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Dr. Campbell Morgan's great success at Northfield in drawing and impressing hearers with his pure Bible expositions, and his remarkable ministry at the Westminster Chapel, London, where crowds attend upon his expositions and spiritual interpretations of the Scriptures, show that it is not necessary to resort to topics of the day and sensational themes in order to gain a hearing. Again and again it is demonstrated that the Gospel is the best subject for preachers and the most attractive theme for hearers.

A work of more than ordinary interest to those who care to see grave questions gravely handled by a man who from his first entrance into public life was immersed in great affairs and passionately interested in the issues involved in them, is the Correspondence on Church and Religion of William Ewart Gladstone selected and arranged by D. C. Lathbury and published by the MacMillan Company in 2 octavo volumes profusely illustrated. The selections have been made by the editor with unusual care and the work will be an excellent supplement to Morley's Life of Gladstone, with which it is uniformly bound.

La Verite, the advanced clerical organ of Quebec, is out with the statement that the Roman Catholic Church in Canada is rapidly being sapped by the influences of Protestantism and American modernism. The Verite believes also that Pius X. will one day strike to death all those innovations, copied after Protestant and Masonic observances, which are fast becoming a part of Catholic life on this continent. The writer says that formerly the priest learned the language of the people, but the new discipline makes the people learn the language of the priest, which La Verite says is contrary to the spirit of the church and the tradition left by the apostles.

At the recent meeting of the Knox College Alumni Association a statement was made respecting the college building fund. The sum of \$50,000 was aimed at from the Alumni. So far \$27,000 were realized from this source. The total amount subscribed was \$220,000, and the amount required for the building \$350,000. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon president, Principal Gandler; vice-president, Rev. A. H. McPherson; vice-president, Rev. R. B. Cochrane; secretary-treasurer, Rev. E. Cockburn; executive committee, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, Rev. H. Matheson, Rev. T. R. Rogers, Rev. J. A. Wilson, Rev. G. W. Arnold and Prof. Ballantyne.

THE HOSPITAL MANSE.

A "Mistress of the Manse" writes the Dominion Presbyterian as follows:

Dear Mr. Editor,—Is there not a danger that the Manse may lose its good name for hospitality? In times past it was the centre of parochial and educational and ecclesiastical interests, but in later days other interests have crowded in so that the minister's wife is often wearied with the constant succession of travellers who find their place at the festal board, and slumber peacefully between her ever changing sheets.

No sooner had I returned from a much needed rest, and was busy with the multitude of duties that press upon a house-wife in the early autumn than I stood face to face with the entertainment of a long line of ecclesiastical, educational, social, and economic agents, all of whom represented the most pressing need of the day.

The first to come was the agent of one of our colleges, a man to the manner born, sociable and agreeable. He came in on Saturday night, preached on Sabbath, and spent the week with us. We had a very pleasant visit with him, and were sorry to see him go. On the following Sabbath the pastor thanked the congregation for their very liberal contribution to the college, and distributed envelopes for the Lord's Day Alliance, and also asked a special contribution for the Session Fund. The agent of the Lord's Day Alliance always makes his home at the Manse, and always brings encouragement and stimulus. When the minister sees him off he brings home from the train two delegates to the Teachers' Association who enter somewhat timidly, but soon get accustomed to the warmth and cheer of our home. After a hard day's visitation the mail is opened, and we find three agents wishing to have a hearing of our people on the same day. One of these is the Dominion Alliance, another the Y.M.C.A., another the representative of the Laymen's Mission. Each of them had known the minister before and thanked him in anticipation of having another opportunity to renew old acquaintance. It was impossible to let them all come at once, so they were asked to come separately, and would find the door of the Manse open to them. On the following Sabbath the minister was absent preaching anniversary sermons at a neighboring church, and his neighbor hospitably entertained at the Manse. During the week the following committees met and had tea at the Manse: The W.F.M.S., the W.H.M.S., the Guild, the Teachers of the S.S., and on the following week the W.C.T.U. and the Board of Relief. This takes place, not in our large city churches, but in the Manses of the towns and country where ministers get a stipend of \$900 to \$1,000. Many questions arise. Should the agents of the church and of the many organizations outside expect entertainment at the Manse? How long will the Manse stand the strain put upon it. Have we not too many agents? Where will the work of the church have a place after all such appeals are met?

It is impossible for us to give a satisfactory answer to our fair correspondent's query. The difficulty referred to is without doubt a very real one. Our solution might be the payment of larger salaries to ministers, especially to those in charge of rural congregations. It would certainly be a great pity to have the well-known hospitality of the manse limited or abolished by inadequate means, for its continuance. Has any other "Mistress of the Manse" anything to say on this interesting subject? If so, our columns are open to her.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

The Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee met on Friday, the 30th ult. The absence of the Convener, Rev. W. A. J. Martin, on account of serious illness, is a cause of deep concern.

Letters were read from Honan, Formosa, Kongmoon and India, and Indian missions in the Western Provinces. Everywhere there is activity. The work enlarges; opportunities multiply and the call for laborers continues. The Executive appointed one more missionary, Mr. Mark H. Wheeler, a University graduate, a man of Y.M.C.A. experience, and a student of Pedagogy. He will, somewhere, devote himself to educational work. The field is not yet specified.

There is but one discouraging note, viz.: the funds, and that is quite discouraging. Dr. Somerville, the treasurer, reported receipts up to date, nearly \$6,000 less than receipts up to the corresponding date last year, whilst expenditures are about \$28,000 greater. That is depressing. If we are to rise to the responsibilities undertaken by our church,—14,000,000 of the heathen world as our share,—expenditures must increase. The staff must increase, and we must give them the wherewithal to do their work. The church has come to recognize that, and yet we find this state of affairs to-day. If congregational treasurers would remit regularly, we would so much better know where we stand, and what to do. Sailing without a compass is dreary work.

Bishop Brent, of the Philippines, in writing to the Outlook, says: "One of the chief troubles is that, with a work far more taxing and difficult than in ordinary conditions at home, they are supposed to be greatly favored if they receive pennies, where home institutions of a similar character receive dollars." The harder task, the poorer the equipment, is not a proverb of the wise man, though it is practised in the economy of the churches. We are getting away from that misconception, but not quite yet.

It is reported that Rev. R. B. Cochrane, pastor of Knox church, Woodstock, will likely be chosen as assistant to Rev. E. D. McLaren, secretary of Presbyterian home missions.

Dr. S. W. Dyde, professor of mental philosophy at Queen's has been offered the Principalship of the Presbyterian Theological College at Stratcona, Alberta in connection with the new Alberta University. It is said he is likely to accept. Professor Dyde has been with Queen's for 20 years.

Announcement is made of the early publication by Henry Frowde, of a new book on the Dominion, entitled "Through the Heart of Canada," by Frank Yeigh, of Toronto, the well-known writer and lecturer on Canadian themes. Many books on Canada have been written by visitors, but this will be from the pen of a native born Canadian, who has made a life study of his native land, and who has travelled extensively within its borders.

The Orillia Presbyterians are already moving on to the erection of the new Sunday school and mission church, and strongly manned committees have been appointed for the various departments of the work. To visit Sunday schools in other towns, with the view of gathering useful data, a sub-committee composed of H. Cooke, W. S. Frost and Rev. D. C. MacGregor was appointed. With Mr. Cooke on this committee it is safe to say that its report will be useful and quite satisfactory. He has been for nearly thirty years the efficient and faithful superintendent of the school; and is as young to-day and as full of ideas when he entered on the important duties of the office.