

cies, as well as the claims upon the fund of ministers newly admitted. These yearly balances in time amounted to the large sum of £14,000, currency, and which the Synod, with a degree of self-sacrificing liberality on the part of the ministers who might fairly have claimed its division among themselves, which cannot be too highly estimated, decided to throw in to the general fund for the future support of the whole church. Mr. George Brown of the Globe, and others who distinguished themselves by their abuse of that estimable body of men, the Ministers of the Church of Scotland in Canada, will be slow to notice this act of self-denial on their part.

Among the most interesting subjects brought under the notice of the Synod was an overture pledging the church to commence an effort in the Foreign Mission field. With great need for exertions at home, and with vast tracts of country unsupplied with ministers, it was ably argued that an effort to send the Gospel to regions even more destitute than our own backwoods, would be blessed to the church at large. This overture having been agreed to, the question next, under discussion was, to which part of the world the effort should be directed. The scheme which met with most favour in the Synod was one for sending a missionary to Jerusalem, a place, which, strange to say, has been overlooked to a great extent by christian churches in their missionary efforts. The attention of the Synod was drawn to an appeal in favour of Jerusalem by an eminent clergyman of the church of Scotland, the Rev. Dr. Aiton, of Dolphinton. It seems that the Jewish population of Jerusalem is far more accessible to Missionary efforts than are the Jews in any other part of the world, most of whom are absorbed in making gain, and many even tinged with infidelity. The Jews now residing in the Holy Land are mostly drawn there from pious motives, and are, even now, patiently waiting for that Messiah whom the Christian Ministry seeks to declare unto them.

The Synod heard with great interest these statements and appointed the Rev. A. Burnett, of Hamilton, the Rev. George Macdonnell, of Fergus, and Alex. Morris, Esq., of Montreal, a committee to collect funds for the object, with power to engage a missionary, should they deem it expedient. There are sanguine hopes among the many warm friends of Foreign Missions in the Church, that this scheme, will, ere long, be carried into execution. £300 cy., per annum will support a missionary in Jerusalem, a sum which can easily be raised in so wealthy a body; and we understand that one of the most useful and respected ministers of the Church, and who is now presiding over an important congregation, has placed his services at the disposal of the committee, should they not succeed in finding another missionary for this deeply interesting field.

In connection with their missionary schemes, the Synod expressed a warm interest in an effort now being made to enlist the sympathies of the young in this great work. At the orphanages of Calcutta, Madras and Cochin, numerous orphan children are received, sustained and educated, many of them in after life becoming, in turn, missionaries, or the wives of native preachers. The cost of maintaining each orphan being only four pounds, each Sabbath School collecting that sum has an orphan appropriated to their care, for whom they select a christian name, and who is looked upon as their protégé. This scheme having been found admirably adapted to gain the

sympathies of the young, as well as to spread the Gospel in India, is recommended to the support of all congregations and Sabbath Schools.

On the evening of Wednesday, after an exceedingly arduous session, the Synod terminated its labours, and was closed by an able and practical address from the Moderator, the Rev. A. Mann, of Pakenham.

Thus was concluded a deeply important meeting, fraught, we believe, with beneficial results to the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, as well as with blessings to the world at large. The members of Synod will long remember this occasion as one upon which many satisfactory decisions were arrived at, and much good was accomplished, while the citizens of Kingston, who received them into their houses with ready hospitality, will not soon forget the pleasant intercourse which they were privileged to enjoy during the past week.

Queen's College, Kingston, C.W.

We are in possession of a copy of the Annual Synopsis of the proceedings of the Board of Trusters of Queen's College, and of the statements appended thereto. We are gratified to notice that the attendance upon the Institution is so good.

During the Session 1855-1856 there were 30 students in the Arts Faculty, and 10 in the Divinity Classes, making 40 in all, of whom 3 are applying for license to exercise the office of the Ministry.

