

their children to sing, so that our service of Praise may be more efficient and inspiring. In this connection, it may be suggested that the comfort of the ladies of the Choir would be greatly increased if the back of their seat were made to incline a little toward the wall. Who will attend to this?

THE RECORD for February is a capital number. A short sketch is given of the fine work of our missionary to Trinidad, Rev. Mr. Grant, with his portrait at the beginning; and at the end an intensely interesting letter from Formosa, from our veteran missionary, Rev. G. L. Mackay. An idol temple, costing \$2,000, was handed over by the idolators who built it to Mr. Mackay for a Christian church, they at the same time making a bonfire of their idols. Think of it! And how full of interest are Dr. Cochrane's sketches of Presbyterianism in the North-West and British Columbia! Every family should read the numbers of our CHURCH RECORD, and hail with joy all the progress which is noted.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE. How gratifying it is to note the increasing numbers coming to church! But are there not many who do not come? Who is interesting himself in these? These are the needy ones, who should be objects of solicitude on the part of Christians. "Call them in" is the Divine command. "Let him that heareth say come!" A kindly word, a neighbourly call, will often help to bring such to the house of God. A little brotherly interest in them, and prayer for them, may bring them to the Saviour. Who will reach out a hand to save these?

The MEETING FOR PRAYER holds its own, that is all. Why is this? The congregation grows, but not our week

meeting. If there were one from each family, there would be over 160 present. What is the average? Only 50 or 60. All young Christians should come. All who can should improve this means of grace. Only one communicant in eight attends. But if each one of these 50 would bring one, it would be doubled the first night. Let every communicant resolve to come once a month, and blessing will result. But let every one come praying, and the advantage will be manifold. We need more earnest prayer for one another, and for the success of the preaching of the gospel. Oh that the spirit of grace and supplication may be given to every communicant!

ANOTHER COMMUNION SEASON is announced. Again we hear the Saviour's voice:—"Do this in remembrance of Me." It is the voice of love and tenderness. Who can resist it? It is addressed to every one who loves Jesus. Shall His call be unheeded? Will any one say, "When I have a more convenient season I will remember Thee?" Shall we not rather say,

"According to Thy gracious word, in meek  
humility,  
This will I do, my dying Lord, I will  
remember Thee."

Who will confess Him for the first time? Who will now decide for Christ, and come out on the Lord's side?

PERSONAL.—We are glad to observe the safe return of two of our number from the "old land,"—Mr. John Mitchell and Mr. C. C. Clapham, after a rough passage.

The continuance and development of our faith is dependent on prayer. Is not the weak spot of our modern Christianity just here? In this age of tear and wear, bustle and excitement, what becomes of prayer? If the amount of true wrestling with God, in the daily life of the average Christian, could be disclosed, the wonder might be, not that he accomplishes so little, but that God is willing to use him at all.—*J. M. Gibbon, D.D.*