

BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION
OF ONTARIO.

on last week's meeting, and the following

SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENTS.

I expect (D.V.) to visit the following places at the times mentioned; and will be happy to receive collections for our Home Mission Treasury in all places where the brethren think well to give notice of such. My chief work, besides preaching the gospel and raising funds, is to organize agencies for the systematic collection of funds, to enable us to carry on the all-important work of giving the gospel to our own countrymen, and enabling weak churches to sustain their pastors—

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| Owen Sound..... | Sunday | Sept. 9th | 11 a.m. |
| Woodford..... | | 9th | 3 p.m. |
| Deyoung..... | | 9th | 7:30 p.m. |
| St. V. cent..... | Monday | 10th | 2:30 p.m. |
| Cape Rich..... | Tuesday | 11th | 2:30 p.m. |
| Greenfield..... | Wednesday | 12th | 2:30 p.m. |
| Enpombia..... | Thursday | 13th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Praton..... | Friday | 14th | 10:30 a.m. |
| Prieville..... | Sunday | 16th | 2:30 p.m. |
| Durham..... | | 16th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Renover..... | Monday | 17th | 2:30 p.m. |
| Carriek..... | Tuesday | 18th | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mount Forest..... | Wednesday | 19th | 7:30 p.m. |
| South Arthur..... | Thursday | 20th | 7:30 p.m. |
| Arthur Village..... | Friday | 21st | 7:30 p.m. |

If any changes are desirable, brethren will please notify me in due season.

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Secy. B. M. C. of Ontario.

Guelph, August, 1877.

GENERAL.

Mr. Sankey has been carrying on, in connection with Mr. Needham and others, revival meetings at Cohasset and Scituate, Mass. He says the houses were crowded to overflowing, and there were many enquirers.

A resolution has been introduced in the lower house of the Convocation of Canterbury, asking the House of Bishops to give in mitigation of the scandal caused by the sale of Church livings, and take measures either to abolish or check the practice of simony.

The Legislature of Colombia has passed an act banishing forever the Catholic Bishops of Papayan, Pasto, Antioquia, and Medellin, for acting with the leaders of the rebellion.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference of Sweden met at Carlskrona, June 22. The work of the Church was reported to be in a very satisfactory condition. There were about 700 accessions during the year.

A petition to the Queen is being signed by women who practice confession. Another petition from laymen asserts the right of the laity to the use of confession. A petition to the Archbishops and Bishops is also in preparation, calling upon them to put down confession.

The session of the Union of Hebrew Congregations in Philadelphia, has given an impetus to the movement to have all the Jews of the country represented in one organization. Strong speeches were made in favor of the union of the Eastern and Western Boards of Delegates. The next session of the Union will be held in Milwaukee, in July, 1878.

The Presbyterians on the Pacific coast are anxious to provide for the opening of missions among the aborigines of Alaska. A missionary in British Columbia has paid several visits to Fort Wrangell, and reports that the Indians heard him gladly, and asked for Christian teachers.

There are quite a number of Scandinavian Baptists in Minnesota, who have a conference which meets yearly. At the recent meeting at Fergus Falls, home missions was the principal topic of discussion. This work is divided into five branches: preaching to the people, educating ministers, and circulating religious literature.

The twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the French Methodist Church has been held at Paris. Pastor Hocart presided. Seventeen ordained

ministers were in attendance, and three were admitted on trial. It was stated that the Pastors had submitted to a reduction of £12 each, on a salary of £100. The question as to how to retrenchment in the coming year should be made, whether by abandoning some of the stations, or in some other way, was discussed, but not decided.

A correspondent on the Philadelphia *Presbyterian* writes on the results of the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Edinburgh, as follows: "First, it has given new strength and a clear expansion to the spiritual unity of the Church, as distinguished from mere external and organic unification. Second, it has shown the substantial agreement of all the branches of the great Presbyterian family in doctrine and polity. In the presence of those great foundation principles which all held, with equal tenacity and devotion, the minor points dwindled to insignificance, and every one could say to his brethren, 'We agree a thousand-fold better than we differ.' Third and chief, it has helped in the development and application of the vital forces of the Presbyterian Church for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mr. George Muller and wife, it is announced, will sail from London for Canada and the United States, on August 23rd. Mr. Muller has recently made a tour on the continent, preaching 302 times in 68 different towns and cities. He is widely known at the head of a large orphanage in Bristol, England, which has been built up and conducted by voluntary contributions, on the faith principle.

The Convocation of Canterbury has resolved that it holds the Society of the Holy Cross responsible for the preparation and dissemination of the book called *The Priest in Absolution*, and that the society has neither repudiated nor effectually withdrawn from circulation the aforesaid work. The book expressed its strong objection of any doctrine or practice of confession which can be thought to render such a book as *The Priest in Absolution* necessary or expedient. The Primate, in his opening address, said that it was his anxiety in the only way against the doctrine, the disciplines, and practices of our reformed Church.

