

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

A PLUCKY LITTLE MISSION.

Two years ago Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie were sent out to begin a new Mission in Gwalior. Their old friends, especially those who have lost sight of them, will be glad to know how the work has progressed.

Gwalior shut its doors against them. But a "wide door and effectual" was opened at Jhansi, within a few miles of the Gwalior frontier by the pressing, most brotherly invitation of Dr. Henry Forman, of the American Presbyterian Mission. The work of these two, though independent of each other as to control and support, intermingles harmoniously, for they are both working toward the same end and along the same lines.

In connection with Dr. Wilkie's work there is now a newly gathered in Christian community of 150 baptized persons, shepherded by 35 native or Eurasian workers, who are themselves under careful training, practical, educational and spiritual.

There is a Middle school and a High school, both in operation for about a year, and which have at last won Government recognition. In these schools the daily Bible class occupies a first place.

There are two centres among the outlying villages, each with a building that acts the part of church and manse. Each is manned by a choice native teacher and two helpers, and has a little company of baptized Christians around it. These young converts understand what persecution means. It hurts; it sometimes staggers; but it is good.

A monthly conference is an important feature of this mission. Once a month, before the first Sabbath, the missionaries and all the native workers of both missions, gather together for intercommunion, instruction, examination, and prayer. These meetings last at least two days.

More than 125 persons have been rescued from famine, and maintained for nearly six months under constant Christian instruction, while doing such work as their weakened bodies were able for. This has been done by means of \$428 contributed for that purpose.

Dr. Wilkie is at present building, at a cost of \$4,000, a bungalow on a ten acre missionary hill, which is surrounded by 46 acres more of land belonging to the mission. A school site of 14 acres has also been obtained. Dr. Wilkie's pertinacity and success in securing this property, all of which is within the municipal limits, has surprised many. But there was pertinacious prayer in Canada as well as in this effort in India.

The amount contributed for all purposes during the year by the few hundreds of men, women and children who are interested in the work, has been \$2,822, and only a balance of \$700 is required to complete the building of the bungalow. But, by the blessing of God, the work is growing so fast that reinforcements of those who "have a mind to work" will be cordially welcomed.

The second anniversary of this little mission is to be held in Toronto, in Westminster church, Bloor street E., on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Rev. Dr. Lucas, of Allahabad, a distinguished missionary of the American Presbyterian church, is coming from New York to be present on the occasion. He succeeded the work in Jhansi in April last, immediately before his leaving India, so that he can speak from the standpoint of one who knows. The following extract from the annual report of the American church will introduce Dr. Lucas to those to whom he is not an old friend already, by reputation.

Page 171 of Report. Allahabad.—"In all the work the influence of Dr. Lucas has been full of rich spiritual fruitage. Prior to his return on furlough

Dr. Lucas writes in closing his personal report:—

"And now at the end of another year of missionary life, the end of my thirty-fifth year, I cannot but look back with a heart full of thanksgiving—thanksgiving for fellowship with my brethren of this mission, thanksgiving for the many signs of God's presence with us, and thanksgiving for the deepening evidence and assurance of the Headship of the Lord Jesus over all things. The message which I seem to hear in these days is that which He spoke to His disciples long ago. He breathed on them and saith unto them: 'Receive ye the Holy Spirit.' We as a mission and as individuals, have asked and asked, sometimes with the impetuosity of faith and love and hope, and in reply to all this asking is He not saying to us, as well as to us all together: 'Receive ye, receive ye the Holy Spirit.'"

Friends from a distance are cordially invited to be present at this anniversary meeting. If requiring entertainment, they should send word at once to Mrs. Anna Ross, 123 College street, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Knox church, Woodstock, has completed fifty years' service as a minister of the Presbyterian church. As was fitting and quite appropriate, the services in Knox church, last Sunday, were taken by two prominent clergymen of our church, viz., Rev. Principal MacLaren, who preached in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, in the evening.

We do not believe that any man or any body of men, has a right to make a "Covenant with Iniquity," by legalizing a traffic that is sending thousands of our young men annually into Christless and dishonored graves. We believe that the whole system of the liquor traffic is wrong—root and branch—and legalizing wrong, will never make it right." Extract from address of welcome given at W.C.T.U. convention, Prescott, October 11th.

