

with it in the work of Jewish Missions in the Holy Land. Quite in this line also is the announcement by Principal King, that Professor Orr of the U. P. Theological College, Edinburgh, will, D.V., take part next year in the summer session of Manitoba Theological College, and also of the helping-hand lent in our work by churches and private friends at Home, as we like to call the old land, by their gifts to the amount of upwards of \$2,100. And we do not forget, because we rejoice in them, the encouraging reports from our missionaries among that multitudinous people, the Chinese, both in British Columbia, in Honan and Formosa, and the zeal and devotion of our missionaries. All these and much more may be found in our columns in this one issue, and as they fill the hearts of those who read them with gratitude, and their mouths with songs of praise to Him who is head over all things to His church, so is it a distinct loss to the individual member and the whole body of our church by ignorance of them, to lose their uplifting, energizing power and stimulus to new and greater effort to carry out the great commission given to the church, to "preach the gospel to every creature."

KNOX COLLEGE JUBILEE.

IN the last number of *Knox College Monthly*, "A. L. B." writes: "We sing of our Alma Mater, but some of us use her like an old nag, very far from like a mother. Some never spent a dime on her yet. Her old dress, her old hat, her old laurels seem good enough. Sons of Knox, be ashamed! Today is the Jubilee, let every man bring a present! Let us make her glad for once, even if it costs us a little!" This must be of necessity the last appeal that we can make on behalf of the Jubilee Fund, for before our next issue the Jubilee will have come and gone. We are glad to know that a number of the graduates are making strenuous efforts to remove the incubus of debt, and make Knox College glad, indeed. Should not everyone of the graduates especially, but also every friend of Knox, do something at once to accomplish the very desirable object in view?

There are very many who are perhaps waiting to be called upon; a moment's thought will suggest the impossibility of making a personal call upon everyone who is desirous of doing anything, and the simple matter of enclosing the amount would accomplish the object as well as a personal call. It is true that some may be disposed to do more if a personal appeal were made to them. Would that for once, true-hearted voluntarism would pour such a gift into the treasury as would remove the necessity for the laborious work of personal canvass. We would suggest also that promptitude would be a valuable factor in the contribution, as it would make it possible to intimate at the time of the Jubilee, what had been accomplished. To one and all we say, be up and doing. Actions speak much louder than words.

The following are the exercises so far as arranged for the Jubilee celebration. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a special meeting of the Alumni of the College, in connection with their special work in Honan. The Missionary, Mr. Goforth, who is now in Canada on furlough, will address the meeting and present more fully than it is possible to do in a paper, the work in which he has been engaged in Honan, during the last six years. This meeting will be of profound interest to the Alumni Association and should be largely attended. On Tuesday evening and for the following day, Wednesday, the programme will be as follows:

KNOX CHURCH.

Tuesday Evening, 8 p.m.—Sermon—Rev. F. L. Patton, D.D., LL.D., President of Princeton University.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Wednesday Morning, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. Dr. MacLaren presiding. Historic—Paper by Rev. Wm. Reid, D.D., General Agent of the Church. Address—Rev. G. M. Grant, D.D., LL.D., Principal of Queen's University. Address—Rev. F. L. Patton, D.D., LL.D., President of Princeton University.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2.30 p.m.—Rev. Principal Caven D.D., presiding. Addresses—Literary Culture. Advantages of Affiliation. To the University—Vice-Chancellor Mulock, Q.C., M.P. To Knox College—President Loudon, M.A., LL.D. Hon. Edward Blake, Q.C., M.P.

COOKE'S CHURCH.

8.30 p.m.—W. Mortimer Clark, Q.C., presiding. Addresses. Lieut. Col. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Hon. G. W. Allan, D.C.L., Chancellor Trinity University. "Brotherly Recognition in Theological Education." Rev. N. Burwash, D.D., Chancellor Victoria University. "Possibilities of Unity of Work among our Federated

Divinity Schools." Rev. Principal Sheraton, D.D., Wycliffe College. "Spiritual Sympathy in Theological Training." Theo. Rand, D.C.L., Chancellor of McMaster University. "Common Ground in Theological Training." Warring Kennedy, Esq., Mayor of Toronto: "The Usefulness of College Life to the City."