Several members of the Society of the Holy Cross, under the auspices of which the book *The Priest in Absolution* was issued, have made haste to announce that they were unaware of the contents of the book, and that they cannot approve of it now that they know what it contains. It was rumored that the Society would repudiate the book, but the *Church Times* and Ritualist Macdonochie both defend it. The subject has been brought before Convocation, and the Bishop of London offered a resolution asking the lower house to consider at once the declaration of the Bishops on confession in 1873. The Bishop said he feared the extent to which the practice of confession prevailed in the Church was not known.

A correspondent of the *Christian Intelligencer* gives a good account of the evangelizing work in Paris, more particularly that carried on by Mr. and Mrs. McCall. While on a holiday trip to France, Mr. McCall fell in with a workman, who said to him: "To a man we have thrown aside the religion of the priests; and if some one would teach us a religion of a different mold, a religion of earnestness and morality, we are ready to receive it." Mr. McCall regarded this as a call from God, resigned his English parish, came to France and started his mission-work, and as a result, there are now twenty-one stations, containing about a thousand two hundred sittings; six adult Bible classes, four prayer-meetings, forty-one Sunday-Schools and young people's meetings, with an average weekly attendance of sixty-five hundred adults and twenty-five hundred children. The law does not allow open-air preaching; but Mr. McCall reaches the same result by opening a shop, or hall, on the street, and the singing within serves as an invitation to passers-by without.

The American Board has heard nothing from

its missionaries in the vicinity of Erzerum, and not unreasonably there is some anxiety as to their safety. The war has been hitherto the most severe in Asia Minor, and the Board expected that its missionaries at Van and Bitlis would join the Presbyterian missionaries in Persia, until it was safe for them to return to their work. But, according to a letter from Erzerum, recently printed in the *London Telegraph*, they have taken refuge on a small pleasure boat on Lake Van, floating about during the day and finding a sleeping place in some secluded village at night. The Turks had risen and collected at Van, and the whole district was under a reign of terror. Van is 200 miles south of Erzerum. The American Board has at Van three missionaries—the Rev. H. S. Barnum and wife, George C. Reynolds, M.D., and wife, and the Rev. J. E. Scott. At Bitlis are the Rev. George C. Knapp and wife, Miss Charlotte E. Ely, and Miss M. A. C. Ely. The Board has in all 134 missionaries, helpers, and teachers in Turkey, of whom all but twenty-two are in the eastern and central districts. The latest news from Caesarea, in the western district, stated that the missionaries were having most encouraging success.—*N. Y. Independent.*

WORK ON BEHALF OF LEPERS.—We quote the following painfully interesting account of labor of quite an exceptional kind from the *Church of Scotland Missionary Record*:—"The work carried on among these miserable beings at Chumba, by Mr. Bailey, and at Subathu by the American Presbyterians, is not merely philanthropic, but also evangelistic. Where every means are used likely to cure or mitigate the disease, there is unremitting care for their spiritual interests, and these labors are blessed by God, and crowned with success. The Rev. Dr. Newton of Subathu, writes to Mr. Bailey, under date 12th March:—

"I have just had the privilege of baptizing Bahadur, one of the lepers under treatment. I have no doubt. Before I went to America, his case seemed a very hopeful one, and you noticed the man. During my absence, Miss Nelson took a deep interest in him. He has long professed faith in Christ, but was once asked whether he was given to him to come out boldly, and by means of baptism to separate himself at once and for ever from his old ties. I have had three other enquirers and candidates for baptism in the Asylum, all women; one, our old friend Dhiphi of your list, the mother of the two little boys. There are indications of blessing at Chumba also. An old man named Raghu has applied for baptism, and others seem deeply impressed with the story of God's love to man in the gift of His Son. There are now in all 50 lepers under treatment—34 at Chumba and 16 at Subathu. Some of the cases are sadly interesting: a family of father, mother, and two girls (aged 8 and 2) all lepers; a leprous mother suckling a child which she cannot be persuaded to wean and others. A little building was in course of erection at Chumba, to be a church and school-house, which was expected to be finished in May, at an expense of £80. The laborers are much cheered by the sympathy of home friends."

"DOING the right is the condition of power."

"EVERY moral evil drags after it a Divine woe."

"IGNORANCE is weakness. An ignorant soul acks force in its faculties, and skill in their use."

"RELIGION is not mere truth, gained by study, and retained by watchfulness in the soul. It is truth translated into action embodied in life."

"METHOD is of primary importance in the business of intellect. Great intellects become dull for want of this. What is might without method?"

"FRAYER changes the night of the soul into morning, the discord of the soul into music, its dark and chilly November into May, all sunshine and blossom."