

A PROHIBITORY ENCYCLICAL.

Those who expected a more liberal condition of affairs under the present Pope, who was regarded at the time of his selection as a liberal minded man, have been disappointed. The latest encyclical issued from the Vatican, addressed to the Italian bishops, plants itself squarely in opposition to modern thought and progress. A number of things are forbidden. Here are some of them:—

It is forbidden to all students and priests to attend any classes in the public universities of Italy.

It is forbidden to all students and priests to read any non-clerical newspapers, periodicals, or reviews.

All preaching is forbidden, excepting under special restrictions. No one may preach unless he has express authority from the bishop to do so, and the substance and even language of his discourse must be submitted to the bishop and meet his approval.

No priest of student must publish anything except under the same conditions as hold as to his preaching.

It is absolutely forbidden to all students and priests to inscribe their names in any society or association whatsoever that does not depend entirely on the authority of the bishop.

Various other prohibitions are issued, such as that no student or priest must hold any conference of any kind without the permission of the bishop, and all aspirations after church reform are forbidden.

Anyone who conforms to the terms of such an encyclical barter away his liberty and becomes a mere automaton. Such restriction of liberty is scarcely consistent with the spirit of the twentieth century.

Lord Roberts has become quite an alarmist. He has followed up his declaration of weakness in the navy, and his assertion that we have no army, by telling the members of the Imperial Press Conference that the next twenty months will be a most critical time in the history of the nation. Mr. Macdonald, of the Toronto Globe, reproved some of the British journalists present for indulging so much in scares. The reproof was of course a reflex also on Bobs.

Ex-urance is a good thing, and we would not underestimate the benefit of athletics indulged in in moderation, but we are disposed to think that the Marathon craze is overdone. Can any real benefit follow a race from Brantford to Hamilton in which 43 started and 13 ran the entire distance—a little over 26 miles—the winner in a few minutes under three hours? Some of these runners must have suffered from overstrain. And then there is the demoralizing tendency, for betting is as inseparable from a foot race of this character as from a horse race.

Some journalists regard their business in a purely commercial light and undertake to furnish only what the public wishes to buy. While it is to be expected that the demands of the market shall be met to some extent, no one should engage in journalism unless he is prepared to make some sacrifices for the public good. A newspaper should be an educator. Ex-President Roosevelt expresses himself very pointedly on the matter. One has no right to furnish what is evil simply because it can be sold, either drug, or drink, or vicious literature. Every man who has the mind of a good man will try and get the world to accept what is good and true. Good food and good literature should be found in every home.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL.

CORNWALL, June 11.—The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Glengarry Presbyterian W.F.M.S. was held in Knox Church on June 9 and 10. The first session began at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, and it was opened by singing the 79th Psalm and reading a portion of Scripture from the Book of Isaiah, Mrs. David Tait leading in prayer.

The opening words were given by Mrs. (Rev.) N. H. McGillivray. In the course of her remarks she gave four requirements: "To know," "to grow," "to glow," and "to go." The first three are within the reach of us all. But the last, "to go," is the privilege of only a few; the rest can be missionaries at home or wherever their lot may be cast.

The president, in her address, gave her message from the 46th Psalm, "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble." She referred briefly to the work of the past year, the situation in the different mission fields, the difficulties in India, the revival in Homan, the work in Formosa and the Northwest, and told how the burden of the foreign work for women rests entirely on us, as is shown plainly by a little leaflet entitled "Our W.F.M.S."

Reports of vice-presidents and auxiliary secretaries were next in order. Five vice-presidents reported on the work done in the societies under their supervision, and all gave encouraging accounts of the faithfulness of the workers throughout their districts, and of the willingness of each society in responding to the demand for the Northwest supplies.

The school children were invited in after school hours, and Mrs. Thomas addressed them. She held their attention well as she led them in thought in a journey through Africa, and brought her address to a close by giving a sketch of the life of David Livingstone.

On Wednesday night, the Rev. S. B. Rohold, missionary to the Jews in Toronto, gave a very interesting address.

