

movement, he has not been baptised himself, thinking he can have more power with his own people by remaining un-baptised. His headquarters are at Buda Pesth. The thirteen theses of Rabinowitz, given in extract, constitute his confession of faith, and are chiefly an historical statement of the relation of the Jews to Christ, and their need of Him now as their deliverer.

The Young Baptists' Convention.

A CORDIAL welcome was extended to the delegates to the Young Baptist's Union, who held their convention in Toronto last week, and they carried away with them abundant good wishes and many pleasant memories of their visit, and seldom, if ever, did such a gathering take place in the city of conventions. Besides the advantage of enormous numbers, the Convention had the attraction of a distinguished and highly intelligent personnel, showing that men and women of culture and individuality had been elected to represent the numerous branches of the Union. Needless to say the greatest interest was manifested in the meetings by all classes of the community, and the seating capacity of many auxiliary meeting-places was taxed to accommodate the crowds that turned out to hear the speakers, to learn from the experience of earnest workers, and to draw inspiration from the eloquent words of wisdom spoken. The Presbyterians of Toronto found fit spokesmen in Revs. Dr. McTavish and R. P. McKay to convey their hearty greetings; other religious bodies sent formal greetings and these were received very kindly. The addresses were as a rule brief, pithy and practical, calculated to do much good.

One thing which probably more than any other impressed the visitors, was the Sabbath quiet of Toronto. The Sabbath is kept in the city as it is but in a few places on this continent, and doubtless the delegates will report well of it at their homes, and will seek to restore the observance of the Lord's day in like manner, in their own cities.

The local committee deserves great credit for the admirable management of so large a gathering.

Distinguished Son of a Distinguished Father.

Rev. Robert Mackintosh, of the Congregational Church in Dumfries, who has just been appointed Professor of Apologetics in the Lancashire Congregational College, is the son of Dr. Mackintosh, the late Free Church minister of Dunoon, and was assistant for a time to the Rev. Benjamin Bell, Manchester, but passed from the Presbyterian denomination through difficulties about the Westminster Confession of Faith.

War Cloud in the East. The opinion of Rev. W. P. Chalfant, who has lately returned from an eight years stay in Shang Tung Province of North China, where he had charge of the Presbyterian Mission work, is that war between China and Japan is inevitable on account of the Korean embroglio. He thinks it will involve Russia, Britain, France and Germany in a deadly struggle. Should his view as to war breaking out prove correct, the missionaries, numbering over one thousand, will have to leave that country, a contingency which cannot be viewed except with great alarm by the Canadian Church. Mr. Chalfant believes that Russia has long "desired to gobble the Korean kingdom, to have seaports on the east open the year round, those she has now being closed by ice in the winter. While China is fighting Japan, Russia will jump in after Korea. This will draw Great Britain into

the fray. France will then be obliged to join forces with Russia to protect her possessions in Tonquin. Japan will not have to fight alone, as Germany stands ready to help her." The outlook is anything but pleasant, but the dark clouds may break, and sunshine drive away the mists of war contrary to all human expectations.

Presbyterians Lead. Presbyterians still lead in the number of Endeavour "companies," as Secretary Baer this year designates the societies. The following is the way they are divided in the case of the larger bodies: Presbyterians, 6,652 companies; the Congregationalists have 5,488; the Baptists, 3,203; the Disciples of Christ and Christians, 2,895; Methodist Episcopal, 1,287; Methodist Protestants, 963; Lutherans, 851; Cumberland Presbyterians, 744. In Canada the Presbyterians lead with 842; the Methodists are next, with 812; the Baptists have 159; the Congregationalists, 128.

The Holy City. The British Consul at Jerusalem, in his latest report, gives some interesting details respecting the state of the Holy City. It appears that buildings of various kinds continue to be erected in the vicinity, and that the city is far outgrowing its former limits. On the western side houses have increased so rapidly within the last few years that quite a large suburb has arisen where formerly there were fields and vineyards. Every available piece of land is now being bought up by private persons or by benevolent societies and missions, and already the name of "Modern Jerusalem" has been given to this new quarter.

New Zealand Statistics. New Zealand has a population of 626,000. On a recent Sunday a census was taken of the attendants at church. The Presbyterians had more than any other denomination, more than the Episcopalians, Roman Catholics or Methodists, the figures being 40,785 for us, and 37,252, 30,525 and 27,106 for the others respectively. Our folks have accommodation for less than 60,000. Supposing that the latter number represents the regular attendants, it is difficult to account for the remainder of the 141,000 Presbyterians which the census reports. About half of our constituency appear to be lost sheep in New Zealand. Is it so in the West? How many have letters in their trunks, or have apostatized through neglect and worldliness. Take a census of your vicinity and see.

Mr. W. T. Stead. Mr. Stead is carrying on a vigorous campaign in the English cities against the great gambling vice which prevails to an alarming extent in the industrial centres as well as in the cities where race courses furnish greater facilities for the poisoned bookmaker. As to how the churches ought to cope with such evils Mr. Stead threw out some wise, practical suggestions. He said the men and women of different churches should unite to get rid of the evils to which he alluded. The Church militant below ought to be as broad as the Church triumphant above. If they were going to meet a man in heaven and live with him for ever, they ought to be ready to recognize him here on earth. He pleaded for the establishment in every community, but especially in large cities, of a body that would represent all the organizations, institutions, and churches in the community which were endeavouring to get Christ's will carried out; and to advise that this body, in touch with every such association, governing body, and church, should meet once a month or once a quarter; that it should find out what it was agreed upon, and having done this, that it should use its influence to put down evil and to promote the moral, and spiritual well-being of the people.