

churches have met nightly under the same roof, and a further spiritual awakening has resulted. The police returns in many parts of South Wales continue to show the great results that are being achieved by the movement in raising the standard of the morals of the people, and in several cases the fact has been referred to with keen gratification from the magisterial bench.

The progress made by Roman Catholicism in Great Britain during the last half century is strikingly shown by the following statistics compiled by the Protestant Press Bureau. In 1851 there were in this country 958 priests, 683 churches, 17 religious houses for men and 53 for women. In 1905 the numbers had thus grown — Priests to 3,818, churches to 2,008, houses for men to 303, houses for women to 751. In 1902 the "Tablet" stated that there were about 8,000 nuns in England. Roman Catholic progress, however, appears to be confined to the extremes of society. The priest can do but little with the sturdy middle class in Britain.

Presbyterians in Ireland will honor the memory of the great Scottish reformer. The Belfast Witness says: John Knox still remains the greatest figure in Presbyterianism in Ireland as he is in Scotland. The good that he did has lived after him, and upon the solid educational and Scriptural foundation that he laid Scotland has built up a great intellectual reputation and Presbyterianism has become one of the great religious forces in the world. The fourth centenary of his birth takes place this year, and the General Assembly, in common with other Presbyterian bodies, has determined to celebrate it in a manner becoming the great event.

The longest plant in the world is the seaweed. One tropical and subtropical variety is known which, when it reaches its full development, is at least 600 feet in length.

The only way to shine, even in this false world, is to be modest and unassuming. Falsehood may be a thick crust; but, in the course of time, truth will find a place to break through. Elegance of language may not be the power of us all; but simplicity and straightforwardness are.

At annual meeting of Essa town line congregation it was unanimously decided to give a copy of the Record to every family attending the church. An excellent resolve. This is already done by many congregations throughout the church. Were the rule universally adopted, as we hope it will be before very long, The Record's circulation, instead of 50,000 would at once go up to a quarter of a million, or thereabouts! And the Record, the best periodical of the kind in the world, is well worthy such a field and future.

We please God most by following his will.

REVIVAL SIDE-LIGHTS.

Danger of Emotionalism.

To the average observer the chief danger of a religious revival is summed up in the word "emotionalism." The danger is very real—not because there is anything wrong in the expression of religious emotion, but because Revival methods necessarily appeal to the emotions, and are apt to produce a religion which is based on the emotions alone, and is therefore a feeble and evanescent thing. That this sometimes happens no one can deny; but it ought not therefore to be assumed that Revivalism produces nothing else. Every "Mission" that is held can show evidences to the contrary. It is, indeed, a thousand pities that the occasional abuse of emotionalism has almost banished emotion from some of our churches.—"Examiner" (Congregational).

Sudden Conversion.

The Dean of Manchester, in his references to the Revival, has expressed himself as averse to sudden conversions. He supports himself upon the maxim, "Early ripe, early rotten." His remarks have occasioned a protest, and also the opportunity to state soberly the truth concerning a misunderstood matter. Whatever opinions men hold, the fact remains undisputed, that some of the most marvellous conversions in the world have been sudden. The maxim quoted by the Dean is entirely inapplicable to these cases. It is better, surely, to examine facts, than to build theories upon irrelevant proverbs. It will probably be found in many cases of sudden conversion that secret processes have been at work in the soul, all of which have led up to the decisive act called conversion. In other cases the work of the Spirit has been rapid. The present is not the moment to discredit the work of conversion, but rather to comprehend it and prepare for it.—Christian.

While the Russian war ships were passing through the Suez Canal B. F. B. S. Colporteurs were allowed on board, and during one day and one night sold to the sailors 700 copies of Scripture. And some people say that dispensers of the Gospel do not show business enterprise!

While the two opposing armies facing each other near Mukden attract our attention, let us not forget the Scotch missionaries in Mukden itself tirelessly working to relieve suffering among Chinese villagers who have fled to the city for safety. It is a Christ-like work in the complete self-sacrifice which the war imposes on those who do it.

Lady Henry Somerset says of Duxhurst, her home for inebriate women, that more than one-half of the women cared for there are cured. The cost of carrying on Duxhurst, with the varied industries, is over \$11,000 a year.

He who will make love his guide and will follow its light will never weary of his explorations.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Reports presented at the annual meeting of the Collingwood Church, (Rev. J. A. Cranston, pastor) indicated a prosperous year. The receipts were \$3,680 and the expenditure \$3,744. During the year 279 names were added, 239 by profession of faith and 40 by certificate. Fifty-five names were removed from the roll for various reasons, leaving the membership at 703. The receipts of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society amounted to \$242 and the disbursements to an equal amount. This society has a membership of 54, an increase of 12 during the year; 15 are members of the general society. The officers for 1904-05 are: President Mrs. W. A. Copeland; Secretary, Mrs. J. F. McLeod; Treasurer, Mrs. D. McQuade; Board of Managers, Messrs. W. A. Copeland, chairman; D. McCuaig, R. Henry, J. A. Brackenridge, F. W. Bryan, G. Montgomery, D. G. Cooper, R. McQuade, secretary; Dr. Clemen, and L. Weber, treasurers.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, was occupied both morning and evening on the 5th inst., by Rev. A. L. Geggie, Dunn Avenue church Toronto. In the evening, Mr. Geggie preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of this land." He said that the question of hell was too much neglected in these latter days, and thought it ought to be faced as it was in Puritan times. He pointed out that the judgment of God rested upon the sin of the world.

After paying the current expenses of the year there is a balance of \$67.52 to the credit of Duff's church, Morristown. The amount paid toward the building fund was \$976.41. The congregation had raised for the schemes of the church \$265. Mrs. Robertson, President of the W.F.M., reported an advance also in their work, having raised \$117, making the total for the missionary schemes \$382, the highest ever contributed by the congregation in one year. The full amount contributed for the past year was \$2,173.45. The congregation has initiated a forward movement in endeavoring to raise \$200 a year to support a foreign missionary, in addition to their regular contributions to the other schemes of the church.

The Michigan Presbyterian of a recent date contains the following appreciative notice of a respected Canadian minister who has been settled over an important charge in Detroit Presbytery: "The Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D. D., who has been called to assume the pastoral responsibility at Birmingham and Southfield, has just finished a very successful pastorate of 13 years in Chatham Presbytery. At his departure his people showed their love and esteem by presenting him with a gold watch and a generous purse of money. He is most thoroughly prepared both by temperament and training for the work of the ministry. Dr. Jamieson is a man of kind and manner, courteous and consecrated thoroughly do the work of the ministry. He is a faithful and painstaking pastor, an earnest, persuasive speaker, and has been very successful in building up the Master's work in the pastorates which he has previously held. He may be assured of a cordial welcome to the Presbytery of Detroit."

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