary of the Children's Aid Society, Toronto, reports most gratifying results of the Society's work lately. The children placed in homes are prospering and the kind hearted people who have become guardians, or foster-parents, write thankfully and contentedly about the little ones they have befriended. This work is altogether praiseworthy, and we commend it to those who may feel an interest in its successful continuance. Mr. Coleman will be always glad to give information as to the work and needs of the institution to those willing to co-operate with the Society. The president is our esteemed citizen, Mr. J. K. Macdonald.

In view of the prohibition plebiscite campaign, the Dominion Alliance has prepared special literature, the first issue of which is expected this week. The literature may be secured by friends of prohibition at a small cost, and it will furnish information on the many phases of the question usually dealt with in canvassing and on the platform. The campaign will be to an unusual extent an educational one.

Mr. Seth Low's advent in the arena as mayoralty candidate in "Greater New York" has been well regarded by social and municipal reform in all parts of America. His candidature is a bid for good municipal government and a blow at the system known as "Tammany," by which, in the past, scandalous misgovernment it is believed was upheld. Among the various questions raised in this campaign are Sabbath observance, suppression of unlicensed vice, a strict enforcement of the laws and honest administration. The good wishes of the better class of citizens are with Mr. Low in his effort to raise the municipal morals of the "first city."

At the Presbytery of Glengarry, the Rev. Dr. MacNish took up a position which will be strongly approved of, in connection with brief pastorates. The case under consideration was that of the Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Martintown, who had resigned his pastoral charge. While Mr. Matheson has been for eighteen