

one, there is no need of other inducements to attract. The grown-up people need this remedy as well as do the young men and women. When the heads of the households are zealous, eager workers in the Church, their example tells nowhere stronger than it does in their homes, and the young grow up under an influence stronger than can be exerted from any other source. Zeal for the Lord's cause, then, is the great *desideratum*. The man or woman who bemoans the lack of interest in the active work of the Church shown by our young men, ought to take this to heart. You will attract more by your example than by any other means. By working earnestly yourself you will inspire others to work. A live, active congregation means that the members are willing to perform their full share of the work of the Church. Let it be in the Sabbath school, or in the Bible class, or in the prayer-meeting—in whatever sphere or capacity, work has its reward; and we should not forget that the true Christian occupies a place in the vineyard as a "labourer."

Working Under Difficulties. AMONG the delegates to the meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Council held in Toronto last September, many will no doubt remember Pastor Brecher, who represented the Missionary Church of Belgium. Earnest work has been done among the Roman Catholic population of Belgium by this missionary church, so-called because each member of it is expected to be a missionary and bring in others. Dr. Blackie pleaded for help for them, not only on account of the terrible persecutions of the past, but because of the good work they are doing now. It is a church engaged in mission work among the Romanist population of, perhaps, the most ultramontane country in Europe. At present there are about 5,000 adherents connected with the church, nearly every one of whom is a convert from Rome. Last year they contributed towards the expenses of the church at the rate of eight shillings and sixpence for each man, woman and child. They are unable to extend the work on account of the poverty of the people, and a little help would be most thankfully received. Several gentlemen in Toronto have subscribed already. Will not some more of those who are interested in the progress of God's cause in all lands give a little to help those who are doing such a good work. Subscriptions may be sent to Miss Caven, 76 Spadina Road, or Miss Inglis, 122 Huron Street, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

Knox College Opening. NEXT week will bring the students together in our colleges for another session of hard study. The prospects for a large attendance are good and the class-rooms will resound with bustle of a good round number of aspirants for the pulpit. The opening of Knox College takes place on Wednesday next, when the inaugural lecture will be delivered by Prof. W. MacLaren, D.D. His subject will be "The permanence of the Sabbath in relation to the Mosaic Law and the Gospel Economy."

Prize Essays on Sabbath Observance. THE following card has been issued by the Philadelphia Sabbath Association. The subject being a live one and at present much discussed, and the inducements offered being considerable there ought to be no lack of competitors:—On the great need of better Sabbath observance by its professed friends. Jesus taught with special emphasis that many of both clergy and laity will not get to heaven. (Matt. vii. 22, 23.) Sabbath breaking in secular thought, reading, and conversa-

tion, work, travel, amusements, etc., may yet be found to be the point where many professed Christians left the path of light. Worse still, their example in this matter may also lead others to ruin. Sunday will not hang heavy on the hands of those doing only as much Christian work on that day as their own spiritual health demands. The Philadelphia Sabbath Association (1,224 Chesnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.) offers a first prize of \$70 and a second prize of \$30 for the best essays on the above not exceeding 1,000 words. All essays to be sent in by January 1st, 1894, and accompanied by the writer's name and address in a sealed envelope.

Farewell to Baptist Missionaries. AN immense congregation filled every seat in Walmer Road Baptist church, Toronto, on Monday evening last, for the purpose of bidding farewell to six ladies and gentlemen who had given their services as missionaries to the Baptist mission field in the Telugu country, in India. These missionaries are Rev. E. G. Smith, M.D., and Mrs. Smith, *St. Catharines*; Rev. J. E. Chute, *Strathroy*; Miss Ellen Priest, a sister of the pastor of Sheridan Avenue church, Toronto; Miss K. S. McLaurin, Toronto; Miss Anna Murray, Toronto. The service was of a most impressive character, many of the congregation being deeply moved by the addresses of the various speakers. The chairman of the meeting was Rev. Mr. Harris, who announced that it was a farewell, but a joyful farewell, and he did not wish to hear any doleful strain, a request that was fully complied with by all the speakers. A large number of the congregation took advantage of the opportunity to say good-by personally to the missionaries.

A Liberal Giver. MCGILL UNIVERSITY is fortunate in being the recipient of splendid gifts, and the object of solicitude of many liberal benefactors. In addition to what she has already received from Mr. W. C. Macdonald, it is just announced that he has donated another \$50,000 to endow a chair of physics in the science faculty. This noble example should be followed all over the land. The cause of education is one of the noblest which man can aid, and those to whom fortune has been kind, who have prospered in life, can have no nobler aim than the enlightenment of their fellows. Nor should our theological colleges be forgotten. There are chairs to be founded and chairs to be strengthened in them. There are also slim libraries, and insufficient equipment in some of our institutions which ought to be remembered by the men who have made their thousands in Canada.

Father and Son. THE Scottish Leader informs the public that Dr. Marshall Lang, the new Moderator of the Scotch Established Assembly, has a son who is a curate in Leeds, in connection with the Church of England, and also is so High-Church in his views that he declines to attend his father's church when he visits the paternal roof-tree. How will it be when they get to heaven? Will they worship together? Or will the father not get there—or the son?

DR. MACGOWAN has come back from the mountain regions of the Chinese Wall with the astounding story that there are Manchurian monkeys who make jars and brew pink and green wines. The doctor has only heard of them. This is evidently one of those travellers' tales that wait confirmation.