

TRIAL TRIP.

In a few weeks THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN will enter on its SIXTEENTH YEAR of publication. Since its first appearance it has been a welcome visitor to thousands of homes, and in order that its merits as a Church and family paper may become known to a still wider circle of readers, THE PRESBYTERIAN for the remainder of this year will be sent to any one sending us Fifteen Cents in stamps.

Notes of the Week.

IT is Peterborough this time. Mr. J. W. Flavelle has been active in the promotion of the Scott Act, and has been no less active in seeking the due enforcement of its provisions. This has exasperated some passionate opponent, who, under cover of darkness, hurled a massive stone through the large plate glass window of Mr. Flavelle's store. It is to be hoped the party who stooped to so dastardly an act will speedily be discovered and meet his deserts.

THE Chicago *Interior* says. The total number of our Sabbath school scholars reported in our last Minutes was 707,558. The average number attending Sabbath school was 474,403—only a little more than sixty-seven per cent. Of this average attendance of 474,403, the average attendance at church were only 200,778, or 42.3 per cent. Concerning this neglect of attendance on the regular services of the Church it adds. There is now evidently a fearful criminality on the part of some parents and the sooner it is reformed by pastors and sessions, and we go back to the old paths to stay, the better will it be both for Church and people.

THE annual week of prayer for young men, appointed by the World's Conference and the American International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations, begins on Sunday, November 14. This will be the twenty-first observance of the appointment. It is computed that there are now, the world over, 3,372 Associations. In America there are 1,071, with a membership of 140,000, annual current expenses, \$785,000, property, ninety buildings, and 365 libraries, of 250,000 volumes. The establishment of the International organization, world-wide in its scope, has been a potent factor in the growth of the American Association, which has been as remarkable as its operations have been beneficent.

OUR Baptist brethren held an interesting convention at Paris last week. With them, as with other branches of the Evangelical Church, Home and Foreign Missions formed the subjects of earnest consideration. They were able to report gratifying progress. Another question in which they are also greatly interested is that of higher education. The college at Woodstock is to be placed on a higher platform. Legislation is to be sought for its possession of University powers, and in due time, no doubt, these will be obtained. Though after an able discussion unanimity on this point was reached, views opposed to applying for such powers were vigorously expressed. The prospect of handsome financial aid no doubt rendered a unanimous conclusion all the more easy.

WE have received a copy of the Necrological report, presented to the Alumni Association of Princeton Theological Seminary at its last annual meeting. It presents in brief compass the chief incidents in the biographies of the deceased. Among those notices is one of the late Rev. John Joseph Casey, who was pastor of Taylor Church, Montreal. The committee on Necrology reports for the year ending April 1, 1886, the deaths of thirty three alumni. Of these, the oldest was the Rev. Isaac Todd, of the class of 1827, who died at the age of eighty-seven years, the youngest being the Rev. John J. Casey, who died in the forty-second year of his age. The average age of

the deceased was sixty-eight years; and of the whole number, seventeen, or more than one-half, were over seventy years of age, seven having passed fourscore years.

M. Bartholdi's magnificent Statue of Liberty was unveiled last week, with great pomp and ceremony. Poetry and oratory celebrated the occasion. It will be one of the most conspicuous objects in New York Harbour, and the electric light from the torch held by the colossal figure will be seen far out at sea. The site is on Bedloe's Island. The statue measures 151 feet and one inch from the bottom of the plinth to the tip of the torch flame, and stands in all 305 feet and eleven inches above low-water mark. The forefinger of the goddess' right hand is over seven feet long, and over four feet in circumference at the second joint. The eye is two feet wide and the nose more than three feet long. The total weight of the statue is about twenty-five tons, it cost in making over a million of francs.

EVERY now and again modest-looking attempts are made to introduce the thin end of the wedge to open the door for Sabbath labour. This time it is in the city of Montreal. Parties there are anxious to have the post office open all night and all day on Sabbath. With the facilities for rapid, almost instantaneous communication now possessed, it would be difficult to make a plausible plea for such encroachment. Mr. William Drysdale writes I see steps are being taken to have the post office kept open all night, and also on the Sabbath all day. It is to be hoped this latter request will be refused. However unreasonable the first request is, the latter is quite unreasonable. This would, to say nothing of the injustice to the clerks and the employes of the post office, be a direct violation of the divine command upon which Roman Catholics and Protestants are agreed. The matter should be considered settled beyond appeal.

THE Dublin Christian Convention has had an unusually happy and successful meeting, says the *Bel fast Witness*. The addresses delivered, and the spirit of unity which prevailed, cannot but have the happiest effect. Among those who have taken a prominent part in the proceedings have been the Arch bishop of Dublin—who, by the way, paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Stevenson, stating that he had done more for the unity of Irish Protestantism and for the promotion of the cause of evangelism than any other man that had ever stood on the platform of the Convention—Lord James Butler, Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson, Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, the ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. J. W. Whigham, and Rev. John MacDermot. The secretaries, of whom the Rev. Robert McCheyne Edgar is the able Presbyterian representative, are to be congratulated on the growing success of these delightful meetings.

