

like other schemes of the Church, the ordinary congregational collections being \$550 less than the same period last year. When along with this it is remembered that the amount received from Ministers' Rates is of necessity less this year than last, because certain arrears included last year were paid up. Some effort should be made to remedy the matter.

The amount available from interest will not be more this year than last, for while there has been some additions to capital, the reduced rate of interest will make the income from that source much the same as last year.

Three ways are yet open to make it possible for the Committee to do some measure of justice to the aged servants of the Church:

(1.) Congregations which have not yet sent contributions, might do so before the financial year closes. If it reaches the Treasurer by the 1st May, it will be available for this year.

(2) Those congregations which have sent an inadequate collection might make a supplemental one, and

(3) Those friends whom God has blessed with plenty; to whom the need of rigid economy never comes, and whose life would be sweetened by ministering to others out of their abundance, might send in a contribution to the secretary or treasurer, and thus afford the Committee an opportunity of making the aged Ministers and their faithful partners glad.

#### Christian Endeavor Convention.

We gladly comply with the request to give prominent space to the following letter from Rev. Dr. F. E. Clark:

The idea of the Historic Pilgrimages, in connection with the Convention in Boston of the Christian Endeavor societies next July, has been misunderstood in some sections of Canada, and violent letters have been received at the headquarters of the United Society, denouncing these pilgrimages as an "insult" to Canadians, "a sin and a shame," "a jingo programme," etc. Nothing could be further from the thoughts of the programme committee than the arousing of sectional animosities, and nothing of the sort need be anticipated. These gatherings on historic spots in Boston and vicinity will be for the purpose largely of emphasizing the idea of good citizenship and patriotism, ideas as valuable for the Canadian youth as for those of the United States. As a Canadian writer expresses it, in speaking of this very subject "Bunker Hill would be an appropriate place in which to bury the hatchet and all the language of national hate." "There is a great field of discussion which we ought to open up, and it might well characterize this Convention; namely, international Christian politics and our international duties." These thoughts will doubtless dominate the day, and whatever is said, will be on the broadest plane of good citizenship and the highest plane of patriotism. That this is so is shown by the fact that English and Canadian speakers, as well as speakers from the United States, will address the assembled throngs on these historic spots, and it is believed that these meetings will do much to cement the ties of Christian fraternity between the inhabitants of the two great divisions North America, as well as to arouse in all the spirit of intenser patriotism.

**An Agod** The closing of the Assembly's College, **President.** at Belfast, and the public services connected therewith, were made remarkable this year by the fact that Rev. Dr. Killen, who presided as President of the Faculty, at the graduating exercises, had just reached his ninetieth birthday. He is in the midst of a hale old age, and spoke with great earnestness and vivacity, as he conferred the diplomas which had been granted.

**Clergyman and** The following anecdote is told of Dr. **Public Officer.** John Witherspoon, the President of Princeton, who was in the Continental Congress, and signed the Declaration of Independence. He wrote to a paper in Georgia, when that state proposed to make it unconstitutional for any clergyman to be in its legislature. The reverend doctor suggested an amendment, that if any minister fell from grace and became a drunken, profane, or unclean reprobate, he should then be eligible to represent the people of the commonwealth.

**For Home** The Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received during **Missions.** the past week the following sums. From the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, for North West Mission, £250 sterling; for Manitoba, College, £50 sterling; For Queen's College, £50 sterling; (to be applied as in former years for work in the North-West.) From St. Giles Church Edinburgh, £50 sterling; Adelaide Road Congregation Dublin, £52 10 sterling; Friends, per Rev. E. F. Simpson, Ballymena, £6 sterling; Elmwood Congregation, per W. McBride, Belfast, £5 12 sterling; Mr. Pringle, £2 sterling; Miss Mulligan, Belfast, £1 sterling.

**Bonyancy a Help** Wise commendation is better than **to Success.** severe criticism. He who gets the reputation for a scold wanes in power. Reproof is often necessary, but praise ought to dominate the pulpit. A pastor should give prominence, if possible, to the encouraging aspects of church life, and keep back the discouraging if avoidable. Human nature takes to criticising rather than to commending. Things may not be all that one desires or seeks to reach, but he will find that he will accomplish more by "talking up" what is really done, than by "running down" what is attempted, because not done in his way, or as satisfactorily as he would like. It is a grand thing to keep up the courage of the workers; and to inspire them to greater efforts; to urge them onward.—  
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**Early Study** Charles Dudley Warner believes that **of the Bible.** the present condition of ignorance of the Bible on the part of college students is to be corrected only by attention to the fundamental cause of this ignorance, the neglect of the use of the Bible in the home in childhood. "If its great treasures are not a part of growing childhood, they will always be found external to the late possessors," he says and adds: "In the family is where this education must, begin and it will then be, as it used to be, an easy and unconscious education, a stimulus to the imagination, and a ready key to the great world of tradition, custom, history, literature." Remarking on this the *New York Observer* says:—This we not merely admit, but heartily indorse. Naturally as a religious journal we go further, and say that for the higher ethical welfare of the nation we need to instruct our children in the Word of God. Mr. Warner's article urges the study of the Bible chiefly on the ground of its literary worth as evinced by the abundant quotations found in the best literature.