

speaking grandly of our favour and fervour in the education of the generations. Our mission enterprises are for the wonderment and admiration of the world. Who desires to belong to a grander company of citizens and Christians than these? I am satisfied; I am proud of our record; and our churches of the Dominion have right to share in the glory.

I have read with much pleasure the accounts from Manitoba, and trust that "the North Star" of our denomination may not be long a lone star. Why could not the missionary work of British North America and that of our Northern States and Territories be combined? Washington, Idaho, Montana, Dakota, Minnesota and Michigan are, or are to be, scenes of great work for our Church polity. Why cannot arrangements be made between the two Home Missionary Societies to have that harder work done by the agents of one, and thus extend the work and save expense? "The invisible line" can easily be crossed and these two wonderful lands can be tied to each other conquered for Christ, and held by the churches of our faith. There is need of much work across from here on the Manitoulin Islands and in their vicinity. More anon.

J. H. PARKER.

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News of the Churches.

WE learn that the Rev. Robert Hay has resigned the pastoral office in the church at Forest.

REV. MR. STEVENSON lectured in Yorkville Church, Tuesday evening, on "Some American Poets."

REV. E. BARKER is supplying the church at Cornwallis, N.S. His address at present is Kingsport, N.S.

REV. JOSEPH GRIFFITH preached in the Western Church of this city on Sunday last in behalf of the College.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in the London church on Sunday last, Rev. T. W. Handford of Toronto preaching on the occasion.

THE silver wedding of our brother Rev. George Anderson, formerly of Montreal, now in New York State, is to be celebrated on the 24th inst. Silver to send we have none, but we send hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and trust that for another quarter century they may live and labour in the cause of Christ.

STRATHROY.—A very interesting and successful meeting was held in the town of Strathroy, on the evening of the 10th instant, in the interest of our Church extension work. The meeting was presided over by his Worship the Mayor, W. Rapley, Esq., and was opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. R. Hay, of Forest. Rev. H. J. Colwell, of Watford, who had acted in the capacity of Convener, gave an explanation of the steps which had led to the calling of the meeting. Rev. R. W. Wallace, B.D., of London, delivered an address on "The Local Church, its organization and independence of external control." Rev. A. Hastings Ross, of Port Huron, Michigan, gave a clear and scholarly address on "Congregationalism, its principles and its practices." Rev. Mr. Hay, of Forest, addressed the meeting upon "The Church of Jesus Christ, its character and dependence upon its founder." For the present the brethren Hay and Colwell will give a Sabbath or two each to this field, but is there not a good brother, with a warm heart, and good abilities, and firm trust in God, who will enter this important field? There seems to be a good opening, and Strathroy is an important town of about 4,000 inhabitants, only twenty miles from London. May the Lord send the man.

RECOGNITION SERVICE.—NORTHERN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—A special service in recognition of the pastorate of Rev. John Burton, late of John street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, was held in the Northern Congregational Church, Monday evening 13th inst., when a large number of members and friends assembled, the Church being filled to the doors. The first portion of the evening was occupied by a social tea in the Sunday school room, when those who desired had an opportunity of being presented to the

new pastor. After this was concluded those present adjourned to the body of the church, where a meeting was organized, with Mr. George Hague in the chair. Among those on the platform with the pastor-elect were:—Rev. J. F. Stevenson, Emmanuel Church, Montreal; Rev. Prof. Gregg; Rev. H. D. Powis; Prof. Young, University College; Rev. David Mitchell; Rev. W. H. Warriner, Yorkville; and Rev. J. B. Silcox. The service, though carried out in accordance with a previously prepared programme, was not marred by any undue formality, but was throughout earnest and hearty. The Chairman, in his opening address, after congratulating both pastor and people upon having entered into such close relations to each other, pointed out that though Rev. Mr. Burton had been long connected with the Presbyterian Church he could nevertheless become one with the Independents, as the two branches were in all essential points the same. One of the deacons, Mr. H. J. Clarke, then read a statement of the circumstances which led to the call of the present pastor, supplemented by a short review of the principles upon which the Congregational Church is founded. Rev. Mr. Burton read his statement of adherence to the principles enumerated, and his acceptance of the call of the Church. Addresses of welcome from the Church and the Young People's Association were then read by Mr. C. Page and Mr. C. Tubby respectively, after which a number of the Sunday school scholars assembled on the platform, one of whom, Miss May Anderson, read a few expressive words of welcome from the Sunday school. The pastor was then briefly addressed by Rev. H. D. Powis, who exhorted him to preach only the truth as it was in Jesus. Though some believed that in the advancement of the world the Gospel should change also, the pastor should remember that Christ was the same yesterday, to-day and forever, and the truths of their fathers were the truths of to-day. The address to the congregation was delivered by Rev. J. F. Stevenson. He pointed out to the people that the pastor's work was important, not only for this world, but for the next, and in view of its difficulty and importance the people should heartily co-operate with him. He urged them not to come to church only to pass an idle hour, to "set an example," or to maintain their respectability, but to come in earnest for the good of their own souls and the advancement of Christ's cause. He was afraid people now-a-days were rather hard to teach, as they were all so desperately learned, but they should be willing to allow that the pastor, after earnest research and prayer, might know something about his theme which intuition had failed to teach them. If they co-operated with their pastor they would both pray and work, for each was necessary to the accomplishment of the duty they had undertaken. Rev. Mr. Burton then addressed a few simple, earnest words to the congregation, thanking them for their kind reception, and saying that he was particularly pleased with that from the children. He accepted the pastorate with an earnest hope that he might be able to do some good in this portion of the Master's vineyard. After short addresses by the Rev. Prof. Gregg and Rev. David Mitchell, the meeting closed.

