

opened with a lecture by Professor Murphy, LL.D., the well-known commentator, a Hebrew scholar of rare ability. His last published commentary is on the Apocalypse and is spoken very highly of by reviewers. The subject of his lecture at the opening of the session was "A time and times and half a time," and is reported in full in the *Belfast Witness*. The Mayo College, Londonderry, is a full college with Arts as well as Theology. It was opened by a lecture by Professor Leeboddy who congratulated professors and students on the prospects that the latter had now of obtaining degrees from the Royal University, which on a much broader basis, now takes the place of the former Queen's. There are more students in attendance this session than there have been for years. The Moderator of Assembly was present in his official capacity and made some excellent and timely remarks on the inadequacy of the salaries of the professors, showing that the ministers of city congregations could not accept chairs if asked to fill them unless at the sacrifice of from one to two hundred pounds of salary. Such statements will apply in other countries as well as in Ireland.—H.

FRANCE.—M. Réveillaud, editor of "Le Signal," has recently written two powerful editorials in his paper; one on the necessity of the Protestants of France showing the courage of their convictions; another on the importance of taking advantage of the present winter, for greatly increased religious activity. These will do good. The Protestant churches seem very slow in awaking to the work before them. Long periods of persecution and grinding oppression have depressed and dispirited them. They need our best sympathies, and prayers. M. R. is doing his best to stimulate their drooping spirits by exhorting them to a full consecration of themselves to God, showing them that they can hope to make advance only by their being wholly under the warming and strengthening influence of the Sun of Righteousness. Meanwhile the work of evangelization goes on. All the evangelistic societies have as many agents in the field as their means will permit. For a time a great portion of the money to carry on this work must come from Christians outside of France; and this because the protestants of France are mostly poor, and a great number of churches have all, in some cases more, than they can do to support gospel ordinances among themselves. It will be gratifying to many to know that a mission hall has at last been opened at *Cannes*, in the South of France where so many of our English-speaking people go to spend the winter months. Many of these will be able to render valuable assistance to the missionaries. Another has been opened at *Nice* likewise. At *Bastia*, in the

Island of Corsica, a mission hall has been opened under most encouraging auspices. The place had only *two hundred sittings*, but so eager and curious were the people to hear that some *five hundred* crowded into it. There was no music, no singing. The writer says: "Standing, crowded, pressing one against another, none seem impatient or tired, all listen seriously to the words of peace read to them from the Gospel. Controversy is avoided, however, the love of Jesus for sinners seems to be for them, a very present question, full of interest. The prayer is heard with a becoming silence. The meeting closes, a great number tender us their thanks and encourage us. All say, We will return." *Bastia* is a town of some *twenty thousand* people. At a meeting held at T., (Pas-de-Calais) above *two hundred* Catholics attended to hear the Gospel. The visit of Mr. Moody at Paris produced a wonderful effect upon the Christian people and others there. Mr. M. said, Paris was one of the finest fields for labor he ever saw. And when on the last evening he saw the Oratoire (church), filled half an hour before the time, overflowing with people even in the galleries which are never opened, (many could not get in), and after a meeting two hours and a half long, the people refused to leave, though dismissed twice; Mr. Moody said: "Truly, during the *ten years* of our work I have never seen anything like it! Must I be obliged to preach a third sermon? He did. Let any one tell us after this that the people are tired out. Tired! when for six consecutive evenings, he filled, without trouble, the largest Protestant church of Paris. Would that my lamented friend, M. Dodds, had lived long enough to witness this, which he so long desired. Perhaps he has rejoiced over it with the angels.—C. H.

Anniversary Meetings.

THE MONTREAL ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY MEETINGS were held as usual in the last week of November, in Erskine Church, on three consecutive evenings, which were devoted to the consideration of Home Missions, French Evangelization, and Foreign Missions, respectively. These meetings originated in 1877, at the instance of a few leading members of the Church in Montreal, who thought in this way to impart information respecting the various departments of mission work carried on by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as to deepen the interest of our people in mission work generally, throughout the world. It is hoped that they will become increasingly useful in this respect. The attendance this year though not so large as it might have been, was fully