

schemes, and the impressive inspiring facts of the Church's history and of her doctrines will prove the best means of instilling an intelligent and abiding enthusiasm in her welfare.

Church Attendance In Toronto.

The service rendered by the *Evening Telegram's* church census of last month has been already acknowledged in these columns, and now we are pleased to quote the testimony of the *British Weekly* whose readers have found the figures most interesting. Our contemporary says:

"For the first time we have read a really encouraging religious census. The *Evening Telegram* of Toronto enumerated the worshippers in every place of worship in the city, morning and evening, on May 3rd. The population included is about 200,000, and the attendance reached the large figures of 60,171 in the morning and 63,820 in the evening, making a total of 123,991. If we assume that the worshippers in the evening were to a large extent not the same persons as the worshippers in the morning, this gives a most satisfactory result. The practice of regular attendance at churches is increasing, and perhaps few congregations can show at any one service forty per cent, of those connected with it. Toronto showed thirty-one per cent. at each service, and this means that the number unconnected with any Christian church is very small. Probably the Roman Catholics and the Salvation Army may be credited with more worshippers than are given, the former having many separate services, and the latter many who come in and go out. The Methodists stand at the top, reporting the large figures of 36,655. They are followed by the Presbyterians, who report 25,647. The Anglicans come next with 21,916, the Roman Catholics with 19,703, and the Baptists 10,074. The Congregationalists have only 4,413, and the Salvation Army only 1,117. The census was taken by the *Telegram* eight years ago, but it was on a wet Sunday in December, and so no useful comparison can very well be instituted. Then, as now, the Methodists headed the list, the Presbyterians followed, and the Anglicans were a very good third; but we note that while the Baptists in 1888 had over 4,000 worshippers, and have now over 10,000, the Congregationalists on the wet Sunday of 1888 had actually more worshippers than they have now, which shows an unhealthy state of things. Far more striking is the enormous decrease in the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army services in Toronto were attended in 1888 by over 10,000 worshippers, and now there are only a little over 1,000. We are much struck in reading the figures of the great capacity of the churches. Many of them are seated for 2,000 people, and audiences greatly exceeding a thousand are quite common. Among the Methodists there are eleven Sunday congregations exceeding a thousand. There are, alas! very few congregations of that size in London. Toronto and its ministers are heartily to be congratulated, and we are much indebted to the *Telegram* for its enterprise.

Exchange of Lecturers. In addressing the Alumni Association of Columbia Theological Seminary the other day Dr. C. R. Hemphill, urged, among other things, that there might be more intercourse between the seminaries of the Church in the way of exchanging lecturers, thus giving students in one institution some opportunity to get help from men in other institutions specially gifted in their own departments.

There should be no jealousy or contention between the seminaries. Each should cultivate a spirit of helpfulness towards the others, and thus all would be the recipients of the best scholarship and the influence of the ablest scholars in the Church. The Post Graduate course at the Canadian Colleges affords an opportunity such as is here suggested.

Presbyterian Colloge, Montreal. During the absence of Principal MacVicar the Rev. Dr. Scrimger, 24 Summer Hill Avenue, Montreal, will conduct correspondence with students and others regarding College business.

Anti-Gambling at the Antipodes. An anti-gambling crusade is being actively and hopefully waged in Australia. The leading Protestant denominations have banded together for this special purpose and an agitation has sprung up which has taken a hold of the popular mind. It seems probable that good results will be obtained.

Proposed For Moderator. The Toronto Presbytery added its unanimous vote on Tuesday to those of many other Presbyteries in favor of the election of Rev. Prof. Gordon, D. D., of Halifax, to be Moderator of the General Assembly for the ensuing term. It is likely that Dr. Gordon's election will be unanimous by the church.

F. M. Funds of the Southern Church. The thirty-fifth annual report of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church, presented to the General Assembly, shows that the receipts for the year from all sources were \$142,099.77. This is \$9,766.87 more than the receipts for last year. Part of this increase is due to legacies, which were \$8,280.40 in excess of those received last year, leaving \$1,486.47 to represent the increase in the contributions of the churches. Nineteen missionaries were sent into the Foreign Field during the past year.

Billeting the Commissioners. The number of Commissioners to the General Assembly will probably reach 522, and for each of these the Billeting Committee, in theory, provides a billet. About 120 of the commissioners this year will be the guests of friends, and to that extent the Committee will be relieved of its arduous work. But 400 is still a large number for which to make provision, and it is gratifying to know that friends are coming forward in the various congregations with offers of hospitality which shows that Toronto will do its duty. But in addition to the billets it would be desirable were the Committee in a position to extend some special entertainment, such as a sail on the lake or a trip to one of the popular resorts which abound around the city.

Companions in Adversity. Gregorians and Protestants have evidently been drawn together by fellowship in suffering. Letters from the Harpoot district in Eastern Turkey report an extraordinary event in the history of Turkish missions. On the first Sunday in April the Protestant Christians were invited to hold a communion service in the Gregorian Church at Meze-reh, three miles from Harpoot. The building was crowded, hundreds being turned away for lack of room, and in the congregation were many who had been afflicted by the recent massacres, as well as several teachers and pastors from neighboring communities. The service of song was divided between the Gregorians and Protestants; then the Protestant pastor received fifteen new members into his church and preached an evangelical sermon. After an address by Dr. Barnum the Protestant service was closed, but the people were requested to remain, and the Gregorian priest made a friendly and gracious speech, expressing joy in the fraternal spirit which characterized the meeting and thanking the American missionaries for bringing a new faith and an open Bible as well as for their relief work among the suffering Armenians. Other addresses followed from both Protestants and Gregorians before the remarkable service was brought to an end. Such a mingling of the two sects would have been impossible a few years ago and would have been considered a pollution to the old church.