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may be furnished us.

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of the congregation arranged a meeting the eldership. to be addressed by Mrs. Morton. The the congregation were conspicuously pre-sent in the audience. The fact is, the The N commodious and comfortable lecture room of the church in which the meeting was held, was crowded to the door with men, women and children, all of whom were perfectly delighted with the intensely in-Mrs. Morton with the sum of about forty mission. This meeting, it should be said, was of quite an informal character, and on that account all the more enjoyable. At the evening service in the church, Rev. Gavin Hamilton, the young pastor of the neighbouring congregation of Brookfield, preached to a large, appreciative congregation. It may be added that the communion roll of the church has the communion roll of the church and the communication of the church and the church just been carefully revised and re-written in a fine new register, and that, as thus ascertained, there are now fully 330 members connected with this vigorous, growing congregation .- Wilness.

OUR THEOLOGICAL HAL

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

THE opening of the session of 1889 90 of Presbyterian Co'lege, Montreal, took not pass, although he knows that within place on the 2nd ult. Professor Campbell there are the helpless and the needy. This remark relates especially to hospital ance of students and the general public work at home and to hospital and mission work abroad. But the revival of the MacVicar delivered the inaugural address, deaconess would provide a vast number tained that, notwithstanding this, nothing essentially belonging to Christianity had ever been shown to be false. All attempts in this direction have proved completely abortive, and had only served to illustrate the inferior and had only served to a list. trate the unfairness of those by whom they pantheist, materialist, idealist, or anyduty of the Church to confront the unbehever of the present age by earnest, unconnection that persons were classified in the very pews of the sanctuary according to their social position and disposition as determined chiefly by the posses-sion of money. This cultivation of caste sion of money. This cultivation of caste carried into effect; the scheme has now was driving thousands of young men into passed far beyond the stage of conjecture pure secularism and away from Christ. and experiment. Within the last half The remedy was plain. Let the persons century scores of deaconess institutions kindness, humility and willingness to serve manifested by the Son of God. In conclusion he said that much of the scep-Christendom in the prosecution of missionary enterprise. Let there be a full
manifestation of true Christian liberality,
moninationally considered, this effort is
and st multiplication and for procedure. manufestation or true Christian liberality, and let multitudes run to and fro proclaiming the message of mercy and love to both Jew and Gentile, and soon the discordant voice of unbelief would be lost in the short of mistance of the lost in the short of mistance of the lost in the short of mistance of unbelief would be lost in the short of mistance of the lost in the short of mistance of the lost in the short of mistance of unbelief would be lost in the short of mistance of unbelief would be lost in the short of mistance of the lost in the short of the lost in the short of the lost in the short of mistance of the lost in the short of the short of the lost in the short of the lost in the short of the lost in the short of the short of the lost in the short of the s the shout of victory from the lips of the servant of the Lord of Hosts.

now foreign missionaries.

this question immediate and careful contwenty-four new students enter this sideration, with the result that a commitsession, making, along with those already exercise on the roll, ninety-four as the total, being (Quartely.)

the largest number yet in attendance.

THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACONESS.*

BY MEN I H EDEDAN, B D., MONTREAL (Concluded.)

ADVANTAGES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEACONESS.

ABILITY to answer objections can neve be deemed sufficient desence of a cause which is pressing its claims for accept-Pastors are respectfully requested to an ance or for a wider and more loyal recog nounce to their congregations, and inition. It is not enough, therefore, to show that certain supposed difficulties in show that certain supposed difficulties in the way of recalling the deaconess—such as those, for example, which have just been enumerated—are very largely imaginary; our contention, if a genuine plea, must be capable of being supported by charge to all new subscribers for 1890, so pertinent positive arguments. And it is pertinent positive arguments. In oother adthat they will receive "THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW" for FIFTEEN MONTHS for the price of ONE YEAR'S subscription, \$1.50, postage included.

