

indebtedness at date about \$11,000) in the sincere hope that the result of this appeal may render unnecessary any contraction of the work. As the Executive will meet in a short time to take definite action regarding this matter, a liberal and hearty response is respectfully and earnestly solicited. We commend this work to the sympathy and prayers and liberality of all who love the Redeemer. Contributions should be sent to the Treasurer, addressed Rev. Robt. H. Warden, D.D., P. O. Box 1839, Montreal.

#### Fortunate McGill.

THE last day of October was signalized at McGill University by one of those fortunate ceremonies to which the institution is happily becoming quite familiar. On that the liberality of another of Montreal's citizens was manifested in the formal handing over to the board of governors of the new library erected by Mr. Peter Redpath. As was befitting such an occasion, the ceremonies were impressive and calculated to deepen the interest of the public in the university. The donor was present and acted the part of the good friend by handing over the building to the University. The building is constructed of Montreal limestone, and presents an imposing appearance. The stock room is four stories in height, and is capable of holding 140,000 volumes. The library is specially designed for reading and study. The Governor-General who was present struck the key note of public sentiment when he declared that McGill had become a monument to the enlightened and generous public spirit of the citizens of Montreal. May the favours so deservedly and worthily bestowed on McGill stimulate wealthy people in other university and collegiate centres to give of their plenty to the cause of higher education.

**Manitoba College.** THE welcome news is told that Rev. Principal King of the Manitoba College has received an intimation that £1,000 have been donated to his college by the Colonial and Continental Committee of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

**For Belgium.** THE following donations have been received for the Protestant Church in Belgium: "A Friend," Parkdale, the liberal gift of \$20; W. Mortimer Clark, Esq., \$5; Rev. A. Hamilton, Stonewall, Manitoba, \$2. Further donations will be acknowledged in the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, from time to time, as received.

**Disestablishment in Wales.** THE cable announces that Mr. Gladstone is engaged upon a bill dealing with the question of disestablishment in Wales. It is said the bill will be based on the assumption that no Church of Wales exists, but merely the Church of England in Wales. The first clause, it is supposed, will constitute the existing sees into a Welsh Church, under the Archbishopric of St. David's. The subsequent clauses will specify the details of the disestablishing process.

**French-Canadian Converts.** THE little French Baptist colony which was organized a year ago in Maskinonge, composed of ten men and one woman, converts from Roman Catholicism, has been worshipping since that time in the chapel cursed by the priest. Notwithstanding that strenuous efforts have been put forth by the priest and others to endeavor to get these converts to return to the old fold, it is gratifying to know that they abide firm in their new faith. A new chapel and parsonage has just been completed at a cost of over \$4,000, and the other day the chapel was dedicated to the worship of God. The building is a neat structure, situated on the east of the Maskinonge

river, right opposite the large new Catholic cathedral. It will seat about 150 persons, and is opened practically without any debt. The progress of this brave little colony of converts will be watched from all parts of the Dominion with deep interest, and the prayers of the brethren will be that they faint not.

**Benefactors Honoured.** Two men who will always rank high among the benefactors of Canadian Methodism were the late Hon. Senator John Macdonald and William Gooderham. To Victoria University they were especially liberal in gifts and it was befitting the University to commemorate the generosity of these friends by hanging on the walls portraits of both of them which will speak lessons of thrift, industry, honesty, liberality and consecration to the cause of Christ, to generations of young men who will tread the corridors of Victoria University.

**Sir John Abbott's Death.** ALTHOUGH only a short time at the helm of public affairs in the Dominion, Sir John Abbott had an opportunity of showing the country that he could rule with firm hand and resolute will. Had he been a younger man, with health unimpaired, at the time he was called upon to assume the reins, there would have been none to dispute his qualifications for the high office of Premier. In his latter years he is credited with having done his best to give a fair administration to the country; and, now that he is dead, his memory will occupy a warm place in the hearts of his countrymen.

**The Prohibition Commission.** LAST week the Royal Prohibition Commission concluded an extended sitting in Toronto, having in the course of its enquiry taken much valuable evidence on the various phases and views of the question with which the public has been long familiar. No new opinions were elicited, but useful figures were put in evidence. The testimony represented those who do not believe in the enactment of a prohibitory law because they approve of alcohol as a healthful stimulant; those who disapprove of interference with the liberty of the subject; those who think public opinion is not mature enough to enforce a prohibitory law; and those who see the need of prohibition and, also, believe public sentiment to be sufficiently strong to ensure eventually the proper enforcement of a measure prohibiting the manufacture, importation or sale of spirituous or alcoholic liquors in Canada. It was observed that a preponderance of English Church ministers gave evidence against prohibition on various grounds, while the majority of ministers of other denominations were in favor of extreme prohibition.

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TO BE saved is not to be sad. The ideal Christian life is a jubilant stream of sun-lit joy. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

A FRAGMENT of bas-relief discovered in Egypt during an excavation for scientific purposes is said to answer the question which has puzzled modern engineers, as to how the obelisks and other large monoliths were transported from the quarry to their site. The stone is depicted upright on a great galley or vessel, which is being towed by a number of small boats alongside. The method of detaching a monolith from the mother rock is also explained by a semi-detached block in one of the quarries of Syene. After having been hewn clear on three sides, a deep groove was cut into the side still attached to the rock, and the holes were pierced, into which wooden pegs were driven. The pegs were then wet, and the wood in swelling broke off the monolith from the quarry.