

not accomplish a great and good work, if a picked and packed company of earnest Christians were to rally round him in warm sympathy, and help him by co-operative effort and prayer?

How could "the first Roman Catholic Lord Mayor of London since the Reformation," with any consistency or sincerity take the oath of office?

DR. BARBOUR'S inaugural is fruitful of topics on which one would like to make notes and comments. It has the right ring as to the New Testament revealing a church polity, or as the address phrases it, "an outline of church order," essentially Congregational. When shall we grasp the truth, that "the spiritually celestial has no machinery, ecclesiastical or other"? A little more definiteness as to what theology has lost and gained during the last sixty years, would not be amiss. Where are we? Change is not always improvement! We have changed; but have we improved? Spurgeon says we have deteriorated. Is that so? The writer of these notes does not believe it, but on the contrary is persuaded that theology has made most important advances toward a better knowledge and clearer teaching of the truth. That is good about the "wilderness." Yes, the Master began there. All earnest preachers have done the same. A thorough experience of the wilderness early in a man's life is a great blessing, and if it winds up as our Lord's did, with angelic ministering, it will not need to be repeated.

"AMEN!" to the article on "Infant Baptism," and let all the people say, "Amen!"

MANY of us would like to know to whose pen we are indebted for the graphic and interesting account of the English Congregational Union spring meeting.

#### OUR COLLEGE COLUMN.

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Mr. Alexander S. McLeod, who finished his course here last spring, is taking an additional course in theology at the Union Theological College, New York City.

We are glad to hear of a great temperance revival in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, where Student Lee preached last summer. Mr. Ferguson, J.P., and deacon of our church in that place—one of the magistrates who aided in bringing some of the illicit liquor dealers to justice—had his windows smashed a few weeks ago; it is believed by all to be the work of the defeated liquor party. Our church in Baddeck has sustained a great loss by the removal of Mr. Philipps from the town.

Our college treasurer reports that funds are coming

in, in a much more satisfactory manner than usual. In our next issue we will give some particulars. The treasurer's name and address is, Mr. R. C. Jamieson, 185 University Street, Montreal.

At last Union Meeting the students were pledged to contribute \$25 towards the college debt. We have exceeded the amount by raising \$26. Others are free to follow our example.

Two interesting letters have been received this session from Mr. Currie. They were taken up principally with a description of his journey to the coast and back, to conduct Dr. Webster and his wife to their new home in Bailundu. Mrs. Webster is a Canadian, having been born and brought up in Seaforth, Ont.—another strand in the cord that binds our hearts to Africa.

All students of this college must hereafter study Hebrew. In view of the importance of the subject, and the general revival of interest in it, this is as it ought to be. It is to be feared that many former students read their Hebrew Bibles with a slow solemnity that is not altogether induced by reverence for the sacred text. Prospects for the future are bright.

By a change in the regulations of McGill University, all theologues are exempt from tuition fee, and this without obtaining a scholarship, as they formerly had to do. No university could be more liberal than is our Alma Mater.

Mr. A. P. Solandt has been elected one of the shareholders' editors on the staff of the *University Gazette*.

Student Frank Davey, in a recent letter from England, received the sad news of the death of his father. The students have manifested their heartfelt sympathy toward our afflicted brother in this sore hour of trial; and have unitedly sent a letter of condolence to his mother. May the heavenly Father be very near to the bereaved family in their sorrow and give them the comfort they need!

From the list of students in November 1 issue, the name of William J. Watt was inadvertently omitted. We have great pleasure in adding the names of three new probationers, viz.: Mr. William T. Gunn, from Calvary Church, Montreal; Mr. Churchill Moore, from Economy, Nova Scotia; Mr. John H. P. Kenyon, from Newtown Congregational Church, near Sidney, New South Wales. The total number of students is therefore eighteen, a number never exceeded in the history of our college. We understand that if a preparatory course could be furnished by the college, many other applicants could have been admitted. At present, however, we are not in favour of the establishment of such a course. At least two additional professors are needed to complete our theological staff, and we see no reason why our college should