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which so many are now ardently promoting has received a singularly unanswer. of the paper to all persons whose addresses able endorsement.

1. An exhibition of becoming deference to the teachings of the New Testament.—
If the Church of the New Testament is admitted to be the accepted and revered

LORD'S DAY, Oct. 27, was a memorable ported in his conclusion by such widely day in the history of Si Andrew's church, respected exegetes as Calvin, and Chal-Truro. At the morning service the Lord's mers, and Charles Hodge, and McGill, Supper was observed by a very large number of communicants. Mrs. Morton, of the teaching of the New Testament is not Trinidad Mission, was one of the number.
Seven new names were added to the communion roll on the occasion. The serstrongly have preferred; but the very ladies' missionary and benevolent society excepting even the fundamental office of

2. A more general revival of the office to be addressed by Mrs. Morton. Ine intimation stated that the meeting was of the deacon.—A revival of the order of designed for ladies and the young people the female diaconate would assist mand children of the Mission Band and terrally in restoring the kindred office of Sabbath school. But it goes without saythe male disconate to its necessary and
ing that several prominent gentlemen of
legitimate place in the modern Christian legitimate place in the modern Christian

The New Testament deacon is neither a public teacher, as the Anglican and Roman Churches maintain, nor is he a public ruler, as our brethren of the Congregationalist churches maintain. His function is limited by the Word of God to teresting missionary address with which an entirely distinct and totally different Mrs. Morton favoured them. Including service; he is to devote himself exclusive-an impromptu collection and a few private iv to those necessities which fail to be ly to those necessities which fail to be contributions, all of which were given relieved by a Christian and conscientious without solicitation, the ladies presented care of the poor. It is doubtless because of the palpable perversion of this office, dollars to aid her in purchasing a Reming-ton type-writer for the benefit of the that it has come to be looked upon with that it has come to be looked upon with disfavour in many Presbyterian congrega-tions. If however, the deaconess were labours of an active male diaconate.

3. The practical necessity for the office. Apart altogether from the practice of Apostolic times and the warrant therefore of a direct divine sanction, the revival of the ministry of the deaconess has become almost indispensable to the proper discharge of the duties of the discharge of the duties of the proper discharge of the duties of the proper discharge of the duties of the dutie discharge of the duties of a modern pas- was matched by gifts, which at that time

efficient upbuilding of Christ's cause which must be done by women, if it is ever to be done at all. There are many half-open doors through which man dare less graces which distinguish and ennoble work at home and to hospital and mission the subject of which was "How to Meet of skilled and consecrated workers for the Unbelief." In commencing his remarks very purpose of overtaking and supervisthe speaker referred to the iconoclastic ing these duties, thereby supplying what tendency in the present age, and main- has long been felt to be a most serious of some plague-stricken city, to go and were made. Having instanced some of watch daily with the anxious and with the forms of unbelief, he said it was estations who draw near to death; the call of sential that the sceptic should be required a council of the Church, to go with the definitely to declare his position as a tidings of salvation to those who in foreign pantheist, materialist, idealist, or any, lands are "without hope and without God thing else he liked, so that he might be in the world;" or to obey the call of the fairly met on his own ground. It was the State, to go to the blood-stained battleduty of the Church to confront the unbe-field and care there for the helpless and the dying—as did one hundred and eighty-five noble deaconesses of Kaiserswerth ceasing belief in prayer. He then went five noble deaconesses of Kaiserswerth on to speak of some of the causes of unbelief, and particularly mentioned in this 4. The entire practicability of this step. 4. The entire practicability of this step.
The revival of this New Testament

office-bearer is not only exceedingly de-strable, it is admittedly feasible. The proposal, in truth, has already been of high degree come down from their lofty have been erected, so that they are now pedestal in the manner of the late Lord to be found in almost every civilized Shaftesbury, and show something of the country. The ladies who dwell in these ticism which existed in the Church and nobler example of our religion, in its visthe world was due to the parsimony of lible and practical working, than that woman in the Church would be openly increased advantage both of the Church for deaconesses, but (at the General Conto secure in all its Church courts the The present plea, meanwhile, may be
terence held in the City of New York,

