

keeping this in view during the year now entered upon—and it is not likely the new Moderator will allow the matter to rest—the cause of the Western Field ought to receive an impetus which will be felt for years to come.

Honored by the Church.

The acceptance of Rev. Dr. Gregg's resignation deserves more than a passing notice. For twenty-three years he has been a faithful occupant of the important chair of Apologetics and Church History in Knox College during which period he endeared himself not only to the students who year after year assembled in his class-room, and to his esteemed colleagues, but in a great measure to the Church at large. As an earnest and evangelical preacher of the gospel he has been in demand throughout the province, and his chaste style, his genuine eloquence and moral earnestness marked him at once as a man possessing consecrated gifts of a high order. He brought to his professional duties scholarly talents of no mean order; to the work of the pastorate in which he was previously engaged he brought a devotion, tact, and fidelity to truth which left a deep impression for good on his people. His taste for literary work he indulged by the writing of articles for the periodical press and by the compilation of a history of his Church, leading to its various branches, forming a foundation work which will live. Personally he is of a most amiable disposition; a firm friend and a genial companion. The gentler virtues have been cultivated and the humility becoming in a man and Christian is a noticeable element in his character. The reference to his resignation which the College Board incorporated in their report to the General Assembly and which was cordially adopted is as follows: "Some years ago Rev. Dr. Gregg pressed his resignation on the Board, but they were then successful in inducing him to continue for a time to discharge part of his previous duties. The Board has reason to believe that Dr. Gregg has now formed his final resolution to withdraw from further professorial services, and therefore transmit to the Assembly the letter of resignation which he has handed to them. They would cordially recommend to the Assembly that a retiring allowance of \$1,000 per annum he made to Dr. Gregg, and trust that he may be long spared to enjoy his well-earned repose in the evening of his laborious and useful life. Apart from his services as lecturer in 1855, Dr. Gregg has, with great efficiency and acceptability, filled his chair since 1872, having charge of the departments of Apologetics and Church History from then till 1890, and of Church History to the present time. By the ability and fidelity with which he discharged the duties of his chair, by his unfailing urbanity and courtesy, and the Christian spirit in which all his work has been performed, Professor Gregg has merited and enjoyed in the highest degree the confidence and esteem of the Church, and very especially of his students and colleagues, as also of all who were associated with him in any way in the work of the College.

Next Place of Meeting.

There had been a rather widespread feeling that the General Assembly would decide to hold its next meeting at Winnipeg. It has been conceded that the last

meeting held in the far west had the effect of stimulating the Church in the Prairie Province and Territories and of producing good results. The west has been badly hit in the business depression which has for some time prevailed, and many of the more interested friends had hoped the Assembly would concede a point and meet again in the hospitable and virile city on the Red River. Western men have been fondly hoping so, and no doubt they are disappointed, but it must be remembered that the expense of travelling long distances is a serious matter in these times of economy, and the convenience of father's and brethren as to time, etc., cannot be overlooked. Toronto is centrally situated, with unusually favorable facilities by railway and steamboat, and with a just reputation for hospitality which has become proverbial. And since Winnipeg's time has not yet come, no other place could be more suitable than Toronto. The Moderator will not have the pleasure of welcoming the commissioners to his own city and of bringing them in direct contact with much of his work, but he will have an opportunity of emphasizing by the prestige of his position, the needs of his great work, to as sympathetic and as liberal and as large an audience as could be gathered in any city in the Dominion.

The Grace of Giving.

The following from a contemporary is opportune:—Religion used to be a secret cultus. Esoteric doctrines were known only to the initiated. But there was a mystery which was hid from the beginning of the world to all whom God had not enlightened. The principalities and powers of Heaven could not fathom the unsearchable riches of Christ until they wrought to send a bigoted Jew as an ambassador of love to the Gentiles. When those walls were broken down; when a Stephen dared to be stoned unto death; when a Saul was willing to be ostracised, slandered, excommunicated and left for dead by the roadside; then celestial principalities had a meter by which to estimate the incomparable grace of Christ. Our missionaries to-day are the heroes and martyrs of an apostolic succession. They face the fanatical forces of faiths whose falsities are more dangerous because they are half true. They jeopardize their lives for the sake of planting the standards of the cross in new lands. But where is the heroism and martyrdom of those in Christian lands, unless it be in the self-sacrifice that gives one's very living to the Lord. A recent offering of five hundred dollars was taken for a Christian college. There were several subscriptions of fifty and a hundred dollars. But the secretary told us that the largest offering of the day was from a good missionary's widow who has now no means of support but faith. Yet she gave a dollar. It was the widow's mite.

Virtue of Adversity. Troubles are tests. Tests of men and women. The Evangelical Messenger says that "as to trouble men are four. Number one is overwhelmed, goes down beneath the waves, and rises not again. Number two just manages to keep his head above water; but what a time he has of it, how loud and strong his lamentations, what a pitiful object! Number three swims easily out and does not mind it much, he gets wet, but he is a