

Isles, and I know that no single influence has done so much to bring about this state of things in England as has that of the noble Christian life of the Queen, a disciple and a sovereign called by God as truly as was King David."

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

IN connection with the forthcoming meetings of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Miss Frances E. Willard estimates the success of the Union as follows:—"We can say that there never were so many men or women who practiced total abstinence; never so many young men who thought it manly to do so; never so many children who are being systematically taught that alcohol is an element wholly foreign to the human organism and harmful to it always; never such a stirring up against the use of tobacco brought about largely by the anxiety of parents who see their boys going to ruin by way of the noxious cigarette; never so many who believed that a white life for two should be insisted on not only in individual conduct but by means of custom in society and prohibition in the State. Long and laborous has been the night but auroral gleams now light up the horizon—the harbingers of that better day when the people having delivered themselves from the bondage of the drink habit will be strong enough to rise in their might and with vigor and without violence possess themselves of their Beautiful Kingdom. This is always the prediction of Christianity, it will be the fact of the coming generation.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

THE sympathies of the Church will surely respond to the appeal on behalf of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans', just issued by the Committee. The collection will be made on the 17th of this month, and it is hoped that at least \$10,500 will be raised to meet the requirements of the Fund. It is pointed out that a large number of congregations altogether fail to contribute to this Fund. Now, this is to be greatly regretted, for every congregation in the Church ought as a matter of loyalty and duty give something, however small, to every fund sanctioned by the General Assembly. We know that many struggling congregations find it difficult to finance for their own immediate wants, but even in such cases there is a supreme duty to the Church which ought not to be neglected. Presbyterianism demands a more extended interest in the Church's work than that which is merely congregational and in no way can this interest be better shown than by contributing more or less—let it be ever so little—to all the Church Schemes. The plea for the widows and orphans will not be made in vain, and a little pressure by the ministers on Sabbath first we feel sure would result in a very liberal collection.

OPENING OF THE COLLEGES.

LAST week was given over to the students in the collegiate centres of Canada. The various faculties of the universities were opened for class work, and the theological seminaries began their sessions. Student life is attractive in its essential self and the hospitalities afforded by the opening of many kind homes to the society of the young men and women who are for the time being away from their own homes add greatly not only to the charm, but to the value of the academic course. The hospitably inclined can do much for the student and wise entertainment will always be a pleasant and profitable memory to look back to.

The REVIEW goes to press early in the week in order that readers living in the far west—and we are glad to number them by the many hundreds in our distant provinces—may get their copies on the week of publication, and consequently we must postpone until next week an extended notice of the Presbyterian Colleges. At Knox College, yesterday, the Rev. Principal Caven was supported by a large number of the leaders of the Church in Ontario, and

the proceedings were of great interest. The opening address was delivered by the Rev. Professor Ballantyne, and was a master-piece in style and substance. Knox College is justly proud of the two young professors added last year to the staff. Last year Professor Robinson won his way to the hearts of the people by his single address, and this year Mr. Ballantyne has more than sustained the highest expectations formed of him. Such men are a real strength to the Church at large as well as to the college they are more particularly identified with, and that the utmost confidence in them prevails is a matter to be sincerely thankful for.

THE HONAN MISSION.

MEETINGS to say farewell to missionaries bound for the foreign field, where, not only strange conditions of life, but also bodily danger have to be encountered, often leave as deep an impression on those who remain behind as on those who go away. To the missionary the memory will be helpful when he plods on weary and alone in his hard but chosen field. To the interested spectator the ceremony sometimes becomes a means of grace also, deepening his interest in the Lord's work abroad, inspiring prayers and offerings at the Foreign Mission shrine. Hundreds of devoted Christians will testify to this experience, recalling the consecration and departure of men such as Dr. MacKay of Formosa, and others.

Such memories were renewed at the notable farewell meeting in Toronto when "godbye" was said to the Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie, Dr. Percy Leslie, and the Rev. John Griffith before leaving for Honan, to which brief reference was made in last week's REVIEW. These three men have made for themselves a unique place in the affections of the church, the first by his years of labor in the field and his personality, the other two by the devotion with which they are entering upon their life work. Their addresses were characteristic. Mr. MacKenzie as, having had eight years service spoke with knowledge of the work in Honan. The missionaries, he said, aspired to the establishing of a native church and in furthering such a glorious aim Canada was singularly privileged. His burning words, coming with the sanctified unction of life consecrated to Christ, will bear precious fruit. Dr. Percy Leslie's appeal for the sympathy of the Church at home will not go unheard. He enters on his work well equipped professionally, and imbued with the true missionary spirit. The Rev. John Griffith is a graduate of Knox College, and overcame what seemed at one time insuperable difficulties to his going abroad as a missionary. His determination has called forth the admiration of all those who know the circumstances, and his successful efforts are regarded as quite providential.



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