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THERE is no particular necessity for raking up the political sins of George Brown, Sir John McDonald, Mercier and other deceased statesmen. The supply of living subjects is ample.

A PRESS despatch says that the presence of the British fleet at the entrance of the Dardanelles gives the Sultan of Turkey much anxiety. That is right. Anxiety is the proper feeling for him to have.

WE have received, too late we regret to say for publication in this issue, a communication from Rev. R. P. Mackay dealing with the letter in our last of Rev. Charles W. Gordon, of Winnipeg.

THE liquor men contend that closed saloons on Sabbath mean a loss of \$3,000,000 a year in Indiana and of \$7,000,000 a year in the city of New York. It never seems to dawn on their minds that the greater part of this immense sum goes to help the families of the men who drink.

YEARS ago missionary speeches used to wind up with an appeal for men, money and prayers. The men are here in sufficient numbers, and the women too. Undoubtedly many prayers are daily offered for the success of our mission work. We have everything asked for now except enough of money.

CHILDREN'S DAY is evidently growing in favor with the Church. We are glad to see both by notices sent us and from our exchanges that it has been so generally observed and in a way which must have proved not only interesting, but also profitable to those for whose benefit it is specially intended.

SURELY it becomes those people who wait for members of the graduating class and who will have no pastor, if they cannot get a young man—surely it becomes them to put their hands into their pockets and sustain the colleges. The clamour for young ministers and the college deficits seem to have come together.

A DISTRESSING case in a Western Country shows clearly that a man may die from the effects of poison without having any insurance on his life. There has been such a mania lately on "murder for insurance" that a man who had his life well insured could hardly die suddenly without getting his friends into trouble.

TWO reasons are given for having our national Thanksgiving Day at the end of November—the dullest time in the year. One is that there is not much work going on in the country at that time! The other is that the American Thanksgiving Day come at the same time. Each of these reasons is several times worse than no reason at all.

ACCORDING to Professor Lindsay, convener of the Free Church of Scotland Foreign Mission Committee, the Presbyterians of the world maintain one-fourth the Evangelical Foreign missionaries of the world. That is a great work. Those people who think that Presbyterians have little or no religion should explain why they do so much for the salvation of others.

THE size of the Foreign Mission difficulty with which our Methodist neighbors are wrestling may be learned from the fact that the secretary read papers on the case the other day at a meeting of the Mission Board for nine and one half-hours and was not done then. We cannot all understand the points at issue, but we can all hope and pray that the difficulty may soon be settled, and the good work go on more successfully than ever.

ON Tuesday the 15th inst., at noon a large company of friends, including the President and several other well-known officials of the W.F.M.S., collected at the Union Station to bid farewell to Miss Dr. McIntosh and Miss Dr. Dow who were then leaving for Honan, China. It was an interesting occasion, and the two ladies who were setting out on their long journey appeared to be among the happiest and heartiest in the company. We wish them God speed.

THE excellent article which appears in this issue by Mr. Gibson on "The Church and the Young" is most timely, and will be felt helpful by our readers in view of the Provincial Sabbath School Convention to be held next week. Mr. Gibson speaks from years of experience both as a Bible class and Sabbath school teacher and superintendent. We hope to follow up his article with three more on Sabbath school subjects from the able pen of Rev. Prof. Beattie, D.D., of Louisville Theological Seminary, Kentucky, U.S.

IT was pleasant to see again in his place in church last Sabbath the veteran Premier of Ontario, Sir Oliver Mowat. It cannot be expected that a man carrying the weight of over three score and ten years, so many of them spent in very active and responsible service for his country, should retain unimpaired his physical activity. We join heartily in the rejoicing and congratulations of his host of friends of all parties in his returning to Ontario in good health and spirits, and trust that he may yet be long spared in the enjoyment of a hale, hearty, and useful old age.

MR. MOODY is reported to have said that when he wants \$100,000 for any Christian work he expects to get \$80,000 of it from Presbyterians. No doubt he does. And while his expectations are being realized Presbyterian missionaries and their families are being pinched for want of the necessities of life and some Presbyterian people are without the means of grace because the Church does not raise money enough to send the gospel to them. Some of Mr. Moody's fellow Evangelists show their gratitude for the \$80,000 by disturbing or breaking up Presbyterian congregations.

