

stand that a Chinese native missionary is expected in Kamloops next week to work among his kindred here. If so, his visit will go far to aid the Society in prosecuting the work for which it is organized. Persons who are interested in Chinese missionary work and who are willing to assist this object with their means are requested to forward their contributions to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. H. Campbell, Kamloops, who will promptly acknowledge the same.

THE Rev. J. Wilkie writes that the following additional books have been received for the Indore College Library. From Rev. George Lang, Admaston: Dick's Philosophy of Religion; Gregory's Evidences of Christianity. From Rev. Mr. Meikle, of Oakville: Watson's Body of Divinity; Shmickall on Bible Chronology; Beauties of Scripture, two volumes; Trench on Miracles; Trench on Parables; Sir William Hamilton on Philosophy; Sir William Hamilton on Metaphysics; Sir William Hamilton on Logic; Tholuck on John; Modern British Essayist—Macintosh; Modern British Essayist—Jeffrey; Modern Atheism—Buchanan; Hugh Miller—Old Red Sandstone; Hugh Miller—Life and Times; Butler's Analogy; Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay, two volumes; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Vinet's Homiletics; Taylor's Holy Living and Dying; Christian Theism by Thompson; Limits of Religious Thought by Mansell; A Pastor's Jottings; Buried Cities of Nineveh; The Sultan and His People. From Rev. A. A. Drummond, Newcastle: Scripture Difficulties; Nineveh Layard; Abercrombie on the Intellectual Powers; Kame's Elements; The Eternal; Good's Divine Rule; Chambers' Information for the People; Enfield's History of Philosophy; Christian Life by Bayne; Theism by Tholuck; Interior Life—Upham; Science of Language by Muller; Biblical Antiquities; Egypt and its Monuments; Clark on the Attributes; Young's Night Thoughts; Leland's Deistical Writers; Dick's Christian Philosophy; Gregory's Evidences of Christianity; Truth of Scripture History; A Key to the Bible. From Rev. Dr. Patterson, of New Glasgow, N. S.: Fifteen copies of Life of Dr. Geddie, for mission staff and prizes; Poole's Synopsis; Neander's Church History; Ante-Nicene Fathers; Farrar's History of Free Thought; Lecky's History of Rationalism; Godet on Luke; Godet on John; Meyer on the New Testament.

ON Friday evening week a most pleasant time was spent at the reception given by the congregation to the Rev. A. E. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell on their return to Waterloo. The church was filled to the doors, nearly the entire congregation being present. A large number from St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, manifested their interest in the congregation by their attendance. The Rev. A. B. Winchester occupied the chair, and in a well chosen address quite captured the audience, and left no doubt as to why he has so soon been accepted as the popular pastor of St. Andrew's. The congregation may well be congratulated on their choice. The chairman then called upon Miss Annie Young, accompanied by Miss Lizzie Bruce, to read a cordial and encouraging address of welcome. The address was accompanied by a well-filled purse. Miss Clara Webb presented Mrs. Mitchell with a basket of beautiful cut flowers. Mr. Mitchell responded to the address in his usual happy manner, though somewhat more nervous, thanking his congregation for the more than deserved compliment thus paid him, and concurred in the sentiment of the address that the present mutual trust and confidence between pastor and people may continue. After the formal introduction to the bride the audience was invited to the basement of the church, where the ladies of the congregation had, with usual thoughtfulness, provided refreshments for the occasion. These disposed of to the apparent satisfaction of all, an hour's social converse brought the proceedings to a close. The thanks of the congregation are due to the ladies who devoted so much time to the preparation for the evening, and especially to those to whose lot it fell to so tastefully decorate the pulpit and arrange and beautify the table, which latter was in its way a marvel of neatness and elegance. The congregation would express the pleasure afforded in the hearty response to the invitation on behalf of the people of St. Andrew's Church, and especially are the thanks of the congregation due to the Rev. A. B. Winchester for his very kind acceptance to the position of chairman.

