

place which has been left vacant at His call. Thus it is altogether certain that the College shall continue to prosper, and that the years to come shall but extend the influence which has been steadily increasing in the past."

While a man equally great in his own way and a very different way is the great pioneer bishop of the West of whom we read:

"It was growing time then; the Canadian Pacific Railway was being built over the prairie country; the company were not letting the grass grow under their feet; nor did the new superintendent. He viewed the field in a 2,000 mile journey in August and September, 1881. Then he laid out new work, sought more men, thought out the problem of means; means for supporting labourers; means for getting them over the greatest possible territory in the least possible time; means for building churches and manses; means for strengthening the College as the hand-maid of the Home Mission work. He talked in those days of outfits, ponies, saddles, buckboards, sites, building material, transportation, as if he had been a trader, and he was, but the merchandise was better than of silver or gold. He hurried to each tent-town as it sprang up, as if he had been a speculator, as indeed he was, and his speculations turned out well for Church and country. Day and night he journeyed; went west; came east; fought his way in the Committee, or in the Assembly; button-holed business men, plying them with information; spoke strongly to congregations; haunted the Colleges, fascinating the students by his talks; but few knew what to think of him in those days.

"In 1882 and 1883 the railway went on from Brandon, but he went on ahead posting his men wherever a station was laid out; sending them far afield also, to occupy vantage points, from which those outer districts that would soon be settled might be reached. The railway went on into the mountains and also from Lake Superior to Winnipeg; he placed men all along the line of construction specially holding Port Arthur, Rat Portage, Calgary, Donald, Field, and Revelstoke. It went down into the valley of the Fraser and reached Vancouver. He seized Kamloops and North Bend by the way; then hastened down to plant men at Vancouver, and over to the island to occupy Victoria. When the South Western was built he followed it through the Rock Lake and Turtle Mountain region, onward to Deloraine. The North-Western opened up the Minnedosa country and he seized all points as it went on to Yorkton. By this time over a hundred labourers touched every point on the railways and wrought out into adjacent fields. Cities and towns sprang into existence quickly, and soon every one of them had its own church and minister. Country districts grew apace, but not one of them was neglected. He was recognized by the Canadian Pacific Railway magnates as a strong fellow worker, whilst by the end of seven years, the Church began to understand the many-sided man, and to follow his lead, though as yet it was in a dazed, half-hearted way."

The work of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in connection with the Augmentation Fund is strongly and gracefully acknowledged and in every case we are reminded that into those "schemes of the church" which to many are dull and uninteresting there has gone the life blood of noble men and women. In the foreign field Mackay of Formosa and a host of zealous workers have upheld the banner of the cross while the pioneers in our own land are too numerous to mention.

What is needed is more earnest consecrat-

ed spirit among the rank and file of our membership.

Sparks from Other Anvils.

New Orleans Presbyterian: Look at two pictures: St. Peter's vast spaces packed with a jostling crowd, a blaze of color, a long procession guarded by soldiers enter and a three-storied crown, gleaming with jewels is placed on a human head, and human hands convey magical blessing; the other, a multitude out of doors surging around three crosses, on the middle one the dying Son of Man, his pale temples encircled with a plaited crown of thorns! The Christ and the Vicar! Comment is unnecessary!

Christian Observer: A good testimony to the value of the Sabbath day is given by Lord Roberts, Commander in Chief of the armies of Great Britain. He was recently urged to have London volunteers in some places drill on the Sabbath day. The Commander in Chief replied that, in his judgment, it is neither practicable nor desirable to establish a system of Sunday parades. Oh, for a multitude of such men as this in the public service of our country.

Presbyterian Standard: Neither the Bears nor the Bulls are much in favor with the masses of the people. When the Bears have their way with the cotton market for instance the farmer is underpaid for his cotton. When the Bulls have their innings, the factories have to close and thousands are thrown out of work. Sometime the hand of the law is going to be laid upon that colossal selfishness and make it as criminal as it is immoral.

N. Y. Witness: There is something better in store for good people than to have liberty to do as they please, and that is the liberty to do what the Lord wants them to do. Those who cultivate such a disposition have joyful liberty in their hearts that breaks forth in thankfulness for the many perils they have escaped.

Morning Star: It is rather pathetic and very encouraging to hear that the negro converts of one of the French missionaries in Africa have sent a contribution to a number of French villages who have turned away from Rome and are erecting a Protestant house of worship. The native Christians of Madagascar have also sent a contribution toward the deficit in the French Board of Foreign Missions.

Christian Guardian: The pressure of the love of Christ on a sinful world for its salvation is as unremitting as light and heat from the sun all day long on hill and valley bursting the seeds, ripening the fruits, and perfecting the flowers. The air of the firmament and the tides of the sea do not search out valley and shore as the boundless benevolence of God penetrates human conditions and human hearts. The very purpose of the great atonement and propitiatory sacrifice was to open free course for the wisdom and power of God to the utmost need and guilt of man.

Herald and Presbyterian: What this age, in common with every age, needs, is a faithful adherence to the Gospel on the part of those who undertake to preach. It is not "original thinking," so called, nor "the lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice" that can save souls and build up the kingdom of Christ. Rhetoric and oratory are well enough in their way, but the world is perishing for the Gospel. The fact that it does not know that it is thus perishing should make those to be more in earnest who have been put in trust with the Gospel's marvelous truth.

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A World Wide Revival.

From time to time the DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN has noted facts connected with the evangelistic services held by Rev. Dr. Torrey in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Belfast, the concluding services of a round the-world tour occupying a year and a half. During that time Dr. Torrey states that he saw thirty thousand persons publicly acknowledge their acceptance of Christ as their Saviour. Since returning to Chicago Dr. Torrey has contributed a brief statement of the general impression he has gathered during his tour, a brief summary of which will doubtless be interesting and stimulating to the constituency served by this journal.

First of all he noted the spirit of longing and prayer in many lands for revival. "I have found everywhere," said he, "a large company of people who are living very near to God and are united in expectation of a world-wide and thorough-going revival. Especially is this true in England, Scotland and Ireland." Speaking of the great revival in that bourn, Australia, he said—and let Christian people everywhere note the fact—"The most prominently outstanding fact in that revival was the circles of prayer, which for many weeks were held in that city. From 1,700 to 2,000 prayer meetings were conducted each week, all meeting on Tuesday evening. As the outcome, Christians were wonderfully united throughout the great city in great expectation of blessing before a single public meeting was held."

The American evangelists, Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander, are due in Liverpool in the first week of September. Arrangements have been completed for the great mission which they are to conduct there. The Philharmonic Hall, where Lord Roseberry delivered his famous speech last spring, has been engaged for the principal meetings, and overflow meetings will be conducted in the gymnasium opposite this hall. The mission commences on 6th September.

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