

claim is prior and stronger; and it is through him that genuine interest is ever to reach the foreign brother. Fill your mind with the distant brother; revel in the indefiniteness of general brotherhood, and you may never realize that in the little circle of your daily life there are brothers pining for your interest and dying because you will not let them live. Where ever Scots have roamed they have been characterized as a people peculiar in their clannishness, in their extending a helping hand to every brother, who was worthy the "land of the mountain and the flood." Beginning with his own brother, the Scott has never ended there. Foremost in every philanthropic and elevating enterprise for the common good of the country, wherever his lot has been cast he has presented to the world a splendid illustration of the saying, "True charity practised at home never ends at home," but like a mighty tree planted in rich fertile soil, towering to heaven and spreading its branches afar that under it may rest every weary foot, and in its leafy retreats be folded every drooping wing. The history of the Scots in Montreal afforded an illustration of the operation of that principle. The Rev. gentleman then proceeded to trace the gradual growth of the St. Andrew's Society in this city during the past half century and spoke of the warm reception all their fellow countrymen received on landing on Canadian shores.

At the conclusion of the service, the members of the Societies repaired to the lecture room, when on motion of Mr. Hugh McLennan, President of the St. Andrew's Society, seconded by Mr. James Wright, President of the Caledonian Society, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. Mr. Hill for his interesting and instructive sermon.

LANCASTER, ONT.—On Monday, Decr. 14th, a meeting of the Ladies' Work Society, in connection with St. Andrew's Church, was held in the Manse, when the Treasurer's Report was read. According to the report, it appeared that the sum of \$297.06 was spent by the Society during last summer in erecting a fence and sidewalk on the grounds at the St. Andrew's Church, while a balance of \$91.00 remains in the hands of the Society.

The Ladies determined to hold Sewing

Meetings during the winter, and, in spring, to have a sale of the work done.

The Sabbath School Teachers, at a meeting held in the Manse lately, determined to have a Christmas Tree in connection with the Sunday School on New Year's Eve.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The British Elections give good omens. The great cities and centres of intelligence give large Conservative majorities, while the new rural vote is largely Liberal. Parnell declared for the Conservatives, and thus the Liberals are left in a minority in Parliament. But the Conservative majority is small, and Gladstone is trying to buy back the Parnellites by the offer of Home Rule to Ireland. This has roused great opposition even among the Liberals, and many of them threaten to leave Gladstone and join the Conservatives. Thus Gladstone would be left to boss the Radicals and Parnellites while Salisbury would win the Tories and Whigs united.

Scotland has voted against Dick Peddie (who tried to dis-establish the Kirk) and he is cast out of Parliament by his Kil-marnock electors. "Served him right." But Gladstone (who latterly tried hard to save the Liberals from their silly plot of dis-establishment) has been elected by a good large majority. The *Scotsman* (the chief Liberal paper of Scotland) believes that the Disestablishment cause has been put back for years. It has helped to raise the Tory representatives of Scotland from two or three to ten or eleven. These facts show clearly that the Scottish people are against disestablishment, and that the wisest of the Liberal leaders are learning to "go and do likewise." A host of Dissenting Ministers petitioned Gladstone to adopt the Disestablishment plot; but he would not; for another host of Dissenting Elders and chief men petitioned him to do no such thing. Thus the best of the Scottish Liberals begin to abhor Disestablishment, as being not only a crime but a silly blunder. They will not "copy the blots" of America, where the want of an Establishment compels so many poor churches and clergy to "preach as much about money as about souls and salvation."