THE Rev. A. K. Caswell, missionary in charge at Watford, writes: We started a mission here last New Year. The population is about 1,400. The work is much needed. At our first communion we had twenty-six members. Many of the poorer people did not go to church till we came, and so many of our people are poor, as we had to take what was not taken by the other churches. The attendance has been very good. But the place of meeting is very bad, and it will be hard to hold the people in such a place. We need a place of our own if we are to prosper. We need a church home. In the hall where we meet at present we have to take out our decorations, our organ, etc., and even the speaker's platform after each service, and bring in again for the next. We are preparing to build. A lot has been bought and cellar dug, and some of the stone for the foundation is being laid down. If we were able we would go on at once. But we are not, without help. Who will send over and help us? Could not some of our wealthier people or congregations give us a few dollars each? Or could not some of our Christian Endeavour Societies put forth a helping hand? Our own little society is doing nobly. Our congregation pays \$6 weekly towards stipend. Is there not some congregation that is getting new seats for an enlarged church that is thinking of giving the old seats in trade? Could you not give away the old and buy for cash on better terms? Or the same may be said in reference to an organ. A communion set would be a very acceptable gift. We borrowed for our first. A pulpit Bible, lamps, and other church furniture would be very suitable—even a bell. I should say that the congregation is not aware of my writing this. I have done considerable pioneer work in missions, and never felt more anxious about a place of meeting. This is the first case in which I have made a public appeal for help. If you have not money at present and feel disposed to help us in the Lord's work, send us your promise. We will not likely need much for about three months.

THE Rev. W. F. Clarke writes: Kindly insert an amendment to your paragraph in last week's PRESBYTERIAN, which will really amend it in harmony with enclosed communication, which appeared in yesterday's *Globe*. Your criticism was a perfectly just one, but it was the inaccurately-reported proceedings which made it applicable and I wonder the *Globe* did not perceive the discrepancy. But it was only anxious, apparently, to score a point in the game of politics. Following is the letter referred to: My attention has been called to an article which appeared in your issue of Saturday last, in which, quite unintentionally, I am sure, you do me personally and the Congregational Union great injustice. The article in question is based on an extract from one of the Kingston papers. Now, the local reporters, though they did most of their work remarkably well, fell into a misapprehension concerning the particular item which you have taken as a text. The Business Committee reported the resolution on the morality of public men, which you quote in full. It was moved that the report be adopted. I moved in amendment that the resolution be re-committed in order that we might make a more full expression on public matters, and that the other resolution, of which you give the substance, should also be referred to the same committee to be embodied in their report. My amendment was not to the resolution itself, in which I fully concurred, but to the motion for adopting it by itself, when it seemed to me there were other public questions on which the union should declare itself. Later on both resolutions to which you refer were unanimously adopted, together with the following on Separate schools: Resolved, that this union adheres to the time-honoured testimony of Congregationalism against all State aid to religious denominations; is prepared to use all constitutional means for the elimination of the Separate school feature from our educational system, and, so long as that feature is tolerated, will pro-

test against any and all encroachments on popular liberty by the Romish hierarchy. Your article does the *Globe* injustice as well as myself and the Congregational Union, for I venture to say that there is not a solitary member of the body which does not feel that the *Globe* has rendered noble service to the interests of public morality by its just and withering exposure of the Rykert iniquity. On the other subjects the union simply took the ground occupied by Rev. Dr. Caven and the Equal Rights Association. I forbear further comment, my only object at this time being that the readers of the *Globe* should have a correct statement of the facts in relation to the attitude of the Congregational body regarding the matters referred to.

