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WE would ask the special attention of all the auxiliaries of the W.F.M.S., to the important statement from the Board of the General Society, with respect to the division of their funds which it appears some auxiliaries are proposing to make, and the statement made by the Board as to what the constitution of the society requires, and of the state of its funds.

IT was very fine to see the hearty earnestness of Lieutenant Governor Kirkpatrick in welcoming General Booth to the Province of Ontario and to Toronto, its chief city, and men of all creeds and parties paying homage to one who by his organizing ability and simple goodness and piety has rendered the most signal service to his fellowmen. Rev. Dr. Potts made a happy hit and said a true thing when he said that, "there was only one interest in society which the Salvation Army had not helped, and from which it could expect no thanks, that was the liquor interest."

THE welcome given to General Booth in Massey Hall last Thursday evening was something unique in the way of welcomes, and exhibited in a very striking manner and one altogether delightful the broader charity that now prevails in society, and the homage paid to unselfish goodness and service. This is all the claim the General makes that he has devoted his life unselfishly and unweariedly, in the face of opposition, misunderstanding and misrepresentation, to the cause of humanity as seen in its worst specimens. Political enthusiasm is a fine thing, but moral and spiritual enthusiasm are finer; they carry one up at once to a higher plane. The two were brought into contrast last week at the meeting on Tuesday night to welcome Mr. Laurier, and that on Thursday evening to welcome General Booth.

A LETTER just received from Rev. Donald Macgillivray, of our Honan Mission, conveys the cheering news of the baptism of six Chinese converts, and that five more are on probation, all anxious to make profession of their faith in Christ as their Saviour by receiving baptism. Mr. Macgillivray speaks gratefully of his continued good health, and the personal safety of all the staff notwithstanding the war. Though unavoidable, and coming in the providence of God, he laments the absence from the field for so long of the whole of the medical staff, a want which we may hope will soon be met by the early return of some, at least, of the medical missionaries. Mr. Macgillivray is looking forward to his period of furlough, not however, as a time of rest, but as presenting an opportunity for which he longs, and which he feels it his duty to use to the utmost, for

qualifying himself to render still further and better service on behalf of the Chinese, and the cause of Christ to which he has given himself with such entireness of consecration.

A MEETING was held in Montreal last week of the Governors of Morrin College, together with the advisory committee appointed by the General Assembly, represented by Principal Grant and Dr Warden. The College has recently received \$120,000 from the Ross Estate, Quebec. It is soon to come into possession of several large legacies, including one of \$10,000 for student's bursaries. It also expects liberal help from some wealthy friends. These monies are to be used in thoroughly equipping the institution with a scholarly staff of the best available Professors. The Governors and the Assembly's Committee are to meet in Quebec in about a fortnight to appoint a Principal and perfect a plan for future operations, so that the calendar may be issued and arrangements completed for next session. We understand that the question of a summer session in Theology is under consideration. It is felt that this would be helpful in providing regular supply in the winter months to the mission fields in the Maritime Provinces, the Province of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, and thus strengthen the hold of the College upon the whole Church. Its friends are very sanguine of the future of the institution.

IT is with a feeling of most deep and sincere regret we announce that, owing to the state of his health, our valued contributor whose pen name "Knoxonian" has become a household word to all our readers, and whose happy and racy articles and paragraphs have been so often quoted at home and abroad, and have made THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN well known and welcomed to so many in our own Dominion, and far beyond it, will have for awhile to intermit in whole or in part his looked for weekly contributions to our columns. We hope not wholly, though they will not in all likelihood come with quite such regularity as they have done for years past. He leaves on an early day for Bermuda, whose more genial climate, coupled with needed rest, it is hoped, may, by the blessing of God, have the effect of restoring him to perfect health so that for many years to come he may continue to minister to a large and attached flock, make our pages brighter and yet more useful, and serve the whole Church and the cause of Christ. The good wishes of the entire staff of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN go with you, good brother and fellow-worker. We shall miss, but we hope not long, your bright, cheery and facile pen, and when you return, may you do so stronger, brighter and better than ever to get the welcome we shall all unite in giving you. Meanwhile from our heart we all join in wishing you *bon voyage*.

