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THE *United Presbyterian* says: Many young people, in both town and country, have much leisure these long winter evenings which they can use to profit in reading. Books are plenty and cheap. The greater amount of our valuable knowledge is obtained from books. Not only young ministers but all young people as well should heed Paul's advice to Timothy: "Give attendance to reading."

THE annual missionary meeting under the auspices of the Free Presbytery of Glasgow, held recently, with the chief magistrate in the chair, was one of unusual interest. Mr. J. Campbell White, as Convener of the Livingstonia Committee, delivered a weighty speech, and addresses were also given by Drs. Elmslie and Kerr Cross, Dr. Stewart, of Lovedale, Rev. John McNeill, of London, and Mr. John W. Moir.

THE Rev. Robert Mackintosh, M.A., B.D., at present assistant in Withington Presbyterian Church, Manchester, who is well known as the author of two of the ablest theological treatises published in Scotland in recent years, has received a call from the Congregational Church at Dumfries, vacant by the translation of Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford to Montreal. Mr. Mackintosh is the son of the late Dr. Mackintosh, of Dunoon.

ACCORDING to the statistics furnished by Canon Scott Robertson, the amount given in the British Isles for Foreign Missions during 1889 was \$6,506,530. This is not quite as much as was raised in the previous year, but it is above the average of several years past. Anglican societies raised \$2,616,130; societies managed by Anglicans and Nonconformists, \$1,089,815; English and Welsh Nonconformists, \$1,822,810; Scotch and Irish Presbyterians, \$928,230; Roman Catholics, \$49,095.

SAYS the *Congregationalist*: Friends of the Sabbath may reasonably take alarm at the rapid increase of public entertainments in the theatres and public halls in Boston on Sabbath evenings. Most of these are advertised under the name of "sacred concerts," but the title is an insult to all of every name who hold public worship as sacred. Sabbath evenings are coming to be "benefit nights" of actors, and the names of those announced have as little association in the public mind with things sacred as their performances.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY does not contain the dust of all the illustrious of the earth. In the Church of St. Michael, London, is the urn in which was deposited the head of King James IV. of Scotland, the

slaughtered king of Flodden Field; in the chancel of St. Margaret is buried the headless body of Sir Walter Raleigh; St. Paul's contains the sarcophagus of the Duke of Wellington; Richard Baxter, the author of "The Saint's Rest," is buried in Christ Church; the poet Gray sleeps not far from the "spreading yew" of which he sings in his "Elegy," while in Bunhill Fields lie John Bunyan, Isaac Watts, the hymn-writer, and Daniel Defoe.

MANY of our readers tell us that "Knoxonian's" bright, breezy contributions are worth the whole year's subscription. If this is so then the readers of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN will get extra good value for their money during 1891. Read the names of contributors in the United States, Britain and the Continent of Europe whose papers on the great religious questions of the day will prove a prominent feature in our pages during the early part of next year. For the publication of these papers we have the special right for Canada. In addition to these attractions many professors and ministers in Canada are under promise to give us special papers on subjects of pressing importance.

THE Edinburgh Art Students' Christian Association have organized a series of lectures on Christianity and Social Problems, to be held in the large hall of the University Union. The first was delivered on a recent Sunday evening by Professor Drummond to a crowded audience composed entirely of students. He was enthusiastically received; and gave a remarkable lecture on the subject of Christian Missions. Unlike his usual addresses to students, it was closely read from manuscript. The Professor illustrated his lecture in an interesting way from his travels in the summer. While criticizing some of the agencies at work, he paid a high tribute to the different missionaries. He was listened to throughout with the greatest attention, and sat down amid a burst of cheering.

THE Rev. John Thomas writes in a Welsh periodical on Dr. Parker's "Modern Sermon." He says: Like all men who are judging sermons in this age, the length is deemed to be of great importance; and in this case, Dr. Parker curtails it to half-an-hour. If extended beyond that, a spirit of heaviness, he says, falls on the congregation. What have men to do with deciding the length of the sermon? Are there not diversities of gifts? Half-an-hour for some is longer than an hour for others. Some are so monotonous that before they have preached for twenty minutes all the hearers are uncomfortable, and turn their eyes towards the clock. Others again, who modulate their voice, are so lively in delivery, so striking in simile, and so interesting in matter, that an hour glides away unconsciously to the congregation. A hard and fast line cannot be drawn. Mr. Spurgeon is the most popular preacher in England, and he seldom preaches less than an hour.