THE commencement exercises of the Brantford Ladies' College were held in Zion Church, the governor of the college, Rev. William Cochran, D.D., presiding. Upon the platform were A. Robertson, president of the College Board, H. B. Leeming, Secretary of the College Board, Rev. John Long, D.D., of Dallas, Moderator of the General Assembly, William Parsons, M.P., Senator McCallum, Stomness, Mayor S. G. Rait, Rev. W. S. McTavish, of St. George, and others, together with the members of the graduating class, who formed a pretty and in interesting contrast to the sober, staid, elderly gentlemen near them. The excellent choral class of the college was present, and occupied seats in the choir. During the first part of the programme they sang very sweetly a sacred song, "Light and Truth." The exercises were opened by devotion, and the first part of the programme was given entirely by members of the graduating class. Miss Edwards' farewell to the people of Brantford, the College Board, the faculty, the college and her classmates was very prettily done. The diplomas and certificates were then conferred and medals and prizes awarded according to the following Honour list, graduates—Miss Bette Agnew, Brantford; Miss Bella Garrett, Hamilton; Miss Bertha Brooke, Brantford; Miss Katie Carrol, Toronto; Miss Carrie Edwards, Cannington; Miss Mary Frances Hyman, London; in music—Miss Myr Welling; certificates in music—Miss Jennie Hollinrake, Brantford; Miss A. A. Allan, Toronto; Miss Effie McEichern, Chiffon; certificates in art—Miss Carrie Lee, Harrisburg; Miss Myr Fraser, Harrisburg. Rev. Dr. Long delivered a short address, as did also ex-Mayor Heyd. Others who assisted in presenting diplomas and prizes were President Robertson; Secretary Leeming, William Buck, Rev. Dr. Laing, Senator McCallum, Mayor Read, William Parsons, Rev. W. S. McTavish, Dr. M. J. Kelly, Miss Spence, ex president of the Alumni Association, and Dr. Nichol. Before closing, Dr. Cochran took occasion to say that the prospects for a large attendance at the college next term were exceedingly good. There were now five times as many rooms bespoken as there were at the same time last year.

THE jubilee celebration of the establishment of French Protestant missions on the north shore of the St. Lawrence was celebrated last week at St. Helen's Island under the auspices of the Pointe-aux-Trembles School. Fully six hundred French speaking Protestants from various parts of Canada and the United States were present, amongst whom were the Rev. P. Ducloux, President of the Convention; Mr. Daniel Amaron, Berthier; Rev. Joseph Prevost, Springfield, Mass.; Rev. Theodore Lefleur, Rev. A. B. Crutcher, Rev. J. L. Morin, Rev. S. M. Desfriches, of Montreal; Rev. E. Seylaz, of St. Hyacinthe; Rev. Joseph Allard, Ware, U.S.; Rev. Joseph Vesot, Joliette; Dr. Cornu, Mr. S. Clements, Mr. Sala, Ducloux, St. Hyacinthe; Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A., Ottawa; Rev. C. E. Amaron, M.A., Springfield, Mass.; Rev. J. A. Vernon, St. Sophie de la Corne; Principal Bourquin, Mr. Chiquay, Ste. Anne de Kankakee, Illinois; Mr. L. E. Rivard, Mr. G. Herdt, Rev. A. L. Thernien and Mr. H. M. Ami, of Ottawa, and Rev. Mr. Martin. The day was all that could possibly have been desired, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The morning was passed in strolling around the grounds or in singing hymns to the accompaniment of a string band that had been provided. The afternoon was spent in listening to addresses. The Rev. Joseph Prevost, who has written the history of French Protestantism in Canada, in an interesting address gave a sketch of the work since its commencement in this country, and showed how it had prospered notwithstanding all the difficulties that had been thrown in its way, and how it had now developed into a power in the land. Mr. Chiquay spoke of the time when he thought that he was pleasing God in persecuting Protestant missionaries; but now all was changed, and he was now one himself, and was rejoicing in the freedom of Christ. He urged that more earnestness be given to the work that the spread of Protestantism amongst the French might be still more rapid. The Rev. Mr. Amaron, Principal of the French Protestant College, Springfield, who half a century ago began this grand work, was present. He is a gentleman eighty years of age, and is still as sturdy-looking as an oak. He told his hearers of how hard it had been in those days to start such a work, but how it had been persevered in, and to-day posterity was reaping the benefit. He had great confidence in the work, and believed that its future prosperity would be far greater than the past. Before leaving the island all the veteran missionaries were photographed in a group. After prayer and singing the National Anthem this pleasant and historical gathering dispersed.

