

bananas. He was allowed to send messages to friends, but he believed they were intercepted. On the seventh day he writes that the fever continued, that at night the place swarmed with vermin, that the guards were drunk and noisy, and that he was unable to sleep. At last he became delirious. On the eighth day he was conscious. His entries on this day are brief: "No news. A hyena howled all night, smelling a sick man. Hope he will not have me yet." This is the final entry. It is believed that soon after writing this he was taken out and put to death. Throughout the week there are frequent entries referring to the comfort he derived from reading the Psalms.—*N. Y. Evangelist.*

#### BOHEMIA'S CALL.

The last General Presbyterian Council that met in Belfast in 1884, agreed to ask from the Presbyterian Churches throughout the world for \$25,000 to aid the Reformed church in Bohemia, that church that in earlier days witnessed so faithfully for the truth. "On the morning of the 21st June, 1621, twenty-seven of the principal Protestants of Bohemia were in succession beheaded. The exterminating severity of the persecution that followed, may be judged by the fact that while in the year 1620, the bulk of the population of three millions, was Protestant, in 1627, an avowed Protestant was not to be found outside the walls of a Prison."

This church still lives and is doing what it can to spread the light, but it is very poor and weak.

The object of this Fund is,

(1). To aid a Book and Tract Society which is doing a good work.

(2). To assist in erecting churches at important stations.

(3.) To aid schools, and to help pastors whose salaries average \$200 and \$300 a year.

Of the \$25,000, \$10,000 is asked from the Presbyterian Churches in America, and of this amount the Presbyterian church in Canada is asked for \$765. Contributions may be sent to Dr. Reid, Toronto, or to Dr. Burns Halifax, who have been appointed by the Assembly to take charge of any amounts that may be forwarded.

The old sword with which that bloody work was done, on June 21st, 1621, is still preserved. It is not yet turned into a ploughshare, but it is doing better work. Exhibited in Britain and America it has touched many a heart, and has led Christians to give thanks for the religious freedom which they enjoy, by shewing sympathy and sending aid to the struggling church of Martyr memories in Bohemia.

The Presbytery of St. John, N. B., is energetic and methodical in its work. It has appointed a committee on Systematic Beneficence which has adopted a series of regulations some of which are as follows and which are worthy of consideration by all of the forty presbyteries throughout the church.

I. That missionary meetings be held throughout the Presbytery at such times as may be most convenient for the respective congregations, but, if possible, before the new year.

II. That the following subjects, or such of them as the minister and session of each charge may deem most necessary, be presented to the several meetings and their importance urged upon the people.

1. SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES:—Christian people should offer willingly of their substance to the service of God, and this as an act of reverent worship, prompted by grateful love for "His unspeakable Gift."

2. SYSTEMATIC METHODS:—Congregations should adopt a systematic and business-like method of collecting the free will offerings of the people, so that the spirit of liberality may have frequent opportunities of exercise.

3. SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH:—In the opinion of Presbytery, contributions for the schemes of the church should be taken up by collectors visiting monthly (or at least quarterly) where at all practicable; but that where this system is not adopted, there should be four collections in the church during the year, namely:—one for Augmentation, one for Home Missions, one for Foreign Missions and one for the remaining schemes of the church; and they would recommend that this last named be apportioned as follows:—French Evangelization, 40 per cent., College at Halifax, 40 per cent., Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund, 15 per cent. and Widows' and Orphan's Fund, 5 per cent.

4. ORDINARY EXPENSES:—In collecting for ordinary expenses, the Presbytery would recommend as near an approach as possible to the Weekly Offering System.

Two young men from Princeton Seminary went out, during the vacation, to do mission work in Minnesota. They are of the middle class, Mr. Hoffmeister and Mr. McCoy. They wrought so well that the record is made in the *North-western Presbyterian* that "these two young men, during their summer vacation of four months, have gathered five congregations, two of which have developed into churches already, and opened up a territory to the church equal in extent to some whole States East." Good boys.—*Phil. Pres.*