

the Jewish nation upon their own soil. Israel is to play a part of immense importance in the evolution of future events. Both the plain and oft-repeated words of Scripture as well as the marvelous preservation of Israel through the centuries indicate this."

HOME MISSIONS.

Next week the Home Mission Committee will hold its half yearly meeting at Toronto, and appointments and apportionments for the year will be made.

The Home Field has not been kept much before the Church of late, but that fact, we hope, does not denote any lack of interest in the Committee or in its most important work. That work lies at the very root of the success of the Church, and the Home Field consequently must be diligently and generously cultivated.

What the report of the committee may be we know not at the time of going to press, but in Rev. Dr. Wardens last statement, published quite recently he reports that 340 congregations had not up to that time sent contributions to the Fund. Congregational treasurers can greatly assist the Committee by a prompt remittance of monies, and relieve the Fund of interest charges to a considerable extent. Where congregations have not yet made their apportionment for Home Missions, whether from the congregation proper, the Sabbath School, or the Young People's Societies, it is to be hoped the ministers will urge prompt action and that full statements and liberal contributions may reach the agents office before the close of the financial year.

New D.Ds. Among the names to which D.D. will shortly be added are two well-known in Canada; that of Rev. James Hastings, M.A., editor of the *Expository Times* a periodical most ably conducted and never-failing in interest; and that of Rev. David Ogilvy, M.A., Motherwell, brother of "Margaret Ogilvy," Mr. J. M. Barrie's mother.

The New Hymnal. It is expected that the new Hymnal will be in the hands of the people in May. So far a few specimen pages of the various copies have been sent out, and to say the least, they show that a book will be furnished, at a surprisingly low price, of superior quality in every respect. Thus early, we may conclude that the Committees work will win for it the praise and thanks of the Church.

The Next Cunning- Rev. Dr. Stalker has been appointed **ham Lecturer.** Cunningham Lecturer, founded in memory of the late Rev. Principal Cunningham, Edinburgh. His subjects will be "Christ's Teaching about Himself." The lectures will of course be published in book form, and as Dr. Stalker has given much attention to the subject the lectures are expected to prove a valuable contribution to literature.

Rev. W. J. McCaughan's The reception accorded to the **Reception.** Rev. W. J. McCaughan, this week in Toronto has been characteristically hearty and worthy of Toronto Presbyterianism. Mr. McCaughan comes with an enviable reputation to one of the most desirable fields in the Church. No man is too good or great for the very least work in the Master's cause, but there are degrees in the responsibilities and positions, and St. Andrew's Church is surrounded with sufficient difficulty to put the very best minister on his mettle. It is a down-town congregation, with business and boarding house surroundings, and the members are scattered over a wide area of the city. There will be hard pastoral work, hard congregational work, hard pulpit work, and a substantial debt to face—a field calling for natural talent, unbounded energy, consummate tact and

a splendid constitution. Moreover, following a pastor most beloved and of unique qualifications, the congregation is apt to be fastidious. To a man of high ideals and great capacity, however, these difficulties will all have a charm, for they will prove sufficient to absorb his energies and give his active mind full scope. Entering on what is hoped will prove a blessed pastoral, our prayer is that Mr. McCaughan will be abundantly filled with grace to sustain him in the arduous task before him.

The Apostolic It is not often that the venerable Edin-
Succesalon. burgh professor, or ex-professor now uses strong language in his writings, nor, though the following be stronger than is wont, will they be considered too strong by non-Episcopal readers. "An exclusive, intolerant, unchristian scorn," he says, "for other bodies (they will not say 'churches' except by constraint), is inevitable wherever it is believed that certain men become Christ's commissioned servants by the mechanical touch of the bishop's hands, and that the great virtue and blessing of the Church consists in the grace which these men, and these alone, are enable to dispense through the sacraments."

Guthrie and In acknowledging a copy of the life of
Chalmers. Rev. Dr. Guthrie, by his son, Mr. C. J. Guthrie, Mr. Gladstone bears the following very interesting testimony to two great Scottish divines: "My personal intercourse with Dr. Guthrie made and left a deep impression upon me; and to resemble Dr. Guthrie is enough, under any circumstances, to secure a warm homage from me. I saw in him an assemblage of all the virtues and graces which adorn the Christian. If he had any faults, I wanted either time or discernment to detect them. He and Dr. Chalmers were the two noblest specimens of Presbyterianism that I ever was so happy to fall in with; and they were, indeed, men whom any scheme or system on earth might rejoice to own for children."

The Church This from the *Midland* will strike a
Paper. sympathetic chord elsewhere than in the United States: "If one pays his annual subscription to his Church paper for the same reasons that he pays his subscription to his pastor's salary, for the religions instruction and welfare of himself and family, for the aid of his devotions and for the support of a good work in the church, he may pay it out of his tithe. In the same way he may buy a religious book or give to support a tract society. The pastor who thinks the whole of the people's tithes should go to himself, the janitor of his church and the boards has very little idea of the aim and the power of the religious press. We do not admire his humility or charity when he thinks that other ministers must not be supported by the Lord's money because they do not work in his way.

The Late Prof. Although little has been said in the
Candlish press regarding the death of Rev. Professor Candlish D.D., his death removes one of the strong men from the professoriate of the Free Church. The professor was not what might be regarded a public man, his place was essentially the class room and there he reigned with undoubted ability and authority. He bore a great name meekly, modestly and meritoriously. A ripe scholar of rare judgment and sound views he was a greater teacher than writer, yet the few books he gave to the world are models of exposition, treatment and style. His chair was that of Systematic Divinity a subject in which he excelled. His death will be sincerely mourned by many ministers the world over, who at one time drank in knowledge at his feet and by whom his kindly sympathies can never be forgotten.