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The Apostolic A collection was taken up on behalf of the library. Principal MacVicar stated unanimity to insert paragraphs in its forthat 508 volumes had been added to the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library. Principal MacVicar stated unanimity to insert paragraphs in its forpolity secures for the Church a principal charge and devoted Christian women of that 508 volumes had been added to the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library. Principal MacVicar stated unanimity to insert paragraphs in its forpolity secures for the Church a principal did as the devoted Christian women of that 508 volumes had been added to the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, wider introduction and development of the library since the close of last session, with the close of last session.

1 April, 1839, p. 253.

tee on the subject will present its report ism that, whenever a Church court or a next year. In Canada, the Presbytery of congregation announces a deliverance Montreal has had the matter brought that deliverance must be the finding more than once before it, and has now a (either directly or representatively) of the committee at work gathering information which to have such action to the communicants, and not upon which to base such action as it may deem to be advisable. Meanwhile not a But women constitute almost two-thirds few individul congregations of the Pressible in all our Christian byterian household, both in Europe and churches! Ought not woman, then, to America, are being served at the present have official representation in that Church hour by one or more formally appointed court at least to which inferentially the desconesses.

New Testament admits her, and whose deaconesses.

5. The office bearer exists even in allotted work she is churches which decline to sanction the tal in discharging? they are so happy and to which they are tifarious ways, woman is everywhere ex so loyally devoted?

There are tew pastors, probably, who could not quickly name six or a dozen ladies in their congregation who, although they are not at present so designated, are to all intents and purposes deaconesses. Very possibly they are the only deacons

deliberate and official appointment? 6. This service would be cheerfully rendered .- One may safely go further and munion roll on the occasion. The serwices were appropriate and impressive same argument may be employed against throughout. For the afternoon the other New Testament office-bearers—not the female disconste would formally comthe female diaconate would formally commit to her.

It has more than once been said : Supposing that the office of deaconess were revived, would there, after all, be many which have stready made the experiment. There are to-day, actively employed in the work, between five hundred and six hundred Kaiserswerth deaconesses. At Mildmay Park, London, there are at present about one hundred deaconesses. At the recently opened Drexel Institution, Philadelphis, there are some thirty deacon-esses, who devote their energies to the care of the sick and the friendless in the German Hospital of that city. The same the active sympathies of genuintly Christestimony as to the gratifying number of tian women; but the religious element is candidates is contributed by a score of not made specially prominent, and the similar homes; and the reason is not far to seek. Woman is ready ever to lend a hand of help to every Christian enterprise, because Christianity has proved itself to be an inestimable help to woman. It is true that she has given a Saviour to the world; but Christ has been, in more than the usual sense, her Saviour. Christianity found woman degraded and enslaved, whereas to-day she realizes that she has been liberated and elevated into a position of highest honour and privilege. Woman owes something therefore-in truth, she owes everything-to the influence of the untrai There is much that pertains to the more should that office exist and be en-

> her sex. 7. A recognition to which woman is fairly entitled .- The female workers in Protestant congregations are not merely willing to assume the responsibilities of this service, they crave some formal recognition and some evidence of due apprecia-