THE Rev. G. D. Mathews, D.D., preached in Knox Church, Toronto, on the morning of Sabbath last. He took for his text Romans viii. 1, from which he preached an instructive and profitable Gospel sermon. In the evening he occupied the pulpit of St. James Square Church, giving a most admirable and deeply interesting exposition of the purpose and work of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches which was begun fifteen years ago. Its design was to bring into closer relation the various churches holding the same doctrines and polity with out attempting to bring about an incorporation, which would be a problematic thing to attempt since the churches in America, Great Britain and Australia were so far distant from each other, and each had local interests that would render organic union difficult. The Alliance largely owes its origin to Dr. McCosh, of Princeton, and to Dr. W. G. Blaikie, of the New College, Edinburgh, and it has been successful in securing what may be termed a federal union of Presbyterian Churches throughout the world representing a membership of over twenty millions. The executive of the Alliance is therefore in a position to speak with influence on those questions of a religious and moral character that so frequently make themselves felt in the region of practical statesmanship. This Dr. Mathews illustrated by referring to the reception accorded the delegation to the Brussels Conference, on the liquor and slave traffic in Africa. The Welsh and Irish Presbyterian Churches have been helped through the operations of the Alliance. They have already made successful efforts in securing co-operation among the various Presbyterian Missions in India, China and Japan. It was now the aim of the European and American Churches in prosecuting foreign missions to establish native churches and entrust the work of evangelization and consolidation to those native churches themselves. A passage of great interest in the address was that referring to the Nestorian Church in Persia, where the descendants of the early refugees of that name number about 30,000. As in doctrine and polity they hold to the Presbyterian system they are the latest accession to the Alliance. In concluding his address, listened to with the closest attention throughout, Dr. Mathews said: The Alliance is not doing this work in any spirit of self-glorification, but merely seeks to bring the brethren together in friendly working relations, to encourage the weak, and lead the strong to use their power with greater utility than heretofore. Several great councils have been held, and the next, which takes place in Toronto in 1892, is looked forward to not simply with expectations of a great meeting, but as an instrument which may give a great impulse to the spiritual life of the whole community, and cause a great revival of religious life throughout the world.

British and Foreign.

THE Bishop of London, speaking at the Church House, Westminster, advocated the formation of Bands of Hope.

A marble monument has been erected over the grave of Rev. M. Whannell, who was minister of Sauchie parish for many years. Surling Presbytery, U.P., have unanimously sustained the call from Budge of Allan Church, to Rev. G. A. J. Ross, probationer, of Inverness.

THE Earl of Rosbery opened the Free Library at Edinburgh, towards the erection of which Mr. Andrew Carnegie contributed \$250,000.

THE Rev. John McNeill will husband his strength. He has been forbidden to regularly conduct the weekly open air service, and has regretfully complied.

THE Rev. J. Howard Murphy has received an address and presentation of plate from the Cavan congregation on his removal to Trinity Church, Cork.

PROFESSOR LAIDLAW preached at the opening of Dunipace new Free Church recently. The building is seated for 450 persons, and has cost about \$11,000.

THE Rev. Henry Osborne, of Holywood, has asked leave from his Presbytery to resign the active duties of the ministry on the ground of his infirmities.

THE Rev. D. T. Mackay, late of First Anaghlin, has been installed in the pastorate of Neamhill, County Tyrone, in succession to the late Rev. James Foster.

A MEMORIAL tablet has been placed in the North Church, Kilmuir, to the memory of the late Rev. John P. Thomson, M.A., who was minister of the Church for thirty seven years.

THE Rev. W. B. Dempster, M.A., of Edinburgh, has been appointed assistant to Rev. J. M. Robertson, of St. Ninians, in succession to Rev. W. C. McGregor, now of Covington.

THE Rev. Colin Campbell resumed his ministry in the East Church, Dundee, on a recent Sunday, after a six month's holiday in Algiers. Mr. Campbell's health is thoroughly restored.

MR. CARRIERS, at the next meeting of the South London Presbytery, will call attention to the mission of Sir J. L. Simmons to the Vatican, in its bearing on the marriage laws in Malta.

ON the silver wedding of Rev. R. and Mrs. Montgomery, their friends in great Victoria street Church, Belfast, presented them with a pulpit gown, a silver tea service, and an illuminated address.

THE Rev. Walter Macfarlane, the new Moderator of the Liverpool Presbytery, is the oldest ordained Presbyterian minister in England, he having celebrated his jubilee about the time of the Union.

