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MORE HOME MISSIONARIES.

NEXT in urgency to the call for money to carry on the work of Home Missions is the cry for more men. We gladly take occasion to send out that cry among our readers and to emphasize it strongly.

We do not sympathise with the complaint that our young men are ready enough to go to distant lands and to face unknown trials and hardships because of the romance of Foreign Missions, while thousands perish in our own country for lack of the bread of life.

Nevertheless, setting aside invidious and unjust comparisons, there is a lack of men suitably qualified and willing to offer for the Home Fields. And it would seem that some regularly organized plan might be necessary to supply the need.

The students attending these colleges are the beneficiaries of the Church, and as such might be expected to give at least a proportion of their time and energies after graduation to the pressing claims of the Home Mission work.

tions on the part of growing youth. People have an idea that it is wrong to prejudice the free choice of their boys. This idea is the natural reaction from the sentiment of a bygone generation whose custom was to select professions for their sons.

DR. COOK'S PROTEST.

ALL honour to the grand old man, and Dr. Weir, who joined him in resisting the aggression of Ultramontanism. The protest our readers will find in another column.

M. Mercier, in his recent electioneering speech, casts off all reserve. He states in the plainest terms the real reason of having the Pope's name in the Act, and of making the validity of the Act depend upon his "spiritual authority."

This principle of restitution being admitted, and the money being in the treasury, the only other thing needed was "to brave the anger of Orange men," and his Government "had dared to fulfil the settlement boldly, undeterred by the cries of fanaticism."

rewarded. Henceforth the Province of Quebec is by law Catholic, has a "glorious concordat" with Rome, which cannot be repealed without the Pope's leave, as the Syllabus declares.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Baptist Congress for the discussion of current questions, began its sessions in this city on Wednesday of last week, and continued in session for three days.

1. Pressing for the appointment of a Government Commission on Prison Reform, and appointing a committee to wait upon the Government.

Literary Notices.

A VISITOR OF JAPHETH TO SHENAND HAM. By Samuel A. Mutchmore, D.D. New York: Robert Carter & Bros., 1889.

THE author of this volume is well known as one of the prominent ministers in the United States, and is always a welcome occupant of the Presbyterian pulpits in Toronto.

system is unjustifiable, inasmuch as the law in support of these schools lends its machinery and authority to compel a certain class of people to send their children to attend certain schools.

THE Mail of Saturday last gives a letter from Rev. John Langtry, Anglican of Toronto, dealing with the theory of the Church enunciated by Rev. Prof. MacLaren at the opening of Knox College.

A CONFERENCE upon Prison Reform will be held under the auspices of the Prisoners' Aid Association, in Association Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday, 26th inst.

2. Asking the Ontario Government to extend the powers of said Commission, so as to include the following, viz.—(1) The causes of crime. (2) The best means of rescuing destitute children from a criminal career.

Church News.

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description of the religious condition of France, and incidentally refers to the McAll Mission. Our readers will thank us for quoting some of his remarks on these subjects:—

The Christian world is feverish to know how the cause of Christ progresses in France, or if there is any hope of anything better than what Romanism gives. If the day of better things has not dawned, then "what of the night?" is the cry of the sentinels upon the watch towers of moral and religious progress.

Dr. Mutchmore, it will be seen from the above, is one who travels not merely to see and note the impressions about the physical features of the various countries he visited. His interest centres chiefly on what concerns the cause of Christ as he passed on his journey through central Europe, Syria and Egypt.

SKETCHES OF SUTHERLAND CHARACTERS.

By Alexander Mackay. James Gemmill, Edinburgh, 1889. D. T. McAllister, Presbyterian Book Room, Toronto.

THE Treasurer of the Sutherland Association, Mr. Alexander Mackay, was well advised when he consented to amplify the "sketches," which he had contributed to a newspaper, and put them in book form.

THE undersigned protest against the acceptance of the part of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction of the sixty thousand dollars or any other sum as an indemnity for the four hundred thousand dollars given by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec to the Roman Catholic Church in the said Province of Quebec.

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2nd. Because of the said four hundred thousand dollars or any other sum as compensation to Protestants can only be regarded in the light of a bribe or hush money.

3rd. Because of the Jesuit Estates' Act a trust established by the Crown of

glor, albeit against his will, the Sutherland Fencibles, the famous 93 Highlanders in their stirring campaigns in many lands—amongst others in Canada where they remained from 1838 to 1843—and finally the great evictions and forming of sheep farms in Sutherlandshire. Following this exceedingly racy bit of biography, which gives a vivid picture of men and manners, there are briefer, but none the less entertaining sketches of other well-known characters which complete the picture of the social life of the time.

THE Commonwealth, a new weekly just started in Ottawa, is designed to reflect British thought and feeling in Canada.

THE Dominion Illustrated News for Nov. 16th contains, amongst other fine engravings, an excellent cut of Old St. Gabriel street church, Montreal, a landmark of exceptional interest to the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

By an arrangement with the publishers of the *Emphatic Diaglot*, the Gospel of Luke will be issued separately for the study of the Sunday School Lessons for 1890, by Messrs. Albert & Scott, of Chicago, Ill.

SOME "New Phases in the Chinese Problem" will be presented by Willard B. Farwell, in the December *Popular Science Monthly*. The writer asks, in view of the wretchedness of millions of the Chinese at home, whether exclusion will exclude, and invites more thoughtful consideration of the Chinese problem, which is made especially serious by the peculiar constitution of the Chinese mind.

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THE plan adopted is for each member to read one chapter daily, asking God's blessing on the portion read, and that on every Sunday each member should pray for their fellow-members. A card is furnished containing on one side a list of the chapters for each day for one year, and on the other side the simple rules of the Union. Price, 5 cents. The monthly notes cost 35 cents yearly. Cards and monthly notes can be had by applying to F. E. Grafton, 252 St. James street, Montreal.

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