The following paragraph will prove interesting to many of our readers. Two of our ministers are permanent pastors of the original Bethany church—Rev. Dr. Patterson, formerly of Cooke's church, Toronto; and Rev. Mr. Pogue, recently of Hespeler, Ont.—Bethany Presbyterian Church, Twenty-second and Bainbridge streets; the Chambers Memorial Bethany Church, Twenty-eighth and Morris streets, and Bethany Temple at Fifty-fourth and Spruce streets, have been consolidated under one organization to be called "The Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian church in Philadelphia." It will consist of more than 3,500 members, with four pastors and more than forty elders. Control of the property and endowments, amounting to \$1,000,000, will be vested in the trustees of the General Assembly.

To go to God in prayer, asking guidance as to the path of duty and strength, for the performance of duty, is the privilege of every Christian believer. But to go to God in prayer calling on him for help in carrying out one's plans of life, is not a prerogative of a Christian believer. We have a right to go to God as his servants; we are not authorized to call on God as though he were our servant.—Selected.

The claims of piety differ from those of temporal concerns. These latter require stated clear seasons which allow of a connected, continued application; but religion is not dependent upon such consecutive pursuit. One moment will suffice to place yourself in God's presence, to love and worship Him, to offer all you are doing or bearing, and to still all your heart's emotions at His feet.—Archbishop Fenelon

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Rev. Matthew Gardner, parish minister of Peebles, has accepted a call to Hyndland Church, Glasgow.

During last six months about 2,000 articles were left in the Glasgow tramway cars, and are now to be sold.

The congregation now worshipping at the South U. F. Church, Kirkintilloch, has reached its centenary.

Stirling Congregationalists have selected a "Canadian Village in Winter" as the scene for their church bazaar.

Within the past ten years over 1,000 teachers in Ireland have obtained certificates of competency to teach Irish.

In Linlithgow it is the custom for the "best man" at a wedding to pay for the carriage and pair deemed necessary for such functions.

Rev. Dr. Whitelaw, Kilmarnock, and Rev. Wilson Baird, Mauchline, have made a combined onslaught on the uselessness of Synods.

In opening the History Class in St. Andrew's University on the 15th ult., Professor Mackinnon discussed the merits of the Union of 1706-7.

It is recorded of Dr. Oeilvie, late of the George Watson's College, that he put 10,000 boys out into the world, and had never laid hands on one of them.

At the opening of Dundee College on the 15th ult., the Earl of Camperdown said the Carnegie gift of £12,500 would be of inestimable value to the college.

On the 10th ult., Lord Strathcona gave a dinner to 400 inmates of Aberdeen East Poorhouse. On leaving the men received tobacco and the women tea.

In Glasgow a grocer, who is also a hardware merchant, is not allowed to sell groceries after a specified hour, but he may sell as much hardware as he pleases.

The Duke of Sutherland is to present to Dornoch the life-size painting of her late Majesty Queen Victoria by Winterhalter. It now hangs in Dunrobin Castle.

According to a London journalist, there is a persistent rumor in circulation that Prince Arthur of Connaught will become engaged to the daughter of a British peer.

An idea of the immensity of the new Cunarder Mauritania may be gathered from the length of her cable. This is about 1,900 feet long, and weighs with shackles 130 tons.

The Solicitor-General, speaking at Glasgow, said that if Socialism meant the nationalization of the means of production and distribution he did not think it was practicable.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, West 23rd street, voted on Monday to apologize to the Presbytery of New York for seceding and ask to be taken back again into the fold.

The session of the United Free Church College, Glasgow, was opened on the 16th ult. There was a large attendance, including many former students. Principal Lindsay presided.

Rev. Dr. Whyte, of Edinburgh, criticizing lazy ministers, whom he would like to see drummed out of the church, said there were enough lazy ministers in Scotland to pave a whole street in hell with their skulls.

The Presbytery of Pittsburg comprises nearly 200 ministers, more than 100 churches, with more than 40,000 members, and there are in Western Pennsylvania more than 100,000 members of the Presbyterian church.

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