THE Rev. Professor B. B. Warfield preached last Sabbath evening to a large congregation in St. James Square Church. In addition to the pastor, Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., Rev. Principal Caven took part in the opening devotional services. Dr. Warfield took for his text Heb. ii. 6-9, inclusive. His subject was "The Revelation of Man made to Man in the Incarnate God-Man. The discourse, though longer than usual, measured by minutes was not felt to be long, as was evident from the close attention it received from beginning to end. The sermon was not only a magnificent one from its grasp and presentation of a noble theme, it was also comforting, yet humbling, encouraging, and inspiring.

THE highest tribunal in the Empire has decided that the minority in Manitoba have a grievance. Their lordships have not said how great that grievance is, nor have they said how it should be remedied. The Dominion Government have ordered the Manitoba Government to remedy the grievance. The Manitoba Government have replied that they see no grievance to remedy, but are willing that the matter should be investigated; and, presumably, that the grievance should be removed, if there is one. Now what could be more natural and proper than the appointment of a commission of experts to investigate and report. Is

not that the course that would be taken by sensible business men under similar circumstances, if they did not wish to have a law suit.

SHOULD the old trouble break out at the Toronto University this session it will be the duty of every lover of order to stand by the authorities of the institution until insubordination is stamped out. Not one single change should be made in the faculty, however desirable it may be in itself, until perfect order is observed. It is provoking to think that hundreds of deserving young men throughout the Province are prevented by their poverty from getting a university training while some of those who have a good education easily within their reach can find no better work at college than raising a disturbance. This wave of insubordination which seems to have arisen in Toronto University may easily pass to other institutions. The sooner it is stopped the better. The people of Ontario have no money to spend in educating students who seem to think that it is their business to govern the institution they attend.

HOME MISSION WINTER WORK.

THE account of the meeting of the Executive of the Home Mission Committee, which appears in this issue, ought to be felt over the whole Church like a call to active work in this department of our Christian activities. Many appointments have been made by the Western Executive, and thousands of dollars voted in payment of work done or to be done. Similar action, if not on so large a scale, is taken by the Eastern Section. Altogether the transactions at this time, of those committees, suggest an amount and kind of Christian work to be done by our Church from one end of the Dominion to the other, that may well excite the interest, and attract to it the sympathy and prayers, of the whole Church. Its success is vital to the whole Church's prosperity, and to the spiritual wellbeing of very many individual families and communities over all the land.

In the closing sentence of the account of the work of the Executive, a note of warning is sounded in the statement that, last year, a large deficit, and very serious suffering in many of our Home Missionaries homes, were only averted by special efforts put forth at the last moment, to which the Church very nobly responded, but that such another response cannot be expected this year, and that it is desirable there should be no necessity for it. This warning note it is hoped will be heeded by the Church throughout its entire extent. The operation, so successful by the blessing of God last spring, cannot be often repeated successfully, and this fact, with that of having had to make it so recently, should stir up all to make such a steady and earnest effort that it will not be needed. This can be done without doubt, and the statements or leaflets issued from time to time by the committee ought to be greatly helpful in securing this result. There can be no doubt that to the constant supply of full and fresh information given by the Church's Foreign Mission Committee, together with the ever increasing sense of responsibility coming upon the Church to send the gospel to the utmost ends of the earth, is due the large measure of support which flows into the Foreign Mission treasury. We rejoice in this. Every devout and consecrated heart will rejoice in it. To all such the two, Home and Foreign Missions, are one. Both say in act by the efforts put forth, "Thy Kingdom come," and seek to hasten its coming. The most liberal supporters and earnest labourers in the cause of Foreign Missions are so of Home Missions as well, and, though perhaps with some exceptions, *vice versa*.

While this is true it ought never to be lost sight of that, the very foundation and base on which rests all our work is Home Missions. Their success in any right and worthy sense is essential, and means success to all our work of every kind whatsoever. This is the natural way of carrying on God's work, and of evangelizing the whole world. Though God sent forth His Son that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," He sent Him first of all to His own people, the lost sheep of the house of Israel. "Begin at Jerusalem," was the Saviour's command to His disciples before He ascended to the right hand of His Father, and it was not until the dis-