

## Mission Field.

### Topic for January--The World.

REV. MR. MAOVICAR, returned missionary to Chiua, delivered an able address on Missions, at Lanark, recently.

THE divinity students of Queen's, twenty-nine in number, have contributed \$238 for the salary of the college's foreign missionary.

A MOHAMMEDAN in Malacca gave this objection to the Bible: It is too holy; if we took it up we could not cheat, nor lie, nor get on in business.

THE society for the promotion of christian knowledge, London, has voted £1,000 for church building purposes in the Anglican diocese of Rupert's Land.

J. P. McNAUGHTON, Alex. MacLachlan and Robert Chambers, graduates of Queen's college, are engaged in mission work in Asia Minor. Mr. Chambers writes Rev. Dr. Grant telling him of the need of an assistant there, but he has no money to provide one. The cost would be \$600 for the first year, \$600 thereafter. Mr. Chambers writes: "It would be a glad day for me and for the work here, and for the man himself, if some friend or friends of Queen's could be found to furnish the funds to send out one from your next year's class."

A young Greek in a mission Sunday School in Washington, D.C., the son of a priest in Sparta, was visited at his place of business by his teacher, who enquired kindly after his welfare. The young man was surprised, and said: "You come out in hot day to teach me; I think you care some for me. But here you come way down in dirty street to find me, now I know you care for me." Tear were in his eyes as he continued: "I do no more business to-night—I go home; I write my father letter—I say, now I know my teacher care for me. I say to my father he shall go in church and make prayer for you." — *Wide Awake Mission.*

The Church Missionary Society of England last year had an income of £27,000 in excess of its expenditure, which amounted to £255,917, or about \$1,250,000. The society has now continued for several years the policy of sending out to the mission fields every suitably qualified person who offered, and the magnificent financial and spiritual results have fully justified the policy. The society furnishes the most striking illustration in recent missionary history of the words of Scripture. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth," and is an inspiring example to those whose fears would lead them to the opposite course. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

New statistics of Protestant churches in France have been recently gathered. From these we glean that there are Protestant houses of worship in 781 localities in the French Republic. There are 887 Reformed pastors in charge of congregations, and 12 Reformed chaplains in the army. The Lutheran clergy number only 90, the Free Evangelical Church has 47, and the other Protestant denominations have 72. Then there are five Bible societies, nineteen Protestant societies for home missions, six for foreign missions, forty-four orphan's homes, forty-seven refugee houses, sixty hospitals and 118 periodicals—all in the interest of the Protestant Church in France. On the whole, the Protestants of France are very liberal in the support of the work of the Church.

CONCERNING the recent mission of Dr. Paton to Washington, to endeavor to induce our government to help in suppressing the traffic in fire-arms, intoxicating liquors, and opium in the

New Hebrides and other Pacific islands, good Dr. Cuyler overflows in righteous wrath in this fashion: "Just think of it. A lot of converted cannibals begging a Christian government not to send them any more muskets or rum! Verily the Christianity of our own land does need Christianizing at the very core. Ships sail from American ports with missionaries as passengers to Africa and with thousands of gallons of rum in their cargo; heaven goes in the cabin, and hell goes in the ship's hold! How long will it take us to convert the heathen in this style?"

THE annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society held in the school room of St. Andrew's church, recently, was a great success. The reports for the year 1893 were read and showed the society to be in a most encouraging state. The secretary's report showed a membership of 99 with two associate members and an average attendance of 64. For six months of this year, meetings have been held for those unable to get out during the afternoon, on the evening of the same day on which the regular meeting is held. The meeting is the same in every respect as the afternoon meeting and the attendance and interest shown by those attending this night meeting indicates that it fills a felt want. The treasurer's report shows the total contribution for the year to be about \$2.90. The officers elected for 1894 are:—President, Mrs. Ross; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. McLennan; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Hamilton; Cor. Secretary, Miss L. McLennan; Mrs. Stewart, lealst secretary; Miss Slight, treasurer; Miss Dunoon, organist; Mrs. Jackson, executive committee. The officers with Mrs. Ingle, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. Lithgow and Mrs. McIntosh. While these reports show the society to be prospering there is yet room for improvement, and during 1894 we trust that each member will strive to attend every meeting and that all ladies belonging to St. Andrew's church who are not members will become so. Membership fee 25 cts. per annum. Meetings held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 3.30 p.m., and 7.45 p.m., and last for one hour.

