

derfully fresh and hearty. Her mind is as fresh as ever, and what a talk we had about men of the first half of this century, many of whom were personally known to her, but to me they were known through reading. She was brought up under the ministry of Rev. William White, of Stonebridge, whose son was minister in Belleville a short time somewhere about 1857. Mr. White had a more distinguished brother than himself in the ministry, Patrick, of Bailieborough, and of his sons no fewer than six entered the ministry. Several of these are still alive. H.

UNITED STATES.—Has the Mormon bubble burst? It is almost too good news to be true; yet the announcement is made officially that the beginning of the end of the most disgraceful, foul and unnatural delusion of the century is drawing near. Wilfred Woodruff, President of the Mormon Conference, has intimated that at a great meeting of the conference of "Latter Day Saints," attended by Apostles, Bishops, Elders and about one thousand members, the declaration which had been issued by the President a short time previously, forbidding future marriages in violation of the law, was read and unanimously confirmed by the conference on the 10th of October. The Hon. Arthur L. Thomas, Governor of Utah, and the Rev. Robert J. McNiece, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City, have distinctly corroborated the press despatch conveying the intelligence. The former says:—"The Gentiles rejoice that the contest begun so many years ago against polygamy, has finally triumphed; for they believe that never again will polygamy flourish on American soil; that it is, practically speaking, finally repressed. It is buried never to be resurrected." The latter remarks that: "Whatever the motive of the Mormons, the main object is certainly to head off severe pending legislation in Congress. Unfortunately for the Mormon leaders, their entire course has been so crooked and false as to be an obstacle in the way of giving them credit for any sincerity now." He fears there is still lurking "a snake in the grass," in what has not been abandoned, namely, "the assumed right of priesthood government on American soil." "Now is the time," says the *Independent*, "to bring all the forces of public opinion on Utah to bear, by all the means the church can use, or the public press supply, to break up the ecclesiastical tyranny of the Mormon Church.".... The annual meeting of the American Board (A. B. C. F. M.) at Minneapolis was an occasion of special interest, for matters of vital importance, were discussed with a freedom that at times was alarming, yet the end was peace, concord, and re-assurance. Dr. Storrs is evidently master of the situation.... Nineteen Presbyterian missionaries lately sailed through the golden gate of San Francisco, bound for Siam

and China. As the ship moved off there was borne on the breeze the words of the sweet familiar hymn, "God be with you till we meet again, *Till we meet at Jesus' feet.*" Rev. Dr. J. M. Sherwood, one of the editors of the *Missionary Review of the World*, died in Brooklyn on October 23rd. He was always delicate, but he died in harness, busy with his brilliant pen till the last. He was in his 77th year.—Z.

CANADA.—The two most notable events of the past month were the delivery of an address by the Hon. Oliver Mowat to the Christian Endeavour Society of Knox Church, at Woodstock, Ont., and the twenty-fifth annual Convention of Sunday-school workers, held at Brantford, Oct. 28-30. Mr. Mowat's lecture is unique. In comparatively small compass, it contains the essence of nearly the whole range of historic argument in support of Christianity. The treatment of the subject is clear, logical and conclusive. Ontario may well be proud of a premier who gives such good reasons for taking "the man of Nazareth for his King, Master, Example and Guide." At the Sunday-school Convention there were nearly a thousand delegates and spectators present. Hon. G. W. Ross, minister of education, led off with an able address on "The Sunday-school Teacher's Possibilities." Mr. W. N. Hossie, an indefatigable Sunday-school worker, was elected president of the Association. The Presbyterian Church was well represented by Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford; Dr. Jackson, of Galt; Rev. John McEwen, of Lakefield, and others; the Church of England, by Hon. S. H. Blake and Mr. Peake, of Toronto; the Methodists, by Dr. Potts and Dr. Sutherland, and the Congregationalists by Rev. W. Wye Smith, editor of the "*Canadian Independent*." From the United States there were present Mr. Thomas Dranfield, of Rochester, N.Y., and Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, both of whom spoke effectively on various phases of the work. Mrs. Kennedy's blackboard illustrations were admirable, and her address on "The Primary Teacher's Work" beautiful and suggestive. It was agreed to meet next year in Ottawa and to invite the attendance there of the Provincial Association of Quebec. The Intercollegiate Missionary Association of Canada was mustering its forces for a Conference in Montreal about the time we were preparing to go to press with this number of the *Record*.

### Our Own Church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, with accustomed generosity, has sent £100 sterling to Dr. Cochrane in aid of the Home Missions of our church.