

ment of the Dominion for his release was Dr Elliott's business is to be ruined or his patients damned" yet the priest is but carrying out the policy of the church, for every priest is amenable to the discipline of his superiors. This, then, is a glimpse of life as it is in Quebec, a Province of Canada, in the last decade of the nineteenth century!

Presbyterial Control.

The letter by "Prsebyter" published to-day, animadverting on the article in last week's issue, entitled "Presbyterial Control," raises a point of first rate importance in the matter of the jurisdiction and power of a Presbytery. We do not hold that a Presbytery is infallible, nor omnipotent, and in so far as the decision of the Presbytery, bears upon Fern Avenue congregation, which was not a party in court, we would not wish to be committed to it, by a construction of the article in question, not intended to be placed upon it. Our argument was that when petitioners place their case before a Presbytery, the Presbytery must decide the case, not the petitioners, and the object in view, in stating that fact, was to place the relative positions of Presbytery and petitioners in a clear light. It is a very different thing to suppose that the decision of the Presbytery must necessarily be equitable or final. But whatever may be the fate of the Parkdale case in the future, moderation on both sides will not fail to help in arriving at the best conclusion.

Home Mission Committee Donations.—Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received the following sums for the Home Mission fund:—Rev. Principal Douglas, £5; St. George's, Paisley, £1; St. George's, Edinburgh, £12; Sir Donald Currie, £50.

A Tribute to our Esteemed Contemporary. Not often does a religious journal fully earn such high commendation as is contained in the following paragraph which appeared in a disinterested secular journal: "One of the hardest workers for the Liberal party in the Dominion is the Canada Presbyterian. It must be said that it leads where others follow, and that it is an admirable ally of the Toronto Globe."—*Canadian American*, Chicago.

Union of Wesleyan Churches. A council, the proceedings of which will be watched with prayerful interest, has been convened in London, Eng., of representatives of all the Methodist Churches in Great Britain, with the object of inaugurating steps towards a union of the Wesleyans in the United Kingdom. Should a fair measure of success attend this movement an object lesson will be furnished the Presbyterian Churches which cannot fail to be impressive.

Circulation of the Scriptures. A very interesting interview has been published in which Mr. Henry Frowde of the Oxford University Press, gives some information regarding the circulation of the Bible. The demand had not been at all affected by the speculations of the higher criticism. The Bible was in as great demand as ever. Further, he mentioned that the demand for the Revised Version was steadily increasing. When first published the rush for it was enormous, but it suddenly fell off. Now, however, the interest in it has revived, and the study of it seems to have recommenced. The circulation of the Revised Version, however, is not one-tenth of what is still enjoyed by the Authorized

translation. It is a notable fact that the issue of no book or paper, which the world has ever seen can compare with that of the Old and New Testaments. Despite of all the known obstacles to their diffusion—bad trade, the spread of infidelity and indifference, the multiplication of other books, etc.—the publication of copies of the Word of God continues to take the lead of all that the press gives forth.

Rev. Dr. Paton's In another column of this issue will be found a letter signed on behalf of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Prebyterian Church in Victoria, endorsing Rev. Dr. Paton's scheme for the maintenance of a missionary steamer in connection with his work in the New Hebrides, and setting forth the relations between the missionary and his church in this matter. The letter will be welcomed by many Canadian friends who have, notwithstanding some doubt that has been cast on Dr. Paton's authority to act as he has done, all along felt that he was engaged in a good project the merit of the details of which he was in the best position to form a judgment.

A Neglected Study. Rev. Dr. Robertson's article showing that many of the students and others laboring in the west display a lack of ability to write in fairly good English, an account of their labors in this field, has been widely commented upon and generally accepted as a regrettable fact. It seems that the same complaint would lie against not a few of the missionaries in the foreign field, whose letters play an important part in missionary literature. The schools and colleges are no doubt to blame for the low estimate placed on English composition, but the art is one, which is worthy of assiduous practical and by no class could it be turned to better purpose than by missionaries and ministers at home and abroad. While it might have been supposed that Dr. Robertson's strictures would have elicited protests, the justice of his remarks has been maintained almost unanimously by those who have publicly referred to them.

An Opportunity for Ministers. A circular has been issued by Mr. D. L. Moody with this title. It refers to arrangements which have been made for a conference of ministers during the month of April in Chicago with the "Bible Institute" as headquarters "for a special course in the English Bible, and a study of the various methods of personal work, as applied in the multifarious missionary activities of that great city." The course as outlined in the circular is certainly very interesting, including a study of Old Testament prophecy, with the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah as a basis, and a course in the Acts and Epistles, both under the direction of Professor W. W. White; also an analytical study of the first Epistle of John. The course will occupy two hours in the afternoon from Tuesday to Saturday, inclusive, and the evenings will be devoted to a study of missionary work in the city. The total expense including room and board has been placed at five dollars per week, and wives of ministers will be welcome at the same terms as their husbands, and the work of the Women's Department will be found of interest to them.

The article on "Congregational Singing" by Tempo has been held over this week on account of pressure on space. There will be a few more of these interesting articles and then a summing up of the whole with the view of bringing the results of Tempo's visits to the several congregations, briefly and strikingly before the people.