It is expected that the city congregations will set aside their prayer meeting for the occasion, and it is hoped that the attendance in Cooke's Church will be something like the meetings we had during the Pan-Presbyterian Council. Only the younger members of the community can expect to see a second Jubilee of Knox College, then let everyone take the fullest advantage of the services on this occasion.

The railways have granted return fare free if 300 attend. If less than 300, one-third fare. Standard certificates must be procured on purchasing the ticket, and must be handed in to Rev. W. Burns, or Rev. W. A. J. Martin, on arrival in Toronto.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

ON the 11th, 12th, and 13th of Sept., the F. M. C. (W. D.) met, and was fully occupied during the three days, closing at 10.45 p.m. on the last day.

There were present:—Mr. Hamilton Cassels (convener); Rev. Drs. Grant, MacLaren, MacVicar, Wardrope, Moore, A. D. McDonald, A. B. MacKay, and Rev. Messrs. McCrae, J. D. Macdonald, Thompson, J. B. Fraser, Burson, Milligan, J. A. Macdonald, R. Johnston, D. Currie, A. Jeffrey and R. P. MacKay.

Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Wilkie and Jamieson and Miss Oliver were present, and conferred with the committee as to the work in India.

Miss Campbell appeared before the committee as a candidate for service in India. Her application was favorably received, but, owing to difficulties in her way, an appointment was not finally made.

Mr. Slimmon, who has completed the summer session in Winnipeg, and was ordained in Bloor St. Church, on Thursday evening the 13th inst., has gone to Scotland to visit his parents, whom he has not seen for nine years. He expects to return and start for Honan about the beginning of December. It will be remembered that Mr. Slimmon was for nine years in the service of the China Inland Mission, and came to us highly recommended by our own Honan Presbytery. He has taken two sessions in college, and now returns an ordained missionary, acquainted with the language and able at once to enter upon his work.

Mr. Jamieson's health has been so much improved since his return, that he feels that it would be safe to return immediately. The committee thought it better that he should continue on furlough for six months and report.

Dr. Smith has not fully recovered from his double attack of typhus and pneumonia, and he has been further afflicted in the death of his little girl, May Isabella, who on the 23rd of August passed away. Dr. Smith has proved himself a medical missionary of unusual skill and success, and it is with great reluctance he yields to the decision of the Presbytery, that he should come home at once. His regular time for furlough would be next year. The committee and church will earnestly pray that Dr. Smith may be sustained by Divine grace in all his afflictions, and speedily and completely restored to health.

The letters from Honan are very hopeful as to the work, and say little about the war. They seem to know less about it than we do in Canada, which is, of course, owing to want of press and postal communication.

An interesting letter was read from Mr. Gauld, which will be given to the press in full. His account of a trip amongst the stations on the Eastern coast, and the relations of the Pepohoans to the Chinese and savages, is very interesting.

A letter from Dr. Webster is very encouraging. He is fully at work in Haifa and enjoying it. He wishes very much that the church would send another man to work at Safed, in connection with the Tiberias Mission, where the Jewish committee of the Free Church of Scotland asks co-operation. Dr. Webster believes fully that the Jewish population will greatly increase throughout Palestine, and also that the church at home would be blessed in being generous towards Jewish work.

The Government has promised a grant of \$1500 towards the erection of a Girls' Home at Alberni, and the plans are being prepared and must be approved by the Indian Department.

The work in Victoria and B. C. is being vigorously pushed by Messrs. Winchester and Colman, but in Victoria they are greatly hampered for want of suitable buildings and native helpers. Mr. Winchester has decided to visit Canton, that he may get a better command of the Cantonese, which he does at no additional expense to the church.

Books and Magazines.

ELLA OF CASTILE. By Major-General O. O. Howard, U.S. Army, Author of "Donald's School Days"; "Life of Zachary Taylor," etc. Funk & Wagnalls Company, 11 Richmond St. West, Toronto.

