

DR. JOHN TULLOCH, the accomplished Principal of St. Andrew's University, will be the Moderator of the general Assembly of the Established Church, which also meets in Edinburgh on the 23rd inst. THE ENDOWMENT SCHEME of this Church is one of its most popular and successful enterprises. It commenced in 1845. In the course of 30 years under the management of Dr. Robertson and Dr. Smith, 250 new parishes were erected, being equal to an increase of one fourth on the original number. In 1876, yet another hundred parishes was ventured upon, and, already, twenty-one have been endowed.

The American Churches are already moving in the matter of the GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL to be held in Philadelphia in 1889. A meeting of the General Committee is to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 21st inst. Rev. Dr. Beadle of Philadelphia is the Convener of the Committee. In the hands of the American brethren the Council is certain to be a great success.

THE MILDWAY PROPHETIC CONFERENCE held in England in March last was largely attended, and much interest was manifested in the discussion by the space of three days, of the premillennial Advent and personal reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. Among the leading expounders of this interesting subject were Lord Shaftsbury, Canon Hoare, Dean Freemantle, Canon Auriol, Dr. Horatio Bonar, and many others, who expressed their united and firm conviction that our Lord's second coming is both personal and premillennial, and that no other hope can be entertained of relief for this sin-stricken world, but that arising from the appearing of our Saviour on earth to take unto himself his great power and reign, when,—"the earth shall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." The advocates of this theory look for the restoration of the Jews to Palestine as an event that may be expected any day; that they will rebuild the Temple in its original splendour; that the Saviour will reappear on the Mount of Olives; that the eyes of Israel will then be opened to see their Messiah—they shall look believingly "on Him whom they have pierced;" and, that *then*, and not till then, shall be the time of the world's conversion.

A heavy blow has fallen upon the Victoria Nyanza Mission of the Church Missionary Society. There is reason to fear that two more good and true men have been called to lay down their lives on behalf of Africa. A telegram has been received conveying the sad intelligence that Lieutenant G. S. Smith, the leader of the Missionary Expedition, and Mr. O'Neil, a fellow-labourer with him, had lost their lives by violence.

Our Home Missions.

WESTERN SECTION.

THE Committee for this Section met in Toronto on 26th March. Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener, Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary. The claims of Presby-

teries for services rendered to Supplemented congregations and mission stations during the past six months were carefully considered and appropriations made to the extent of \$9002.01 in all. Letters were read from the Presbytery of Manitoba, asking the appointment of seven additional missionaries—including one to Prince Albert, and one to the Canada Pacific Railway. The committee were enabled then and there to make three appointments out of the seven asked, viz.:—The Rev. Alex. Smith, formerly of Chelsea, Que., Rev. A. H. Cameron of North Gower, Ont., and Rev. J. Douglas of Port Perry, Ont. LAKE SUPERIOR:—The Committee recorded its satisfaction with the services of Rev. D. McKerracher at *Thunder Bay*, and expressed the hope that he will see his way to the acceptance of a call to the stated oversight of this congregation. Mr. J. R. McLeod, a graduate of Montreal Presbyterian College was appointed to *Sault Ste Marie* for the summer months, in the hope that he may be induced, in accordance with the wishes of the people, to remain there for a term as ordained missionary, in which case he should be guaranteed a stipend of at least \$800 per annum, with the assurance of generous support from the committee. MUSKOGA.—The Rev. A. Findlay, ordained missionary in this district, was present and gave a most interesting and comprehensive sketch of the field and its pressing needs. It was resolved to appoint a missionary for *Parry Sound* District in place of Mr. Reeve who retires.

APPOINTMENTS were made for ninety-six student missionaries to labour in various fields during the ensuing summer. The estimated expenditure for the year in this Western Section is \$35,000. The receipts to 26th March were \$21,400, leaving a balance against the Fund of \$13,600—a large portion of which it is expected will be forthcoming before the termination of the ecclesiastical year, i.e., this 1st May.

Ladies' French Evangelization Society.

SO quietly and unostentatiously does this Society carry on its work that many of the readers of the RECORD may not even be aware of its existence. Established about three years ago, for the purpose of ministering to the temporal, moral, and spiritual interests, especially of the wives and children of French Canadian converts from Romanism, it has by God's blessing done not a little to elevate these classes, and has rendered good service in the cause