THE sub-committee on the question of the Extension of Ministerial Eligibility, says the *English Presbyterian Messenger*, had a very interesting meeting; and, though no report was given in at this stage, it may be mentioned that there was a unanimous feeling that ministers of the Church of Scotland should be declared eligible for charges in our Church. Some members were in favour of including some other Churches as well, but it was finally agreed not to go further at present than the Church of Scotland, which Church had, by a recent act of Assembly, made the ministers of other British Presbyterian Churches eligible for her charges. We believe that when this recommendation is formally made, it will be cordially accepted. It is not proposed to enter into any negotiations with the Church of Scotland, but simply to pass a declaratory act to the effect above mentioned.

IN connection with the musical recital given at Moulton College last week was a display of the work of the Art Department for the past term, evidencing a well-equipped department and decided signs of progress, in thoroughness of study, and

showing considerable artistic impulse, and no mean ability on the part of the students; in fact we might say the classes are composed of serious workers, quite willing to persevere in the technical studies of art. With this end in view much time is given to drawing from the antique and from life, and to painting from still life, objects and draperies. The Sketch Class is an interesting feature of the Department in which the students arrange the Figure Pose, and take their own turn in posing for the others. The children's Saturday morning class for modelling in clay and drawing and painting from objects is intended to teach them to observe, and give them a mental development as well. The Art Department is open to those who are not otherwise connected with the college.

THE Rev. Dr. MacGregor, of St. Cuthbert's parish church, Edinburgh, was selected at the commission as the next Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He was born near Scone, in 1832, and his first charge was the High Church, Paisley. He removed from there to Monimail, and then became colleague to the Rev. Dr. Boyd, of the Tron Church, Glasgow, father of the present Moderator, Dr. A. K. H. Boyd, of St. Andrew's. From Glasgow he removed to Edinburgh to become colleague to Dr. Maxwell Nicolson, of the Tron Church, and finally he went to St. Cuthbert's as colleague to Dr. Veitch, on whose death he became senior minister of that large and important parish. Dr. MacGregor is a popular preacher, and a very ready and effective speaker on public questions. He has only recently returned from Australia, which he visited in connection with the Presbyterian celebration. He accompanied the Marquis of Lorne on his trans-continental trip by the C. P. R.

THE Rev. W. M. Macgregor, of Renfield Church, at the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Glasgow Benevolent Society, remarked that the British public was curiously spasmodic. Its conscience slept for a few years and then it woke up and did something very peremptory. Something new was presented and the public said: "What a great and good scheme is this," and they flooded it with money, forgetting that other schemes had been doing work of the same sort while they had been asleep. It was a somewhat striking fact, for instance, that labour yards and so on, when presented in attractive literary form and with the vehemence and urgency of a very strong personality, should have such attractions for the public, who were all the time in ignorance or forgetfulness of the fact that the Charity Organization Society had had such labour yard for years. People now applauding the new social scheme forgot that it was simply made up of a congeries of agencies which had been at work among them for a considerable time and to which they had never given any adequate encouragement or support.

FEW years in the history of the United Presbyterian Church, says the *Christian Leader*, have witnessed the removal of so many eminent pastors and elders as the one that is now drawing to a close. The death of Dr. James Brown in the west has been quickly succeeded by the removal of a distinguished minister in the north, who, if less prominent in the Church courts, was more conspicuous as a preacher. Indeed, when in his prime Adam Lind was universally regarded all over the north as one of the most thoughtful and eloquent preachers of his generation. His modesty was equal to his merit, and it was with difficulty that his friends prevailed upon him to allow some of his sermons to be given to the world in a printed form. The volumes he issued, one of them appearing within the past year, were of a high order of excellence, and justified his inclusion in the circle of original preachers which has for its central figures such men as Dr. John Ker and Dr. Leckie. A native of the Buchan district of Aberdeenshire, Dr. Lind entered the ministry rather late in life; it was in 1836 that he was ordained to the pastorate in which he spent the whole of his ministerial career. Dr. Lind paid a visit to this continent a few years ago.