

former years being included. All congregations, including those in the Maritime Provinces, are expected to aid in making up the amount required for Manitoba College."

Circumstances clearly indicate that the day is past when we might talk of fusion. The work increases, and one college now turns out as many men as altogether were educated thirty years ago. The time has come when our wealthy men should devise liberal things. Why should not this Jubilee Year be signalized by a bequest to a college, Knox would be pleased to have a MacKay chair of Apologetics. Queens would like a Macdonald chair of political economy. Montreal would welcome an endowment of the chair of Exegetics. Who will lead?

Compliment to Rev. Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll, in the Rev. Dr. Milligan. *British Weekly* pays a sincere compliment to Rev. Dr. G. M. Milligan, Toronto, in these terms: "During the absence of Dr. Monro Gibson in August on his annual holiday the pulpit of St John's Wood Presbyterian Church will be occupied by the Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, one of the most powerful preachers in Canada. Dr. Milligan preached in St. John's Wood last year, and so fully justified his great reputation that an informal invitation was made to him to return this summer."

A Consistorate Presbytery. While the average Canadian minister is under paid, it is not often that his Presbytery stands by him in the matter of adequate salary as was done recently at Melbourne, Australia. There, a call was sent to the Presbytery in favor of a minister, but member after member of the Presbytery protested against the "miserable stipend," one which probably meant an ill-fed family and a "scandalously dressed wife." The amount of the salary offered was one thousand dollars and no manse, but so strong was the feeling that the congregation acted meanly in not placing the figure higher, that the Presbytery declined to place the call in the hands of the minister.

NORTH FIELD SUMMER CONFERENCE.

Mr. Moody's "call" for the Summer Conference at Northfield contains several interesting passages. The meetings for Bible study and prayer extends from July 29th to Aug 16. "The time has come," he says, "for believers in a whole Bible, a divine Christ, and a living Spirit to join in an earnest and determined forward movement." Speaking of forty years ago, he continues: "Many of the conditions which then existed are now present. Then as now material prosperity had failed and low mutterings and complaining throughout the land foretold a crisis in our National life. As a nation we have disregarded God's laws and been forgetful of all His blessings. We have murmured and complained although we have been blessed with peace and health, and with material prosperity beyond all nations. What wonder then that vacant pews and depleted treasuries testify to the displeasure of God. These things are giving earnest and thoughtful men deep concern, and there are not wanting tokens that the tide of indifference and unbelief is turning. The great need of the hour is the preaching of Bible truth in the power of the Holy Ghost. The preaching of negations neither draws men nor builds them up into the likeness of Christ."

Further on he makes this welcome statement:—"Northfield stands for no theological hobby. As in former years, the only standard will be the Bible, the divine revelation of God to His people. It is no time now to discuss terms or quarrel over forms. We believe the

Bible as it has stood for ages. It is still the inexhaustible treasury of power to the Church." Here is a trumpet call that will reverberate throughout the land, reviving hope, and sending back echoes of good cheer.

THE LION SERMON.

In one of the many historic churches of London there is held every year a curious and interesting service, of which not many, possibly, are aware. Yet it was held lately for the 251st time. Colloquially known as the occasion of the delivery of the "lion" sermon, it was instituted in commemoration of an incident which occurred in the life of Sir John Gayer, an old-time Mayor of London town. While travelling with a party in a desolate place in Asia, as the story goes, he one day found himself confronted by a lion. Being separated from his friends, he recognised his helplessness, and sank on his knees asking that God might deliver him. On rising he was relieved—and, probably, not a little surprised—to see the animal walking away, unheeding. So grateful was Sir John for what he believed to be a Divine intervention on his behalf that on returning to London he set aside a certain sum of money that the anniversary of his escape might every year be celebrated by the distribution of gifts to the poor, and made arrangements whereby, in a sermon, it might be told to future generations how God had answered his prayer and saved him from the jaws of the lion. The service has from its inception been held in the church of St. Katherine Cree, Leadenhall street.

A MISSIONARY'S VIEW OF IT.

In view of the reduction in the missionary contributions the following observations by the *Indian Standard* are reasonable: "Our hearts have been rejoiced by the large number of converts in our different fields of labor and at the encouraging outlook for a still larger increase during the coming year but as an offset to these expectations the American Presbyterian Mission was almost paralysed by a communication from home to the effect that the Board had been compelled to reduce our estimate much more than ever before. It seems that some of our work must be crippled and some of it, will we fear, be given up entirely.

The good people at home have not been stimulated by recent advances as we had hoped that they would be. It is true that times have been hard, business has been dull, and it has been more difficult to contribute to missions than usual, but still we can but conclude that apathy in the church has much to do with the present state of affairs. The saloons do not seem to be losing their patronage, places of amusement are still thronged and money for worldly purposes is still abundant. When, oh when, will the Church of Christ emulate even the worldling in the pursuit of the main objects of his desire?

Meanwhile how shall we meet the cut? Some have suggested that we close or transfer some of our stations to other missions and concentrate our forces only upon that portion of the field which we can work well.

This suggestion has much to support it. It is always better to do well what we undertake than to treat any work indifferently and unless the people contribute more liberally we simply must either give up some of our fields or work them most imperfectly. We might hand over a part of the field to the Presbytery and thus assist in the development of church enterprise as well as self-support. Indeed some of our more hopeful brethren think that this would improve matters and that the church would then move forward more rapidly than ever before. We are not inclined to be optimistic but we fail to see wherein judicious help has tended to diminish vigorous effort." Indiscriminate gifts may, but to help others to help themselves, has as a rule,