

the masses as co-adjutor and successor to Lord Shaftesbury, his untiring energy on behalf of the poor, comprise a life of devotion, of useful, unselfish activity such as has been rarely paralleled in the records of British Christian philanthropists. He has reached the allotted span of three-score-and-ten, but is still vigorous and active, and it is hoped will be spared for many years to come to take an interest in his great work.

Awakened Interest.

There are not wanting indications that there is a quickening interest throughout the churches in the conversion of the Jews. To begin with the publications which are specially devoted to Jewish Missions have of late contained not a little encouraging information of increased effort and results. Then, the annual meetings of the great religious bodies, so far as they have been held, furnish additional evidence that many eyes are hopefully turned toward the Ancient People. In New York and other large American cities, mission work is widening its spheres; there is the Jewish Chautauqua whose work is far-reaching among the people through a reading course which disseminates information in a desirable and effective form; and further—one of the most promising signs of all—the daily secular press is devoting more than the usual space to things Jewish. When the Metropolitan newspapers follow the doings of committees and report the sayings of Jewish Missionaries from day to day, it is because the managers believe that the public demand it, that there are many readers who welcome such reports, and that they must be furnished the same as the reports of the police court or the baseball game. That the wave has reached Canada seems probable. Only the other day we recorded a remarkable case of conversion and baptism in Chalmers' Church, Toronto, and this week the people came out in large numbers to the meeting of Rev. Messrs. Adler, Wilkinson and the eloquent Warszawiak, whose addresses were stimulating and will doubtless be productive of much good. One of the chief reasons for the visit of these missionaries is to enlist the sympathy of the community in work among the Jews. The association is non-denominational, but is largely supported by Presbyterians. In the opinion of not a few, Presbyterian effort ought to be confined to the direct work of the mission carried on by the church. It has been shown however, that there is sufficient room for both, and Messrs. Wilkinson and Adler made this quite plain, with, as has been remarked, every probability of good results. As to the work of the church a very promising beginning has been made. Our readers are aware of what is being done in Palestine by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Webster, and by Newmark in Montreal. These missionaries are under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board, and at the coming Assembly reports from the field will cheer the friends of the Jews. It is hoped an impetus will be given to this work by the meeting of the Assembly at which the missionary spirit will prevail.

The Salt and the Meat. If the sacred salt is to save the secular meat, they should not be put into separate barrels. Every true American should find cause for patriotism and piety in the history of his country. The pulpit cannot be silent in the face of the great perils of the saloon power. It is an organized

power, that is slowly but surely sapping the root of society and producing vice and crime, degredation and misery.

Won the Prize. We are pleased to announce that in the recent competition for the National Christian Endeavor hymn, Mr. S. J. Duncan-Clark carried off the prize.

Prompt Action Necessary. Rev. W. W. Rainnie, Secretary of the Committee on Assembly arrangements, writes:—"The Committee on arrangements for meeting of the General Assembly at St. John, New Brunswick, not having heard in terms of circular notice sent out by them to the commissioners appointed to the General Assembly, are now at work making up final list of allotments in order to enable them to complete. They assume that those Commissioners not responding are not going to St. John, or, if they do go, that they will provide for themselves while there. Those intending to go and have not replied should answer by first mail."

Smith's Heresy Case. The appeal of Rev. Dr. H. P. Smith provoked a keen discussion in the General Assembly at Saratoga, which at the time of going to press was still in progress. In another column will be found a report of the charges, of the Professor's defence and of the address on behalf of the prosecution. While it is likely the Assembly will dismiss the appeal, there has been a desire that Dr. Smith should bind himself not to teach his objectionable views, so that his services as professor might be retained. For this purpose a committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Smith, and their report is being awaited for with much anxiety. The temper of the Assembly however, seems to be such that no lukewarm compromise will be endorsed.

Commissioners to the Assembly. A letter from Rev. John Robins, Truro, N.S., came to hand to late for insertion in our news columns, but as it is of importance that it should reach Commissioners to the General Assembly as early as possible the substance is here given. In order to derive the maximum pleasure and profit from the trip to St. John, the following suggestions are made:—"Leaving home Monday, June 11th, by early morning train, either on line of C.P.R. or G.T.R., Quebec may be reached in good season on the 12th. That city, the most unique on this continent is well worth a visit, and beyond doubt will amply repay all who may not hitherto have walked its quaint streets, or looked upon its most interesting sights. By arriving in Quebec on early morning train from Montreal the visitor will have about seven hours for sight-seeing. Presbyterian gentlemen of the city will gladly escort the brethren to the places worth seeing. At 2 p.m. the St. Lawrence will be crossed to Levis, and the Intercolonial Railway taken for St. John reaching that city at 10.30 Wednesday a.m. The Assembly opening at St. David's church 7.30 same evening. While in the Provinces Prince Edward Island, Pictou County, Truro, Halifax, and the Land of Evangeline should be visited. Commissioners from the West may count on a hearty welcome from the brethren of the East. Following the above route you will gain a splendid idea of Quebec Province, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia."

The Southern Church has rejected, as was by many fully expected, the proposal of the Northern Church for a conference looking to organic union. This decision was arrived at by a large majority.