A YOUNG Men's Prohibition Club was formed in Toronto last week. Mayor Howland presided, and addresses were delivered by Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q. C., F. S. Spence and others. In the constitution adopted the following are stated as the objects aimed at by the club. Its objects shall be the securing of the total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating beverages, and with this end in view, the nomination and election to municipal and parliamentary positions of candidates who are known prohibitionists, and who will vote and work for the enacting, sustaining and enforcing of prohibitory legislation, and also the systematic opposition to candidates interested in or in sympathy with the liquor traffic. Its work shall be to disseminate its principles by means of public meetings, the spread of prohibition literature, and personal intercourse, to aid in campaign work, to harmonize, combine and direct the energies of young men with a view of attaining total national prohibition.

NOW and again startling disclosures are made that "the tricks of trade" have not been replaced by strictly

honest dealing and expelled by legislative enactment. In a special to the *Ottawa Free Press* it is stated that local officials in Montreal are entering on a crusade to bring to justice parties charged with adulteration of food. One of the excise officers specially deputed to look after this work has made some startling discoveries. It has been found that nearly all the coffee and spice manufacturers adulterate their goods to the extent of fifty per cent. and over. One sample of coffee analyzed disclosed sixty per cent. of pea flour and chicory; another had hardly any taste of coffee, but possessed a harsh taste which the analyst could not for some time explain, until he discovered that tobacco was used to give flavour to the otherwise tasteless mass. An examination of the factory showed a large stock of dry tobacco leaves ready to be ground into spurious coffee. Of thirty-six samples of milk examined during the week only nine came up to the Government standard, three and a half per cent. of cream. The whole matter has been referred to Ottawa for instructions, but a couple of large spice and coffee manufacturers have already been summoned before the courts.

THE twenty-first annual convention of the Sabbath School Association of Canada met in Hamilton last week, when, after devotional exercises, Mr. J. J. Crabbe, of St. Marys, delivered the opening address. Officers were then appointed as follows. President, George Rutherford, Hamilton; minute secretaries, Rev. W. G. Wallace, Georgetown, and William Hamilton, London, business committee—Mr. Lewis C. Peake, chairman, Toronto. Rev. J. McEwen, Lakenfeld; Rev. M. Davis, Oxford, Seneca Jones, Hamilton; J. C. Stephenson, Clinton; W. N. Hossie, Brantford; Rev. S. L. Umbach, Berlin; J. J. Crabbe, St. Marys; Rev. O. W. Smith, Newmarket; Dr. McGuire, Guelph. Reports from various counties were submitted by their respective delegates. These reports were more or less complete, that for Brant, presented by Mr. W. N. Hossie, was very satisfactory and encouraging. At the evening session of the first day, addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Burns, Hamilton, Mayor Howland and Rev. P. McF. Macleod of Toronto. On Wednesday Rev. John McEwan, of Lakenfeld, opened a conference on the training of teachers, and Rev. Dr. Schaeffler, of New York, delivered an address on The Great Teacher. The speakers at the evening meeting were Rev. W. J. Hunter and Dr. Sutherland. The attendance and interest were kept up during all the proceedings.

IT is remarkable with what ease infamous scoundrels can trade in sacred things and try to make merchandise of religion. Cunning adepts at imposture too often find religious leaders ready to take them by the hand, and thus involuntarily help them to swindle the confiding. While a helping hand ought ever to be extended to all who sincerely repent and forsake evil ways, still the exercise of discernment is necessary. A man who introduced himself as the Rev. Theodore Keating, aged about fifty, of slight build and middle height, sallow complexion, brown hair, slightly tinged with gray, and a decidedly Jewish cast, arrived in Dublin early last summer, and immediately took steps to form the acquaintance of some of the leading clergymen and churchmen of the city. Besides possessing a thorough knowledge of Hebrew, he spoke four modern languages fluently, and rapidly acquired a reputation for erudition. He claimed to have been a priest of Rome, a Jesuit novice, and for a time assistant secretary to Cardinal Antonelli, but had formed a friendship with a nun, and they had severed their connection with the Church and united their lives in marriage. Keating's fame spread rapidly, and he soon became a welcome visitor in the best Protestant families, eventually being introduced to Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, who, charmed with the eloquence, apparent erudition and sanctity of his visitor, readily granted him license to preach and officiate in the archdiocese of Dublin. He preached to crowded audiences, and gained great popularity. Inquiries regarding his antecedents disclosed the fact that he was a ticket-of-leave man, and now he is arraigned for fraud.