WE are well aware that anything from the pen of Rev. Dr. Robertson, the superintendent of our North-West Missions is sure to be read without any editorial commendation. His work always speaks for itself, and speaks so as to be seen and heard. But his communication in this issue on the "Remit on Students Graduating" deals so wisely and effectively with a number of matters of great importance to the Church, that we venture to commend it very warmly to the attention and earnest consideration of all our readers, and especially to our students. What good objection there can be, if all students are put precisely on the same footing, to their spending a year after graduation in the mission field we cannot see. Many have done it from choice, and we have never heard one that did so regret it. If entered upon in a right spirit, it might prove the most valuable preparation in some respects in their whole course for the after duties of their ministerial life. Those who have taken this course are better able to advise students and more competent judges as to what is best for their future work than they are themselves. The assurance of Dr. Robertson that the students are not opposed to this course if all are put on the same footing, points to their accepting kindly the proposal made in this remit.

WE thoroughly agree with what Dr. Robertson says anent stopping candidating entirely in the last year or any year of a student's theological course. We have known of cases of students in their last year, if not actually making promises to vacant congregations which offered to wait for

them, at least holding out expectations which led to bitter disappointment to both students and congregations. When the calls for a ministry thoroughly equipped in all departments for service are so loud and widespread, the amount of preaching during the college session allowed to any student should be strictly limited to a very small amount indeed. It is not possible for the average student to do much preaching during the college session, and give such attention to those questions which in his actual life-work he will have to deal with, as will enable him to grapple with them successfully in the pulpit, on the platform and in daily life.

IF it should be found that all the students now volunteering for foreign service cannot be sent—that only a few can—what better preparation could they have for foreign work than by doing some service meanwhile in the home field, where, apart from having to acquire a foreign language, they can find as much, and, in many respects, as trying work to do as in the field abroad. Some of those wishing to go might indeed serve the foreign work as well, if not better, by staying at home. The increase of the foreign missionary spirit of our Church at large, the inculcation upon individual private members and office-bearers of their duty and responsibility as respects the Saviour's last command, to preach the gospel to every creature, calls for much and earnest work on the part of ministers. Who could be more likely to do such work than those who have so felt the force of that command as to offer themselves for foreign service, and who hold themselves in readiness to go at any time that the Church calls for them. And if they should never be called for, our foreign missionaries, like the advance guard of a great army, can only make solid and lasting advance when they feel that they have behind them a sure and abundant base of supplies in the number, strength and consecrated spirit of the home Churches.

WHOM SHALL WE SEND?

IN our issue of the 30th ult., a letter appeared from Rev. R. P. Mackay, our honored and indefatigable foreign mission secretary, which appears to us to deserve the most earnest and prayerful attention of the whole Church, both because of the present state of things there mentioned as regards applications to our Foreign Missionary Committee for immediate service, and of the policy it suggests for the future as regards sending forth men to the foreign field. It is well known to some, (it ought to be well known over the whole Church), that there are at this moment from eight to ten applicants (and there may yet be more) for service in the foreign missionary work of the Church, and the question is pressing upon the committee with a solemn urgency and force, What shall we do? What will the Church justify and sustain us in doing? If there were plenty of funds there would be no difficulty. Every applicant that, after due examination made was judged suitable, would be sent. The question then as suggested by Mr. Mackay's letter is, shall we, as has been the policy of the Church in the past, acting through its committee, say, "No," to these men, "we cannot send you; you cannot go until the Church puts the means into our hands," or shall we adopt a new policy and say to every approved applicant, "Go," and we shall trust the Church to rise up to the occasion and support the committee in this new policy? If adopted it will be an entirely new departure, and it is well and right that it should be seriously, prayerfully considered, and if entered upon that it should be with a full understanding of what it involves.

There is much to be said for it. In the first place, Mr. Mackay mentions cases in which it has been adopted, especially in the American Presbyterian Church, North, a Church situated much as ours is. In these cases there appears as yet no reason to abandon this policy. True, their experience is not a long one, and they have a deficit. But they have had deficits before adopting this policy and so have we with our present course. Other missionary organizations exist, which act substantially on this policy, and they have been greatly blessed and honored of God. We may trust to be so too. We need say nothing of wide open doors, of white fields, of our missionaries, of the heathen dying, and, while dying, calling, "Come and help us." But the Church needs to set again before her, and to keep ever before her, the last imperative command of Christ laid upon her