### Pointe aux Trembles Schools.

TO THE FRIENDS OF THE WORK:—The mission schools at Pointe aux Trembles are at present filled to overflowing. The Principal reports that "every bed is occupied," and many applications for admission have been declined. The large attendance is most encouraging and calls for devout gratitude to God. It entails, however, large additional expenditure. The amount required for the maintenance of the schools this year is estimated at \$12,500 although nearly eight months of the church year are already gone, only \$1,621 has been received. The average expense of each pupil is \$50 per session. Any Sabbath School or Christian Endeavor Society or private individual contributing this amount will have a particular pupil assigned to them, concerning whose progress reports are sent from time to time. These mission schools have been greatly honored of God in the past, and we can with the fullest confidence commend them to all who love the Saviour, believing that no means are likely, by the blessing of God to be more efficacious in the work of French Canadian Evangelization. On Sunday the 17th ult., the ordinance of the Lords Supper was administered to about sixty. Thirteen of the pupils were then received into fellowship with the church on profession of their faith in Christ. Twelve others wished to be received but it was thought proper to delay their admission for a few months, till more fully instructed.

In connection with this joyous Christ-

mas and New Year season, will not you kindly remember the boys and girls at Pointe aux Trembles by forwarding a contribution to the treasurer, addressed Rev. Robt. H. Warden, Box 1830 Post Office, Montreal Yours very truly,

D. H. MACORIAN, D.D., Chairman.  
S. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

### Indore Missionary College Fund.

Reported already, up to Dec. 21. \$100 15  
Received since, up to Dec. 27,  
from A. Maria Harman Ottawa 5.00  
A Friend, Lachine. .... 10.00  
Miss Sarah Jamieson, Wicklow. 2.00  
Mrs. Hill, Brucefield. .... 50  
Two young Friends, Euniskillon 1.00  
A Friend, Georgetown. .... 1.00  
A Young Lady Friend, Toronto 1.00  
Mrs. G. D. Bayne, Pembroke... 1.00  
Mrs. S. S. M. Hunter, Pembroke 50  
A Friend, Toronto. .... 1.00  
Mrs. J. T. Duncan. .... 1.00  
Scott, Bairns, Elliot, per Miss Beatty. .... 2.50  
Collection at Ripley, per Mrs. Sutherland. .... 5.27  
Mrs. J. E. Elliot, Don. .... 5.00

Total.... \$108.92

The following sentences occur in a letter received this week accompanying a hearty free will offering for the work.

"Excuse me if I suggest a plan by means of which you might get more money for the college. For each adult to give ten cents and each child five in all the congregations of our church. If the ministers would ask, I believe the people would be willing to give."

I believe they would, too, a very large proportion of them, though not, perhaps in these amounts. But ministers generally and naturally have a very great unwillingness to propose to their people an extra collection, because there are some in every community who grumble at the many calls. It is not those who give most who do so, but those who speak out most readily. The fifty who are glad of the opportunity to help will, perhaps, never say one word about it, but the three who have no heart for it will, probably every one of them, allow their minister to feel their opinion.

But if some of the people themselves would go and ask for such an opportunity, they would find how entirely the case would be changed. The ministers' difficulties would wonderfully clear away as a rule.

Let me suggest a plan by means of which those many small sums that would be given with such loving eagerness would be allowed to find their way to the work. But no such plan should be entered upon without the hearty sanction of the minister, which, in most cases, would be readily given.

Send to me for fifty copies of Mr. Wilkins' statement. These will be forwarded at once each enclosed in a small envelope. Place these convenient to the church doors. All the ministers would need to do would be to tell the people that anyone wishing an opportunity to help complete the Missionary College Building at Indore, might help themselves to an envelope as they passed out, read the envelope statement, and return the envelope next Sabbath to the plate, along with the ordinary collection. No one would need even to take up an envelope unless they wished to do so, so that none could complain of pressure, and yet those who would count it a privilege would have the opportunity without the labor of writing a letter with which to send their gift by mail. This to most people and especially when the offering is necessarily small, is an almost insurmountable difficulty.

ANNA ROSS.

Brucefield, Dec. 27th.