

Missions.

TWO MISSIONARIES ORDAINED

ONE FOR CENTRAL AFRICA, AND THE OTHER FOR MANITOBA.

A double ordination service was held yesterday afternoon and evening, 11th April, in Calvary Congregational Church to ordain Mr. Wilberforce Lee, and Mr. Horace E. C. Mason for missionary work. Both gentlemen have been members of that Church, and have just graduated at the Congregational College.

Among those present as delegates and visitors were the Revs. Principal Barbour, Dr. Barnes of Sherbrooke, G. F. Brown of Melbourne, A. W. Main of Cowansville, and F. H. Marling of Emmanuel Church. The Home Missionary Society was represented by the Rev. Thos. Hall and the Rev. John Wood, while the Rev. E. M. Hill appeared on behalf of the Foreign Missionary Society.

At four o'clock the afternoon meeting was called to order by Mr. Hill, the pastor, and Dr. Barnes was chosen as Moderator, and Mr. Brown to act as scribe. Mr. Wood then stated that Mr. Horace E. C. Mason had been called to home missionary work in Brandon, Manitoba. Mr. Hill said that Mr. Wilberforce Lee had been accepted as missionary to Bailundu, Africa, where Mr. Currie is now, by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Both gentlemen then showed certificates of graduation, presented statements of belief, and answered questions put to them by the delegates and others. After this examination the Moderator and delegates pronounced the candidates entirely satisfactory, and expressed much pleasure in the thorough soundness of their religious views.

An adjournment was then made to the chapel for supper, which had been prepared by the ladies of the church. Social talk was indulged in, and several speeches were made. The Rev. Mr. Sanderson gave an after-dinner talk, which brought down the house. Mr. J. R. Dougall, speaking about the student and the church, said that if a student for the ministry was active and loyal in church work before being ordained, he would be much more successful and be of great value in keeping his congregation loyal and regular in his ministry.

At the evening service the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Brown, the sermon preached by the Rev. John Wood, and the ordaining prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. Hill. The charge to the candidates was given by Dr. Barbour, and the right hand of fellowship by Mr. Marling. The Rev. A. W. Main offered the closing prayer.—*Witness.*

The wisdom of the American missionaries in

the Turkish Empire is seen in the fact that they have at present twenty thousand children in their schools. The shrewdness of the Turk is seen in the fact that he is now bent on closing their schools.—*Selected.*

The whole missionary force of Great Britain, Continental Europe and the United States have an annual income of \$9,396,996; man and equip 9,550 stations; support 5,431 missionaries; have the assistance of 32,015 native helpers, and mission churches that have 588,974 communicants and 1,876,655 adherents.

The work in the Hebrew Christian Church, N. Y., under the management of Rev. Jacob Freshman, continues with unabated success. Recently thirteen were received at one time. A number of the young converts have devoted themselves to the gospel ministry, with the view of laboring among their kinsmen according to the flesh.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has issued during the past year 4,206,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures, a larger number than ever before. The total income of the society for the past year was £253,300. Its grand work encircles the world, preparing the way for missionaries and strengthening their hands.

Progress in Mexico, thinks Dr. J. Milton Greene, is marked not so much by statistics, as by the changing attitude of the people toward the Protestant missionaries. Sixteen years ago the printing offices of the city could not be induced to print copies of the Decalogue. Now thousands of pages of religious literature are issued yearly. So, too, the drift of the popular mind is shown by the lessening respect for, and fear of, the priesthood, and by the greatly diminished attendance at the idolatrous feasts.

The table of statistics of missionary work in Japan for the year 1888, compiled by Rev. Henry Loomis, agent of the American Bible Society in Japan, has been received. The striking facts brought out in this valuable table are the following: The present number of churches is 249, with a total membership of 25,514, which is an increase within the year of twenty-eight churches and 5,785 members. The total number of adults baptized during the year 1888 was very nearly 7,000 (6,959), and of these 2,114 were in connection with the work of the American Board. Truly this is a glorious record.—*Missionary Herald.*

KANSAS.—Religious work in Kansas was begun under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society. A Congregational missionary