> less graces which distinguish and ennoble

tion at the hands of a grateful Church. The warrant which can be easily urged on behalf of woman's gaining this endorsement which she desires is found in the fact that to-day she is doing the great bulk of the Church's work ! And woman's magnificent record in this particular is improving every year. To cite but a single illustration, take the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, either of Canada or the United States, and note the simply marvellous strides which have been made within the last decade in contributions, in number of auxiliaries, in membership, etc. Why, there is absolutely no department, in all the steadily widening circumference of Christian enterprise, which can point to anything like a commensurate progress; and yet, for the reward of an adequate recognition and appreciation, woman is waiting still ! For this reason alone, not to advert to others, the additional assistance of many a most estimable and competent female helper has been absolutely, yet needlessly for the inestimable benefits resultant from feited. On the other hand, a recognized such a course, it is of paramount importofficial status for woman in the Church would be a boon by many; while by confidence and control of the Church ance that these various female societies be gathered speedily within the closer come within many confidence and control of the Church some visible mark of cordial and appreciative recognition, the Church would be comparatively easy, it would not only doing a very graceful thing in the interest of those who have served her steadfastly and well.

8. The numerical preponderance of

allotted work she is so largely instrumen

hibiting in unequalled force and volume. Surely there has never hitherto been a

period in the world's history when women have been found so ready to band them selves together for the achievement of the most varied purposes of genuine philan-thropy. This fact, indeed, lends to the he has, and accordingly he fully appreciates their patient and sympathetic and remarkable features. There are today women's Christian associations, wo-A NEW church was opened in Beimont on Sabbath, the 27th ult. The opening services were conducted by the Rev Principal Grant. The church is one of the finest village or country churches in the finest village or country churches in the west. It is seventy feet by forty-three feet, having a seating capacity for six hundred. It is seated with "Assembly chairs."

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tomed to be influenced. It will be observed, however, that many of the occupations to which brave women devote themselves are not strictly religious. They are enterprises most commendable in themselves. They may be philanthropic even, and they may secure the active sympathies of genuinely Chriscause of the kingdom profits only very indirectly. It is all-important, therefore, that some way should be opened up through which the willing and invaluable energies of woman may be more directly offered and consecrated to the Saviour. Woman is now ready to go anywhere and everywhere at the summons of the Church will the Church still hesitate to commis-

to. Further procrastination will probably involve disaster.—The establishment of a female disconate would not only prove to be of incalculable service to the Church, but it would help to avert a positive and impending calamity. The step suggested is manifestly desirable, but it is also well-nigh imperative.

also well-nigh imperative. Reference has already been made to the numerous associations and societies into which women are assiduously banding themselves. It is well known that many of these women would prefer to discharge these varied labours in connection with some congregational organization, where they would be permitted to share in the of official and responsible service but thus far they have sought this privi-lege in vain. Is not the Church actually driving these invaluable workers ou side of her boundaries, and gradually loosening the hold of their sympathics upon her, by allowing the impression to gain force that she does not feel any great need of those abilities which have become so mighty a power in the world? And there is a kindred danger, pertaining even to distinctively "religious" organizations of women, which must no longer be lost sight of. It is quite possible that the day is not far distant when an ominous con-flict shall arise between the Church and some of those immense missionary or temperance unions which are growing up beside her. In course of time vast cor porations come to be possessed of great wealth and influence, and then they grow restive under restraints which in humbles days would have been simply protested against or quietly and patiently submitted to. And woman being now a power in every civilized country, and even Christian women being aware of the significance of this fact, cannot be wholly influenced by the force of so suggestive a consideration. As a matter, therefore, of simple self-interest, and apart altogether from

zations within safe and suitable restraints, but the energies (thus guided and con-served) would redound to the greatly It has long been the boast of champions | Church stood daily in need of just such being partly made up of the library of the late Rev. Mr. Rintoul.

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York City last May, was overtured to give inter Church or State speaks, the whole of the similar (but had of its constituency shall be paramitted). York City last May, was overtured to give this question immediate and careful consistency shall be permitted such asideration, with the result that a committed a fair and reasonable hearing. It is a primary tenet, therefore, of Presbyterian Churches of Christendom in which it is primary tenet, therefore, of Presbyterian the Presbyterian Review (Quarterly.)

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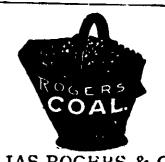
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