

The *Deaconesses' Institution*, for training Protestant sisters of charity for our infant schools and hospitals continues to be appreciated by many, notwithstanding the opposition of a few Christians, who will maintain that such an institution has a monastic and therefore a pernicious tendency, although our Protestant sisters make no vows, and are free to return when they please. This year the infant school of the institution receives 120 children. 174 sick persons have been taken care of in the hospitals. The penitentiary contains 11 young women, and the disciplinary 16 girls. The report mentioned various and striking instances of the good done by the institution and by the sisters who have been trained in it.

The *Agricultural Colony of St. Foy* contains 111 boys and young men, and 96 girls, the majority of whom were formerly inmates of different prisons. Their moral development is in general satisfactory, and some conversions have taken place. One of the former colonists is now at the head of a similar establishment in another part of France, and has under his care 34 children, "as wicked," he says, "as he was himself formerly."

The following are, in round numbers, the receipts and expenses of the above societies for the past year, together with the actual amount in hand or deficiency:—

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES	IN HAND	DEFICIENCY
	£	£	£	£
Agricultural Colony of St. Foy...	Not stated.	--	--	--
Religious Tract Society	2330	2737	--	572
Protestant Bible Society.....	1345	1728	93	--
Protestant Half-penny Society..	669	669	--	--
Evangelical Soc'y.	4983	5225	--	1002
Missionary Soc'y.	3329	4077	293	--
Sunday School So.	61	92	--	31
French & Foreign Bible Society...	2033	2913	283	--
Central Society...	3387	4000	Not stated.	--
Society for Primary Instruction.....	2273	2385	--	40
Deaconesses' Institute.....	3169	2851	26	--

I must not forget to add that these anniversaries were followed by an excellent meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, and by a public service in which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by ministers of different denominations to numerous members of Christian churches.

At the request of many English and German friends of the Alliance, the General Conferences, which were to be held on the 4th of July and following days, have been postponed until the 23rd of August. In consequence, the Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association is also postponed from the middle of July to the middle of August. There will, therefore, be more time for preparing the reports, which are announced. It is hoped that this delay will bring a greater number of our friends to Paris.

I have the pleasure to announce the opening and re-opening of some new chapels in Paris. The Taitbout chapel (Independent), which had been burned down last autumn, has been re-built, and was re-opened on Easter Sunday. It has been enlarged and embellished. The new Evangelical chapel for English services during the Exhibition, was opened last Sunday, as well as the weekly service to be celebra-

ted in the church of the Oratoire during the summer months, according to the forms of the Church of England. Next Sunday the Wesleyans hope to open a neat little chapel in the Rue de l'Etoile. We shall thus have some few more means of grace during the time of the Exhibition.

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SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

The Synod met, according to appointment, at Montreal, and within Cote Street Church there, on the 14th of June, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. H. Gordon, Moderator for the past year, from Joshua, 12th chapter and 1st verse. The Synod, at a subsequent diet, tendered their thanks to Mr. Gordon, for his excellent sermon, and requested him to furnish it, or such parts of it as might be most suitable, for publication in the *Record*.

The Roll was made up, when it appeared that there were on the Synod Roll 140 ministers, of whom sixty-three were present at some of the sessions, together with twenty-nine elders.

On proceeding to elect a Moderator, several nominations were made, viz: Rev. W. McAlister of Metis, Rev. G. Cheyne of Saltfleet and Binbrook, Rev. T. Henry of Lachute, Rev. T. Lowry of West Gwillimbury and Bradford, and Rev. W. Clarke of Quebec. Several of those nominated requested their names to be withdrawn, and the vote was taken between Mr. Lowry and Mr. Cheyne, when a majority voted for Mr. Lowry, who accordingly took the chair, and addressed the Synod in an appropriate and impressive manner. A vote has seldom been taken hitherto in the election of the Moderator, but, although on this occasion a vote was called for, the very best feeling prevailed.

At the afternoon sederunt various Committees were appointed, the first part of the diet having been spent in devotional exercise, which were conducted by the Moderator, Mr. McAlister, Dr. Burns, and Mr. Wardrope.

In the evening the Synod called for the report on the state of Religion, which was given in by Rev. D. Fraser, one of the Conveners of the Committee.

After a lengthened conversation on the general subject of the revival of religion, and the various points socially brought up in the report, the following motion was unanimously agreed to:—

The Synod having heard the report with lively gratitude, and yet with deep humiliation, cordially accept it, and return thanks to the Committee, and especially to the conveners, for their judicious diligence; approve of its statements and suggestions; renew the Committee with additional members, and instruct them to print the report in the *Record*, and to follow it up with a pastoral address in the name of the Synod, and with the Moderator's signature, embracing the leading features of the report; recommend them to repeat their communications in any shape they please with the Ministers, and to extend them to Catechists and Sessions and individual office-bearers in vacant charges, and empower them generally to adopt such measures as shall in their judgment seem well fitted to revive and to promote the work of God amongst us, and to report their diligence and its results to next Synod. The Synod farther cordially approve of the suggestions made in regard to special prayer in the present eventful crisis of the Church and of the nation, and earnestly recommend its practical adoption without delay, by all the Presbyteries and Members of the Church.