

seven years, spent in evangelistic work in the Colonies.

THE EDITOR of the *Religious Herald*, Hartford, winds up an article on the Prayer Meeting, by saying, "The secret of a good prayer-meeting lies in its freedom from all restraint, except such as is imposed by discretion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Now the erstwhile famous Fox sisters, who duped a great many impressive souls into spiritualism by their mysterious rappings, are making another sensation by exposing their own frauds. They did it all with their toe-joints. Now where is the foolkiller?—*Ex.*

FRESH illustration of the vitality of the McAll Mission idea is afforded by the planting, less than two months ago, of another new station in the heart of Paris, in a building which stands on the site of an ancient palace, once occupied by one of the queens of France.

ANOTHER useful little Congregational paper, a semi-monthly, "Our Church Work," from Madison, Wisconsin, has reached us. Rev. H. A. Miner, Editor. There are many Canadians in Wisconsin, and it is pleasant to know they have so good a local religious paper among them.

DEFINITE news has been received from Stanley, but it is nearly a year old. He was then alive and well, though he had been sick. He had lost some men by fighting, and some by fever. He was making his way very slowly, halting often for reinforcements which were expected.

STONEWALL JACKSON, from the thick of the field of the second Bull Run, sent to his pastor at home a letter which, upon being opened, contained these words: "I remember that next Sabbath is the day upon which collection is taken for foreign missions. Inclosed find my check."

REV. DRs. PEARSON, of Philadelphia, and GORDON, of Boston, have been speaking at twenty different places in Scotland, on Foreign Missions. They met with great success. Dr. Pierson is more confirmed than ever that the people will respond to such appeals, where the facts are put before them.

OUR lively contemporary, *The Canadian Advance*, Toronto, in commencing its second volume announces that it will occupy undenominational ground, and while continuing Dr. Wild's Sunday evening sermons as a special feature, will give more space to religious work in all the evangelical churches.

REV. DR. CHICHESTER, a Presbyterian pastor in Los Angeles, California, having vainly urged his flock to form another church from their overflowing congregation, has resigned his position, and his salary of \$4,000; and leads out 300 members, to form a new church in a needy part of the city.

THE theological novel, "Robert Elsmere," was recently given a scorching review by Dr. Behrends at Central church, Brooklyn. It was pronounced "a house upon the sand, a beautiful bubble, collapsing at the first breath of earnest protest. The world has no need of such a substitute for the old historic gospel." *Northwestern*

"THE NORTHWESTERN CONGREGATIONALIST" is on our table; published weekly at Minneapolis. The American "Northwest" is now becoming a vast inhabited region, and even Chicago is too far away to properly represent them. The "Northwestern" has a large field; and we wish it every success. H. W. Gleason, Editor and Publisher.

How would it do for Canadian Christians to adopt the principle of benevolence practiced by the poor converts in Marsovan, Turkey? On being asked how they could afford to give so much, they replied that, not knowing what they ought to do, they went to the New Testament, and there found that they ought to give at least one-tenth of their income to the Lord, and so they did it.

THE Congregationalists are, it appears, the strongest body in New Hampshire. They have 189 churches, 176 ministers, and 19,616 members. The Methodists stand second, with 123 churches, 127 ministers, and 12,930 members; the Free Baptists third, with 109 churches, 129 ministers, and 8,893 members; and the Baptists fourth, with 30 churches, 35 ministers, and 8,789 members. The six chief denominations have a total of 539 churches, 551 ministers, and 53,210 members.