The occasion of the writing of this book was a question asked of the author by the Captain-General of Cuba, "Why was it that in all America there was no monument raised to the memory of Queen Isabella?" It is well known that she was the generous patroness of Columbus. General Howard thereupon resolved to do something to honour and perpetuate her memory in this country. To qualify himself for the work he went to Spain and visited Madrigal, the place of Isabella's birth, Arevalo, the place where she was at school, Medina del Campo, where she often sojourned and where she died; Granada, the place of her greatest triumph and many other cities where she held her brilliant, itinerant court. The results of the author's search in cities, galleries, and books he has embodied in this volume, which he modestly "hopes his friends will read and find their interest quickened to some degree in a remarkable historic character." Besides woodcuts the work is illustrated by seven tinted photogravures and a map of Spain which all add much to its interest. Among them are: Isabella Offering Her Jewels to Columbus—after the painting by Degraim; The Cathedral at Toledo; Court of the Lions, at Granada; Tombs of Ferdinand and Isabella, also Peter the Cruel and Wife, in Cathedral at Granada, etc. He narrates her life history with a feeling pen, and many a pathetic episode attending her family life excites the sympathy and increases the interest of his readers. Admitting her faults, the author accords his heroine a high niche in the gallery of honour, for her virtues and achievements, and for the generous and fearless support she gave to Columbus in the hour of his greatest need. The volume is elegantly bound.

A NEW LIFE IN EDUCATION. By Fletcher Durell, Ph.D., Princeton, Professor in Dickinson College. A Prize Book. The American Sunday-school Union, Philadelphia.

This book has been brought out under circumstances which might be said to ensure that it shall be worthy of attentive reading. The John C. Green Income Fund was established in 1877, and according to the terms of it, "whenever the net interests and income shall amount to \$1,000.00, the Board of Officers and Managers of the American Sunday-school Union shall apply the income for the purpose of aiding them in securing a Sunday-school literature of the highest order of merit." "A New Life in Education" is a book written under the terms of this bequest, and obtained a first prize of \$600.00. A single sentence of the preface states the purpose of the book. "It is to discuss, first, the place of the religious (as including) the moral element in education; and second, the place and function of the highest type of education, in the immediate future." Such subjects are discussed in it as, "The New Education and Christ"; "The Will"; "The Use of Books"; "The Teacher"; "Moral and Religious Education in Itself"; "The substance of Religion in Education." The work is suggestive, thoughtful, instructive. No intelligent parent or teacher can comfortably settle back into his old limitations after getting filled with the ideas herein expressed. The book is of moderate size, but it deals with a large subject in a masterly and comprehensive fashion. If you desire a mental and spiritual tonic you can find it in draught from *A New Life in Education*.

The *Missionary Review of the World* for October opens with an able paper giving some "Present-Day Flashlights upon Islam," by Dr. James S. Dennis, author of "Foreign Missions after a Century," for many years a missionary in Mohammedan lands. In this same number Rev. Reuben Sallens discusses the present state of "Papacy in Europe," with special reference to the revival of the power of Rome and the danger which threatens European society in consequence. Other articles of special interest are a finely illustrated description of the "Homes of Carey," by the Editor-in-Chief; an account of "The Bible Work of the World," by Rev. B. Pick, Ph.D., D.D., giving the story of the progress of this important part of missionary activity and containing a table of the number of translations of the Scriptures at the present day; "The Anglo-Saxon and the World's Redemption," by Rev. D. L. Leonard; "A Voice from Russia," by a Russian Christian; and "Mission Work in Morocco," by Rev. N. H. Patrick, of North Africa. Valuable statistics, editorial and press comment on the topics of the day, and recent news as to the work of every denomination in all parts of the civilized and uncivilized world, fill up this *Review* which stands foremost among missionary periodicals and fills a place which no other magazine seeks to fill. Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

The *Biblical World* for this month contains a large amount of valuable matter, and will be found most useful by ministers or sacred student who desires to keep abreast of the thought of the time, on subjects appertaining to the critical study of the Scriptures. The editor, W. R. Harper, Ph.D., contributes besides a number of notes at the beginning, an article on that apparently inexhaustible mine of study, Gen. xi. Other valuable articles are, "The Psalms of the Pharisees"; "Studies in Palestinian Geography." "Synopsis of Important Articles" and "Book Reviews" are both valuable for enabling the reader to understand the present currents of religious thought and scholarship. The University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., U.S.