

accept a professor's chair in Princeton. Dr. Ormiston of New York has gone to the South of France for the benefit of his health. Rev. Dr. Prime, the well-known editor of the New York *Observer* recently celebrated the fiftieth year of his public ministry by conducting divine service in the old country church in which he preached his first sermon. For his years, he is a man of extraordinary mental vigour. Mr. John Wannamaker of "Bethany" Sabbath-school celebrity, Philadelphia, has retired from the presidency of the Young Men's Christian Association, Philadelphia. During his tenure of office it is said that he has given \$100,000 of his private means in support of that institution. Handsome is that handsome does! The 37th annual meeting of the American Missionary Association was held in Brooklyn last month. There was a large attendance and addresses of a deeply interesting and practical kind were delivered—one of the most thoughtful and telling was by President Price, a full blooded negro. This society labours chiefly among the Freedmen, the American Indians and the Chinese in America; but it has also several missionaries in Africa. It has a large income—about \$530,000 annually—the greater part of which is spent in Home Missions. The Indiana Asbury University has entered into a contract with the Hon. W. C. DePauw, by which the name of the University is to be changed to DePauw University. In consideration of this change and in consequence of the contract the university secures: 1, a handsome observatory from Mr. Robert McKim; 2, \$60,000 for grounds and buildings from the people of Greencastle; 3, \$120,000 from the public at large for general endowment purposes; 4, \$240,000 from Mr. DePauw, for general purposes; 5, an interest in Mr. DePauw's estate, that may amount to more than any Methodist institution in the world now possesses.

IRELAND.—The so called National or Home Rule party, emboldened by their success in the election of a member for the County of Monaghan, seem bent on carrying the war into other counties in the north. Arrangements were made for holding meetings in various parts of Tyrone, a county one of whose representatives is Thomas A. Dickson, a highly respected and influential elder of the First Presbyterian Congregation of Dungannon. The Home Rulers were unable to hold their meetings. The Orangemen turned out *en masse* and prevented the treasonable harangues from being delivered. It will not be an easy task to convert the descendants of the Scots in Ulster to the views of Parnell and Healy. The north of Ireland is heart and soul with the Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Speaking of Monaghan one of the defeated candi-

dates at the late election was a barrister named Munroe. A friend of the present writer, lately in St. John's, Newfoundland, on business, writes that a brother of Mr. Munroe is an active member of brother McNeill's congregation, a man of considerable means, and ever ready to give a helping hand to those who come from his native land. The same letter gives a glowing report of the prosperity of our church in that city. The new church is now clear of debt, but there must be enlargement soon or else a new charge organized. A very pleasant and important meeting was held in Belfast a short time ago in the interests of the General Council of the Reformed Churches to be held there next summer. Sir Thomas and Lady McClure gave a reception in a large hall to several hundred guests, including the ministers of the city. After tea and its accompaniments were disposed of, the Moderator of Assembly was called on to preside. He made an excellent speech and then Professor Watts made a statement of the work done and to be done. A number of other speakers followed, including the Rev. William Park, Rev. Dr. Johnston, &c. Much enthusiasm was displayed. It was announced that quite a number of subscriptions of \$250 each had already been received towards the expenses, and others of smaller amount. It is clear that nothing will be wanted to make the meeting of next June a success. Arrangements have been made with Cook of New York for reduced rates to those going to the Council on the ocean steamers and railways. All have heard of Cook and his excursions to and through the old land.—H.

Augmentation of Stipends.

WE are glad to know that a vigorous effort is being put forth in the Western Section of the Church to launch the scheme adopted by the General Assembly in June last for the augmentation of ministers' stipends. At its meeting on the 9th of October, the Home Mission Committee considered the matter at length and appointed a small sub-committee to carry it into practical effect. This sub-committee, consisting of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener; Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary; and Messrs. A. B. Mackay, F. W. Farries, R. Campbell (Renfrew), and Dr. Laing, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Mitchell, elder, met in Toronto on 30th October, and spent much time in maturing details and devising methods for the successful launching of the scheme. Dr. Cochrane was unavoidably absent from the meeting. A carefully prepared estimate showed that \$55,000 per annum would be required for augmentation purposes, in addition to \$25,000 for Home Mission work pro-