

It is specially important that the regular contributions to the great benevolences of the Church shall not be impaired. It would be little advantage if givings to the Twentieth Century Fund crippled the income of the Missionary, the Educational and the Superannuation Funds. Every effort should be made that all these, upon which the general and imperative activities of the Church depend, should be kept at high-water mark.

We are glad to observe, in our own and the Presbyterian Church, the generous contributions of the ministers to this fund. In many cases out of a slender income they give largely and liberally to this, as they do to many another worthy object. The largest sum we note contributed by any of the ministers, is that of the Rev. T. S. Linscott, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, for some years a member of the publishing firm of The Bradley-Garretson Company, Ltd. Mr. Linscott contributes \$1,000 to the Fund, the special beneficiary being Victoria University.

THE COMING REVIVAL.

The Canadian Temperance League is accomplishing a great work for the greatest social reform of the age by its gospel temperance meetings, which promise to fill the largest hall in the Dominion week after week. The visit of Ira D. Sankey, who has sung the Gospel around the world, was an occasion of great interest. He is as evidently called of God to his singing mission as Mr. Moody is to his preaching. The pathos of his "Ninety and Nine" and other hymns, carries the Gospel to many a heart impervious and obdurate to other influences. Mr. Sankey speaks of "the coming revival" in all the Churches as something that may be already seen by the eye of faith, and which will, he predicts, soon sweep over this continent. He urges the preachers, in his homely phrase, "to go in for the conversion of souls." They preach better than Mr. Moody, he says, but do not get into such close quarters with the unsaved. The latter with all his might presses home the appeal for instant decision. He urged the ministers of Toronto and Canada to gather their forces together, to let this be the reaping time of the century. "Is not this," he asks, "the will of God, even the revival of His Church, and the conversion of the world?"

A LESSON FROM CANADA.

Under this heading the *New York Independent* draws an important lesson in favour of Christian union from the example of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in this country as follows: "In Scotland the lesson has been accepted, and the new century will begin with the union of the Free and the United Churches. It has been a quarter-century of happy experience for the Canadian Churches. They have been distinguished by 'freedom from strife and dissension over questions of creed and criticisms.' Canada is grateful for continued peace and harmony, which is 'not that of ignorance or indolence.' There is room in the Canadian Church for men who hold different views on questions of criticism, but not room for disturbers of the peace, whether heretics or heresy hunters. Why cannot Presbyterians in the United States follow their example?"

"Now, cannot Canada set us one more example? Her Presbyterian Churches have united; so have her Methodist Churches. Now will she not give us the exhibition of a federated, if not a united Protestantism? Canada, we see, is setting us our pace. Let Canada, which is a quarter of a century before us in the union of its Churches within the limits of the different polities, show us how these polities may be joined at least in a confederated union. Then we shall consider whether it might not be more reasonable to talk of Canada's annexing the United States than of the United States annexing Canada."

The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Christian Unity goes far to set this example. The volume just issued from our Book Room, by the Rev. H. Symonds, M.A., on "Christian Unity," is an augury, let us hope, if not of organic union, at least of a Christian federation that shall link the moral forces of our country into closer union for promoting the glory of God and the welfare of man.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Our American friends have been electing their delegates for the quadrennial Conference which will meet in Chicago in the month of May. The fraternal delegate from the English Wesleyan Conference is the Rev. Thomas Allen, D.D., Governor of Handsworth College, and in 1897 chairman of the Birmingham District. Mr. Allen last July received a