The Medical Faculty is also actively engaged. Five young men at the close of the session graduated in Medicine, having attended a portion of their course at other Institutions. The attendance upon the Medical classes was large, comprising in all 47 students. The previous and first session of the Medical school, there were 23.

Queen's College School was also maintained in operation, and, we learn from another source, was attended by 70 pupils, so that the University was attended by 87 Students in all, and, inclusively of the Queen's College School, 157 pupils were in receipt of instruction in various departments of knowledge by its agency. We think that the suggestion, made at last Synod by one of the fathers of the Church, viz. that of the establishment of Presbyterian Exhibitions to the School, would be found of much service.

The collections for the new College Buildings are still being taken up, but greater exertions will require to be made than have yet been used, to raise the requisite sum to pay for the commodious buildings purchased for the College.

We observe that the matter will be brought before the Synod, and, we doubt not, will receive due attention at the hands of the Court.

We still trust that a Report from the Professors will be submitted. The Synopsis of proceedings of the Trustees is necessary, and is very well in its way, but something more is wanted than a bare, naked transcript of proceedings and statement of accounts. A vigorous, faithful narrative by the professors or the senatus of the operations of the College, a statement of its difficulties, an annual narrative of its progress and suggestions in its advancement, might all be embodied in a Report, and would do much to interest the people in the working of the College, and enlist their sympathies towards it.

Mr. Caird's Sermon.

RELIGION IN COMMON LIFE.

When the Queen ordered the publication of this Sermon, she could scarcely have anticipated the circulation it would attain, or that she would thus virtually become a tract distributor on so large a scale. Her judgement of its merits has been sustained by that of the people of Britain and America. In Britain 60,000 copies were speedily disposed of. In the United States several editions have been published, and in Canada this Sermon, which appeared in our last issue, was republished by the *Toronto Old Country-Man* newspaper, by one of the Quebec papers, and also in Montreal by the *Montreal Witness*. The last paper has issued, as we learn from its columns, one edition of 16,000 copies and another of 6,000 copies. May its perusal be productive of good, and may our common life be more and more pervaded by true religion.—*Presbyterian*

Walcha.

A most interesting ceremony took place here on Monday, the 20th ult., viz., in laying the foundation-stone of a Presbyterian Church, in connexion with the Synod of Australia. The morning was beautiful, and a large concourse of people had assembled, including almost all the respectable families in the neighbourhood of Walcha. Amongst those present, we observed Mr. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Mr. and Mrs. Nivison and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Scott and family, Mrs. Fletcher and family, Mrs. Richards and family, Dr. Haylock and family, and many others from a considerable distance. The proceedings of the day were begun by prayer and singing a psalm, after which the Rev. Mr. Morrison delivered an exceedingly beautiful and appropriate address, which was listened to with marked attention and delight by all present. Thereafter the clergyman, Mr. Morrison, called on Mrs. Jamieson of Walcha to go through the customary ceremony of laying the foundation stone, she having been requested to perform this honourable work, as the lady longest resident in that part of New England, and one who is universally respected. This was done by depositing under the stone a bottle hermetically sealed, containing a number of coins, from a sovereign down to a farthing, including a sovereign of the new Sydney mint, a copy of the *Empire and Mail*, *Mercury* newspapers, a Sydney Almanac, and a short account of the first occupation of New England; thereupon the stone was laid in something like masonic style. A psalm was then sung, and this part of the proceedings was closed by prayer, offered by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, for a blessing on their undertaking.

The married ladies, with considerate forethought, had a large awning erected on the banks of the Apsley River, and an elegant *déjeuner à la fourchette* prepared, which all were invited to partake of before leaving. Several good speeches were made, and the health of the Rev. Mr. Morrison, was received with much enthusiasm. Mr. Morrison, pastor of the church, is a decided favourite to that part of New England, and all the Presbyterian families about Walcha, of whom there are many, are much pleased that he now to become permanently resident amongst them as their clergyman.

A subscription list was opened for the