

London was on the 13th conferred upon Mr. Henry M. Stanley. The ceremony took place in the council chamber of the Guildhall, and a most enthusiastic reception was accorded the explorer by a brilliant company.

UNITED STATES.—The committees of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches to arrange for the Centennial services in honour of the first General Assembly, 1888, met lately and elected Rev. Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, chairman of the Joint Committee. The most cordial unity of feeling and view was manifested. Every note was unanimous and cordial. A programme was prepared for the services on the great Thursday, the fourth Thursday in May, 1888, in which speakers North and South come in regular alternation. The fact was fully recognized that in this celebration both churches had an equal share. The place assigned to each speaker and to those who shall preside at the meetings, was recognized, not as a matter of courtesy, but as an equal right among brethren.

FOREIGN—Religion in Europe was represented in rather sombre tints by Professor Christlieb, of Bonn, at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance at Copenhagen. In Germany, church attendance was decreasing, crime was increasing; as figures prove. In Edinburgh, 40,000 out of 250,000 never went to any church; in Glasgow, 200,000 out of 700,000; in London, 1,200,000 out of 4,000,000; in Berlin, out of 1,200,000 only 20,000 went to church; in Hamburg, out of 300,000 only 5,000 went to church, while in New York, there were 200 churches, in Berlin, with nearly as great a population, there were only 50. Almost every working-man in Paris was a disbeliever. Even Robinson Crusoe had recently been proscribed in certain reading rooms as too religious, because he recognized the existence of God. There were more atheists in Paris than in any other great city. The two hundredth anniversary of Hans Egede, Greenland's apostle, was lately celebrated at the Greenlanders' House in Copenhagen. After an address in Danish, a full service in Greenlandish was conducted by Rev. Mr. Jorgeson. As early as the eleventh century, the gospel had been carried to Greenland, since which the church there seemed to have been forgotten. This negligence pressed heavily on Hans Egede, in Norway, and he had no rest till he went himself. In 1736 he returned to Denmark, where he labored as superintendent of a Greenlandish Seminary in Copenhagen. His missionary work in Greenland was taken up by his son, Paul Egede.

CANADA.—Dr. J. M. Gibson, of London, England, Dr. Wilkes' son-in-law, has been requested by the family to prepare a memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Wilkes. Any one who may possess letters or items of interest that may aid in such preparation is requested to forward the

same. The report of the missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada for 1886 shows a net increase over the receipts of the previous year of \$9,681.66—an increase to which all the conference, contributed save one. The total amount raised during the year was \$189,811.37, or an average of within a fraction of one dollar a church member. The total expenditure was \$184,609.03 leaving to apply to the deficit of 1884-85 the sum of \$8,142.34, thus reducing the debt of the society to \$13,587.31. Compared by conferences, the Toronto conference stands at the head of the list, with a total contribution of \$40,359.64, and Montreal next with \$30,308.28. The average per member by conferences is: Toronto \$1.20; London 63c.; Niagara, 90c.; Guelph, 66c.; Bay Quinte, 77c.; Montreal, \$1.14; Manitoba, 88c.; Nova Scotia, 98c.; Newfoundland, 65c.; and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, 73c. Of individual churches, the Metropolitan, Toronto, stands highest, leading the van by a total of \$3,724.18. Montreal First follows with \$3,179.92; Grafton st., Halifax, with \$2,751; Sherbourne Street, Toronto, \$2,467; Elm Street, Toronto, \$2,446.77; Centenary church, Hamilton, \$2,259.19; Brunswick Street, Halifax, \$1,986.

Foreign Missions.

OUR TRINIDAD MISSION.

THE Missionaries on Trinidad report as follows, concerning their work during the past year:—

In reviewing the work of the year we are reminded of changes. One labourer, the Rev. J. W. McLeod, has been removed by death, also a child of the Rev. J. K. Wright. Ill health caused the withdrawal of Miss Hilton from the work, and the Rev. John Hendrie and Miss Semple are both now absent on sick leave. In consequence of the absence of Mr. Hendrie, there is no report of the St. Joseph district. The Revd. W. L. and Mrs. McRae arrived in November to take up Mr. McLeod's work at Princetown, and Miss Archibald arrived in December to take up school work at Couva. A balance debt of \$500, due on Couva Mission House, from last year, has been paid. A new Church at Tunapuna was opened on December 5th, costing \$3,300, of which amount \$1,226 has still to be raised. A new Church at Couva was opened on December 29th, costing \$2,500, half of which amount has been paid. Decrease in school returns is due to the transference of two schools to Government and the closing of two others in consequence of hard times. Our thanks are hereby tendered to those in authority on estates, who aided in securing the attendance at school, and to proprietors for their continued support, also to those who gave specially for the erection of Churches and other buildings.