

The London Missionary Society, feeling the need of more men, one of its missionaries, Rev. R. Stewart, who was home from China, and two Cambridge undergraduates, went to visit the University of Dublin. After two days had been given to meetings for prayer and consideration of the subject, an opportunity was given to any who were willing to devote themselves to Foreign Mission Work to declare it. "We expected" says Mr. Stewart, "to see some three or four come forward. But I cannot describe my feelings as first one, then another rose and came up. The faces of some of these students indicated that it was not without effort that they made this confession of a life's purpose before their fellowmen, and also told God they were willing for his sake to leave home and friends. FORTY-TWO YOUNG FELLOWS, in the heyday of health and strength, stood before that audience pledged to missionary work, should God so will it."

JEWS IN THE DOMINION.—The *Churchman* says: By the last census the number stood thus:

Nova Scotia.....	10
New Brunswick.....	55
Manitoba.....	33
British Columbia.....	104
Quebec Province.....	989
Ontario.....	1193
	2393

The number of Chinese Christians in connection with the Protestant Church at different dates were as follows:—In 1845, 6 communicants; in 1853, 350; in 1863, 2,000; in 1873, 8,000; in 1882, 22,000. A hundred thousand persons are in regular attendance at public worship.

SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

FOR SESSIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

We make some extracts, omitting local references, from the report on the State of Religion in the Presbytery of Pictou. The questions submitted should be made a subject of prayerful study by all.—Ed.

Your committee have to state that they addressed to all the sessions within the bounds the following questions on the vitally important subject entrusted to their care:

1. (a.) Do your people support duly and attend regularly the services of the sanctuary? (b.) Do they show practically that they prize, as they ought, the sacraments of the church? (c.) Are there many persons in your neighborhood who live in frequent or habitual neglect of the public ordinances of religion?

II. (a.) Are prayer-meetings well attended? (b.) Do the elders and others in considerable numbers assist in conducting them? (c.) Are there encouraging signs of spiritual life, and is their much activity in Christian work among your people?

III. What is the state of religion in their homes. (a.) With respect to Family Worship. (b.) With respect to the religious training of the young? (c.) With respect to efforts to bring them to Christ?

IV. Are Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools maintained vigorously and successfully in your congregation? Do many of your young people pass from the Sabbath School or Bible Class into the communion of the church?

V. Do your people appear to be growing in the grace of liberty?

VI. Has there been any special work of grace in your congregation during the year. To these queries answers have been returned by all the Sessions except one. Of these answers your committee present the following summary:

I. The reports from Sessions appear to show that in all our congregations the people support with a considerable degree of liberality, and with considerable regularity attend the services of the sanctuary. The sacraments are participated in and appreciated highly by many in all our congregations. Progress is gratefully noted in several congregations. There is practical unanimity also in declaring that the number of persons who habitually neglect the ordinances of grace is not large.

II. Prayer meetings are reported as being generally well attended. In all cases elders, in most instances, considerable numbers who are not in the eldership, assist heartily and in an edifying manner in conducting these services. As to signs of spiritual life and Christian activity among the people, several sessions regret that so little is to be seen, while from others comes more cheering intelligence. Your committee are gratified in being able to quote the following sentences respecting