At the annual social meeting of Camelon congregation, when Rev. J. B. Johnstone, of Falkirk, presided, it was stated that the General Assembly had sanctioned the forming of the station into a regular charge.

EAST U. P. Church, Haddington, of which Rev. James Nelson is pastor, the oldest church of the denomination in the county, are taking steps to secure the erection of a new hall to meet the requirements of the congregation.

FORKNOX Free Church Presbytery have unanimously sustained the call from Stonehaven to Rev. S. G. McLennan, assistant at St. Luke's Church, Broughty Ferry. The call has been signed by 255 members and eighty five adherents.

DR. WILLIAMSON, of the Free Church, Ascog, who will shortly retire from the ministry, is to be presented with a handsome testimonial on the occasion. Over \$3,000 has already been subscribed. Dr. Williamson was ordained in 1844.

A NEW church is to be erected for the West congregation, Peebles. The present building dates from 1829, and is seated for 450 persons. The new structure is to accommodate 650 and is expected to cost \$15,000. Rev. D. V. Currie is pastor.

GLASGOW Presbytery have unanimously sustained the call from Newlands Church in that city to Rev. George Allan, probationer. Mr. Allan has intimated his acceptance of the appointment. The vacancy was caused by the death of Rev. P. McLachlan.

A TEMPERANCE mission at a Roman Catholic chapel, Granard, Co. Cavan, led to the taking of 1,000 pledges. Defaulters are to be reproved from the altar. The trade of the thirty-two public houses of the town is said to be thoroughly paralysed.

A BRAHMIN in Bengal has recently given his six aunts, eight sisters, and four daughters, in a batch of eighteen in all, in marriage to one person, a boy less than ten years old. The brides of three generations were in age from about fifty to three months.

MR. ROBERT ALLISON, of Castlehead, Paisley, has generously undertaken to build, at a cost of about \$6,000, a congregational hall for the Abbey Church in the town. The hall is to be in memory of the donor's late brother, Mr. Arthur Allison.

SKYE Presbytery have appointed Rev. J. K. Maclean, M.A., of Braes, to the parish of Watnish. The appointment has been made *in quantum jure devoluta*, the congregation having failed to fill the vacancy within the time allowed by the laws of the Church.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a large bazaar and Highland gathering to be held in Glasgow in November, for the purpose of removing the debt on some of the remote Highland parishes. It is expected that H.R.H. Princess Louise will open the bazaar.

MR. THOMAS BELL, who recently resigned the office of Session Clerk at Regent Square, after twenty five years' service, has been presented with an address, a portion of the frame surrounding the same having been fashioned out of Edward Irving's old pulpit.

THE Rev. John Glasse conducted a masonic service in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, recently, the first that has been held in that building for upwards of thirty years. There was a crowded congregation, which included representatives from nearly thirty lodges.

IN England, recently, a day of humiliation on account of the drink traffic was observed in many places. Conferences and united gatherings were held at Leeds and other places, at which the Government compensation proposals were condemned and Local Option was demanded.

SPECIAL services were held in Dunoon Church recently, in commemoration of the semi-jubilee of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Johnston. The morning and evening services were conducted by Dr. Oliver, of Glasgow, Mr. Johnston preaching in the afternoon. The collections amounted to \$520.

THE sum of \$12,000 has been raised towards providing a statue of the late Rev. Dr. Lang, of Sydney, who was one of the pioneer settlers of New South Wales. The Premier, Sir Henry Parkes, on behalf of the Government, has promised an additional \$10,000 towards the memorial.

PRINCIPAL DYKES recently occupied his old pulpit at Regent Square. Mr. McNeill, in making the announcement, characterized Dr. Dykes as "one who for matter and style as a preacher and expounder of God's Word stands alone," and who in that pulpit had "neither predecessor nor successor."

DR. JOSEPH BROWN took the chair at the first meeting of the reunited North and South U. P. Presbyteries of Glasgow, he being the oldest minister of the former Presbytery. Dr. Fergus Fergusson was elected Moderator for the first six months, and Rev. John Steel, of Greenhead Church, was appointed clerk.