

At the opening of Knox College, Toronto, Oct. 2nd, Professor McLaren took for his subject at the opening lecture, "The Unity of the Church and Church Union." He showed that the unity for which Christ prayed was not of fold but of flock, that there is nothing in the Word of God to teach men that the Church of Christ is to be one in outward organization any more than that it shall be one in color or language or nationality. Starting with the idea that the Church is not an outward organization but the whole body of believers, he showed that Christ's prayer is now fulfilled and receiving daily fulfillment. If the unity prayed for by Christ be outward, organic, visible union, then the Church is an outward organization. This is the position held by the Church of Rome, but if it be, as Evangelical Protestants believe made up of all who are united to Christ, then they are one with him, and one with each other. The grand hope and aim set before the Christian by Christ is not to seek the bringing of all denominations into one ideal organization, but to look upon all believers of whatever denomination as members of the body of Christ and all belonging to the one flock with the one shepherd.

Two widely known ministers of the Free Church of Scotland, Principal Rainy and Professor Blakie are in distant colonies, and write home deeply interesting letters to the *Free Church Monthly*. Dr. Rainy is in Australia and writes of the wonderful progress of that island continent. We are accustomed, he says, to hear of rapid growth in some of the Western American cities but no less wonderful is that of, say, Melbourne, which has passed in fifty or sixty years from a group of tents and huts to a noble and populous capital containing not less than four hundred thousand people. Equally marked is the progress of the Presbyterian Church for, according to the statement of Dr. Steele, fifty years ago there were not twenty-five Presbyterian ministers in all Australia, now there are nearly six hundred. Dr. Blakie, in the same paper writes from Bauff in our own North West. He predicts a marvellous future, and that at no distant day, for the Pacific Coast, with its natural advantages, its immense resources and its unparalleled climate. He emphasizes too that which is so often heard, the vast importance of possessing that land for Christ in its earlier stages when its character and institutions are forming.

The Sabbath was made for man but not for mammon. Yet the latter is ever seeking to get possession of the day of rest. In

many places, however, the success is in man's favor.—It is said that, in Belgium the Ministers of Railways has taken up the question of the weekly rest day, and effected remarkable reforms. Already about two hundred goods trains have been stopped from running on Sabbaths, and eight thousand workmen who toiled in the central depots are free all day.

From Philadelphia the good news comes as follows:—"The Barbers' Sunday Closing Association of Philadelphia began its crusade against the opening of barber shops on Sunday, and out of 1500 shops only twelve were reported as having been open. The *Press* comments: "The barbers who seek Sunday rest scored a victory yesterday. Only twelve places out of 1500 were found open, and the proprietors of these may be sorry to day that they did not close. There is no reason why the 3300 barbers in the city should not have a day of rest as well as other people, and it is to be hoped that they will succeed in their efforts at Sunday closing."

In railway work in the United States there is also progress as will be seen from the following extract. "The Sunday rest movement is moving grandly. Last week we noted the important action, in this connection, of the Vanderbilt roads. This week we have to note similar action by three other railroad corporations. On May 3, the General Manager of the Boston & Maine Railroad issued an order for bidding all Sunday work, hereafter, on the different divisions of the railroad, except such as may be required to run the regularly advertised trains, or to make such repairs as may be made necessary by accidents Saturday night or Sunday. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, which controls over seven hundred miles of railroad, has issued a notice to the effect that "no freight will hereafter be received from or delivered at any connecting railroad between the hours of 6 A. M. Sunday and 6 A. M. Monday. Neither will any freight, except live stock or perishable property, be moved on this road between those hours." A similar order has recently taken effect upon the Erie and all its connecting lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton will return to their field, leaving Nova Scotia somewhere near the first of November. Their experience during the past few weeks is sending them back glad at heart. A few weeks since there appeared no sign of lady teacher or missionary to supply the needs of the field. Now as they return they will be accompanied by Miss Archibald and Miss Graham, teachers