Religious News.

HENRY M. STANLEY has arrived at Sierra Leone from Zanzibar. He will explore the Congo River.

It has been predicted that in forty years France will be Protestant. But perhaps the obstacles were never greater than now.

THE Secretary of the Central Evangelical Society of Paris states that if they had the means they could found a new Protestant Church in France every week.

PRESIDENT MCCOSH has dismissed five students from Princeton College "for ungentlemanly conduct at Trenton lately." They were drunk and disorderly.

JOHN BRIGHT presented a petition to Parliament three-fourths of a mile long from 100,000 Primitive Methodists in England, asking for the closing of the liquor-shops on Sabbath.

A MEMORIAL to Sir Rowland Hill is proposed in Great Britain, to take the form of almshouses for postmen, the amount to be raised by the contribution of penny postage stamps.

EXTENSIVE religious revivals are occurring in Virginia and North Carolina. A despatch states that from seventy-five to

or hundred persons have confessed conversion at a single meeting.

THE Japanese government has given permission to a native publisher to print an edition of Genesis in Chinese. This is the first time it has authorized any portion of Scripture to be published.

THE ministers of the Free Church of Scotland have been enjoined by the General Assembly to discountenance raffles or bazaar lotteries, and other similar methods of raising money for religious purposes.

THE Belgian bishops excommunicate Catholic children who attend the public schools. Here in Yonkers, says the New York "Christian Weekly," the "sisters" have excluded a little girl from the Sabbath school of her Church for the same crime! This is not Belgium.

THE Belfast (Ireland) Presbytery is gravely discussing the question whether in the parish of Newtonbreda a special service in which a harmonium is used should longer be tolerated. The special service has a larger attendance than either of the two regular services, where no instrumental music is allowed.

THE Rev. David Macrae is preaching to large congregations in churches belonging to the Kirk. The committee of the U. P. Church in Dundee, whereof the late Mr. Gillfillan was pastor, have had another interview with Mr. Macrae, and report that the negotiations are progressing favourably.

A JOINT-STOCK company has been formed in England with a proposed capital of \$5,000,000 in shares of \$5 for the avowed object of diminishing intemperance. It is intended that temperance hotels shall be opened in all parts of the Kingdom. In the prospectus the name of the Archbishop of Canterbury heads the list.

FROM the 56th annual report of the Berlin Society for the promotion of Christianity among the Jews it appears that the total number of the Hebrew race is between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000. Of these 5,000,000 are in Europe, 1,500,000 in America, 200,000 in Asia, and 80,000 in Africa. Of the Asiatic Jews 20,000 are assigned to India and 25,000 to Palestine.

MESSRS. MOODY and Sankey held an all day series of meetings in Cooper Institute last Tuesday. Large audiences, mostly of men, attended, and were moved and melted as in former days by the earnest, impassioned appeals of the revivalists. They are about to labour for a month in Cleveland, Ohio, from which city they go to St. Louis for their winter campaign.

THERE is a good work going on in Calcutta. For three years past there has been preaching in English to educated natives in the Free Church of Scotland. Rev. W. Milne says: "There are more than 12,000 educated natives in Calcutta who understand English perfectly, and it is thought the Gospel should now be preached to them in the same simple, full and direct way that it is preached to those who are nominally Christians."

THERE is considerable discussion among the Episcopalians of Ireland about laxness in receiving candidates for ordination. It is charged that, owing to the fewness of properly qualified candidates, some have been accepted without regard to their learning or fitness. One of the church papers says "it would raise the tone of a diocese at once if it were known that one man were rejected." It commends the example of the Methodists who out of a list of 140 candidates sent back 35.

LORD CHANCELLOR CAIRNS has been preaching to large audiences in Scotland. And some of the clergy are terribly chagrined thereat. One Irish Episcopal clergyman talks about some judgment that will come upon the Chancellor if he does not desist from touching sacred things. What a pity that all the world is not ordered by the priesthood.

THE Secretary of the Central Evangelical Society of Paris says that, if that Society had the means, it could establish a new Protestant church in France every week. It is a pity that more interest is not displayed in the work of evangelizing France. Everything is favourable to success in such an effort now; and the opportunity may be lost because of negligence.

THE corner stone of a new Congregational Chapel was recently laid at Milton, Eng., by a member of the Established Church. An English Church newspaper commenting on the fact says, "In these days many a good churchman is thankful to have a dissenting chapel to go to, who would never have been induced to cross its threshold before our churches were turned into mass-houses."

THE transcendentalist, A. Bronson Alcott, believes in the Trinity. He thinks that there is an analogy between the threefold nature of man and the threefold nature of God. He maintains that if New England orthodoxy at the end of last and beginning of the present century had spoken as it does now, American Unitarianism would not have been born. He asserts also that orthodoxy will soon swallow the better part of American Unitarianism ere long.