On Thursday other reports were presented, including that of Miss Annie Cline, who had attended the meeting of the W. F. M. Society in Ottawa.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Harkness, Cornwall; vice-presidents, Mrs. Morrison, Kirkhill; Mrs. McKay, Maxville; Mrs. McIntyre, Avonmore; Mrs. Bowen, Martintown; Mrs. Mingle, North Lunenburg; corresponding secretary, Miss A. M. Cline, Cornwall; recording secretary, Miss M. McGregor, Martintown; leaflet secretary, Miss Jessie Copeland, Martintown; mission band, Mrs. Gollan, of Dunvegan; supply secretary, Mrs. Thomas, Cornwall; treasurer, Mrs. Aiguire, Cornwall.

The next meeting will be held in Maxville.

The waste involved in keeping up an armament was well brought out in an address by President Schurman at the National Peace Congress at Chicago. His figures were striking. Here are some of them: Two-thirds of all the revenue of the United States is used to defray the expenses of past wars or in preparation for future wars. In Europe 6,000,000 people are under arms, all withdrawn from productive labor, and that division of the world spends over \$6,000,000,000 on its standing armies. Britain has since 1903 reduced her national debt from \$3,800,000,000 to \$3,480,000,000, but this reduction must cease because of the present demand for increased naval expenditure; and the country now faces a huge deficit of \$78,000,000. A recent calculation shows that the expenditure for the army amounts to \$23 per minute; for the navy, \$311 per minute; or for both, \$604 per minute. Surely the time can not come too soon for the nations to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and stop all this waste.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. A. J. Howard, M.A., of Kemptville, intends studying in Chicago next autumn and would like to hear from men who would supply his pulpit for three months or less time.

The first sod of the new Presbyterian church at Monkland was turned on Monday of last week by A. Rutley, of Whitelcliffe, Monkland. The work is progressing rapidly and it is hoped that two months will see the building completed.

Once more the generous congregation of Roxborough has given tangible proof of their generosity and good will towards their pastor, the Rev. L. Beaton. This time the gift is a new buggy and harness. Contributions were received from many in the congregation, on whose behalf Mr. John Cumming made the presentation. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Beaton said that "no minister in the Presbytery of Glengarry has truer and more loyal friends than I have in Roxborough."

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in Knox Church, Lancaster, on Sunday, 6th June, when four united in fellowship. The service preparatory to the Communion was conducted by the Rev. Arpad Govan, B.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown. Prior to the Communion a series of special services was conducted by the pastor (Rev. J. Pate, M.A.). Commencing on the 29th May, the meetings were continued nightly for one week, and were characterized by a spirit of earnest and teachable enquiry. Although in the busiest season of the spring work, the attendance was greatly beyond expectations.

OTTAWA.

At the meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's church it was decided to invite the W.F.M.S. of Ottawa Presbyterial to hold their annual meeting at St. Paul's church in November next. Mrs. J. Thorburn occupied the chair. No meeting will be held in July.

The Glebe Women's Christian Temperance Union held an open meeting in the Glebe church when an impressive address on temperance work in general was given by Mrs. Asa Gordon. Mrs. J. W. H. Milne presided. The next meeting will take the form of a picnic to be held to-morrow, (Thursday), at Britannia.

The General Assembly appointed Rev. Dr. Armstrong President of the Ottawa Ladies' College. It is understood that he will devote his whole time to the College, which means the termination of his long pastorate in St. Paul's, Ottawa. Dr. Armstrong's resignation will likely take effect on 1st September next.

In MacKay Sunday School Hall a large attendance of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society were present when further work was done in preparation for the box for Cecilia Jeffrey school. Short reports of the recent annual meeting were given by Miss Elliott and Mrs. Ralph. Mrs. P. W. Anderson addressed the meeting on Mohammedanism in China.

Rev. B. B. Williams has been spending the winter in New York, but has now returned to Paris, Ont., and is available for supply. Mr. Williams has supplied in many of our most prominent churches and is a preacher of exceptional ability.

The services in Knox Church, Dundas, last Sunday were conducted in the morning by Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of Ottawa, and in the evening by Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmonton. Both sermons were of a high order and were much appreciated.

In the "make up" of last week's paper two articles—one on the "Scottish Churches," the other on "Chinese Students"—were placed in the report of the General Assembly. Readers would readily discover the mistake. Next week the report of Assembly will be completed.