

While grateful for any recognition as a Dominion in those Union meetings, it may humble our self-valuation to learn that out of two days only ten minutes could be spared for our representative, the Rev. T. Hall, to state our position and advocate our claims upon the parent body. Even so however, right well did our brother execute his task. As we read we felt proud of him, and an opinion which was growing in us during his jubilee visitation of the English churches became a conviction. Dr. Hannay in introducing him, said this: "Mr. Hall has already been introduced to many of you, and he has got a very warm place in the hearts of all who know him, so that we are very unwilling to send him back," meaning that he would do a thousand times more good for our whole work by continuing the advocacy in England he had but begun. Now he could do more there than by any chance in the Dominion itself. To that judgment, heart and soul, we subscribe. Very properly the agency of our friend had so far been rendered to the Central Colonial Missionary Society, yet even in the fruit of that we will share. Yet a few months longer, and he would have been free, with, we doubt not, the cheerful sanction of Mr. Fielden and his committee, to plead for this sorely needing country. What a permanent blessing to the denomination could he have raised a capital sum efficiently to endow our college, so vital to our prosperity, and get help for the aggressive work in neglected fields, and perhaps to make Canadian Congregationalism glide into the prayers, and be built into the Christian sense of stewardship of the imperial race, whose centre is the British Isles!

We needed him at home, say our committee. True, and at least two others like him. But are we incapable of breadth of policy and co-operative action among ourselves? In all love, not unmindful of the other side, we pronounce the necessitated return of Mr. Hall a stupendous blunder. *

ABOUT 5,000 Protestants of the Cevennes have celebrated, on the top of one of the mountains where their ancestors used to meet on Sunday, the centenary of the edict of toleration, signed in 1787 by Louis XVI. The ceremony is described by an eye-witness as singularly impressive. A rustic pulpit had been erected on the summit of the wild mountain which formed there a plateau. Thirty pastors, in black silk gowns, were seated in front, and on a ridge behind the congregation.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS COLUMN.

LEAFLETS.

It often adds greatly to the interest of a ladies' monthly missionary meeting to have an appropriate reading which will occupy ten or fifteen minutes of the hour. All societies, auxiliaries to the Woman's Board, desiring to have leaflets sent them monthly for this purpose are requested to send the address of their secretary to the superintendent of the department of missionary literature, whose address will be found in the new report.

OUR REPORT.

We desire to put a copy of our report in the hands of every family connected with the Congregational Churches of Canada, and for that purpose have put the price at \$1 a hundred, including postage, which is considerably below the cost. Orders should be sent at once to Miss C. Richardson, *Witness Office*, Montreal.

THE BAG PLAN.

One of the resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board, Toronto, recommended that a simple plan of weekly giving should be adopted by all the members. The suggestion is being carried out in some places in the following ways: The members of the society hold an afternoon meeting, bringing sewing materials and scraps of silk, velvet, plush and other fancy goods. These are made into little ornamental bags and sold or given to each member of the society who will undertake to put in a bag each Sunday 1 cent or more, the contribution to be brought in monthly to the society meetings. If it is left to individual members to make their own bags it is to be feared that there will be delay in beginning, and the money is needed at once.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

How do you conduct your monthly meeting? Each society has probably its own way of doing things, and a letter from one telling of its mode of working would often be a great help to others. Let some one then in each organization be instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Macallum, St. Elmo, who edits this page, describing your plans and methods, telling where your meetings are held and how many come to them and everything of interest, so that from these letters selections may be made which will contain most useful information.

MAXVILLE.—ANOTHER MISSIONARY FAREWELL.

On Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., a public meeting was convened by the churches of Maxville for the purpose of expressing their deep interest in the departure of the Rev. James P. McNaughton, of Dominionville, for mission work in Turkey, and to bid him a hearty "God-speed" in his journey and labours for Christ amongst the followers of Islam.