

to Catherine Booth it is interesting and suggestive to read that Charles G. Finney was her favorite theologian; that, after the Bible, his text-book on theology was her standard, and that she especially commended it to her children and all young preachers. Like John Brown's body, Finney's influence goes marching on.—*Congregationalist, Boston.*

A SUCCESSOR TO SPURGEON.—The Rev. James Spurgeon, brother of the deceased divine, having resigned his temporary pastorate of the Tabernacle, the church proceeded to elect a pastor. The members by a majority of 2,000 invited Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, son of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, to officiate for one year, with a view toward becoming the permanent pastor. He will begin his duties at once.

THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS has affirmed, by a vote of 276 to 229, that it is expedient the members should receive compensation for their time. As this principle prevails in every other part of the British Empire, and is considered eminently just, and an encouragement to equal representation of all classes, there is no good reason why it should not prevail in the old home-islands themselves.

REVISION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN "CONFESSION."—Speaking of this subject, the *Australasian Independent* says:—"While we rejoice that our Presbyterian brethren have practically recognised the necessity of putting this new wine into new bottles, we cannot help thinking that they are unnecessarily anxious to continue stamping them with the old labels."

LOCAL OPTION IN MASSACHUSETTS.—The vote at town meetings in Massachusetts last week on the license question is a cheering indication of the growth of sensible views on the subject of temperance. Out of sixty-six towns fifty-one voted no license, many of them by large majorities, while of the fifteen towns which voted yes several went for license by narrow margins. The area in this State in which the liquor saloon is permitted to remain grows hopefully smaller.—*Congregationalist, 16th March.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—Active prepara-

tions are going on in Montreal for the great Christian Endeavor Convention in July. Hospitality for 13,000 delegates has been secured; and a second and more thorough canvass of the city was to be made. Applications for lodging are to be made through the various Provincial and State managers. All Endeavorers are urged to come; and the Committee say they "will be made most heartily welcome."

INAUGURATION DAY.—The fourth of March was a bitterly raw and cold day. Four citizens of New-York, not to speak of other places, took cold from walking in the procession, and died of pneumonia within a fortnight. It is now suggested to change the date, (which has no special reason connected with it, only that the President has to be sworn in some time,) to April 30. It would be a better season for an important public "function," and some (always alive to weighty reasons!) say, "Yes, and it would take the Inauguration festivities out of the season of Lent!"

"NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION."—Let all the churches remember the collections for the widows and orphans and aged ministers—through the Provident Fund; the expenses of delegates and the printing of the minutes—through the Congregational Union; the Home Mission work—through the C. C. M. Society; the Foreign work—through the Foreign Missionary Society; the training of young men for the ministry—through the College Treasurer; and make the hearts of all the treasurers glad, by doing liberally in these directions. This will go far to make a good "Union" at London, in June!

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION.—By the invitation of Dr. Henry Foster, proprietor of Clifton Springs Sanitarium, about 40 miles east of Rochester, the International Missionary Union will again hold its annual meeting at the Springs. This year, June fourteenth to twenty-first. All missionaries are invited, and will receive free hospitality. Friends of missions are also invited, and can be entertained in the Sanitarium at the usual rates, or elsewhere at a dollar a day, or less. All information furnished by the Secretary, W. H. Belden, Clifton Springs, N.Y.