

exponents of the mysteries of Unitarianism... Of the Presbyterian Church it may be said, in brief, that "Revision is in the air." Two to one of the Presbyteries who have discussed the Assembly's overture on the Confession of Faith, have decided against revision, but by far the larger number of these Courts have reserved consideration of the subject until the Spring sessions.

REJOICINGS AT THE ANTIPODES.—Melbourne has been *en fête* in connection with the Jubilee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, which took place last July. Many were there from distant parts to take part in the celebration—representatives of the sister churches, also Principal Rainy and Dr. James McGregor, of Edinburgh, by special invitation. The proceedings were enthusiastic, and everything passed off happily. The Colony of Victoria, one of the finest in Australia as regards climate and fertility, occupies the south-west angle of the great Island-Continent, having a coast line of 420 miles, and for its capital Melbourne, the finest city in Australia, with a population of 300,000. Victoria is an offshoot from the older colony of New South Wales, erected into an independent colony in 1851. At that time there were five different Presbyterian denominations in the country. These were all happily united under one General Assembly in 1859, and the good example of Victoria was soon followed, more or less completely, by the Presbyterians of all the other colonies, greatly to their advantage. Not only so—in 1885 there was formed a Federal General Assembly, including the seven Presbyterian Churches of Australasia, viz.:—those of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, New Zealand, and South Land. The first meeting of this novel representative Assembly was held at Sydney, N. S. W., on July 14th, 1886. It does not in any way interfere with the autonomy of the churches represented, but constitutes a court of arbitration, advice and appeal for all of them. The decisions of the respective Supreme Courts are still final in all cases, except when it is decided, with the consent of parties, to refer any matter to the Federal Assembly. The celebration in question took the usual form in such cases, of the *Conversazione*, Public Reception, Mass Missionary Meeting, and Children's Gathering. The most important factor in the demonstration was an elaborate report prepared for the occasion, in which the history of the Church during the past fifty years was reviewed, and which contained the announcement that a Jubilee Fund had been contributed, reaching the noble sum of \$30,000, which gave Dr. Rainy the opportunity of saying that "He never heard a report so like a Psalm." The Victorian Church has now about 165 ministers on its roll; it has six missionaries in the New Hebrides, and it "improved" this occasion by designating a missionary to Corea.

Our Own Church.

THE COLLECTION FOR THE ASSEMBLY FUND is appointed to be made on the third Sabbath of November. Many congregations raise their amount otherwise than by collection. When a congregational collection is the mode adopted, it should be made on the day indicated.

The Assembly Fund is chargeable with all expenses connected with the meeting of Assembly—the printing and issuing of the minutes, salaries of the Clerks, all printing expenses during the year connected with Sabbath-School, Temperance, State of Religion, and all other Committees which have no funds of their own; and also an annual payment on account of the Presbyterian Council. To meet these expenses the amount of at least \$4,500 would be necessary. At present the fund is in debt to the amount of \$570. Were all congregations to contribute at the rate of four cents per member, a sufficient amount would be raised. But, unfortunately, many congregations lose sight of this object altogether, and even year after year neglect to contribute, while others contribute at a rate altogether inadequate. Some congregations contribute not more than a single dollar, and others from two to three dollars, amounts which would not pay for the copies of minutes which they receive. Last Assembly directed Presbyteries to look after the amounts required; and it is hoped that the amount allocated to each Presbytery will be collected from the congregations within the bounds. Congregations in arrears for last year, or previous years, should see that these are made up. It is only by each congregation bearing its share of the common expenses that the work can be satisfactorily carried on.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF FORMS is receiving the last finishing touches from the facile pen of the convener, and is now in the printers' hands, and is expected to be "out" before the close of the year. It is eagerly looked for, and will, if we mistake not, be warmly welcomed by the Church.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Thomas McAdam, of Strathroy, Ont., has accepted the appointment to the office of Professor of Mental and