

To fight the evils of intemperance is a noble aim, and one the church ought to keep ever in the foreground; to fight worldliness, insincerity, hypocrisy, and other crying evils of the time, systematically, earnestly and pointedly, with a special knowledge of how these drifts affect society and the church is a war for Christianity to which the highest gifts of the ablest ministers ought to be consecrated. It is no single evil that retards the gospel. As there is a multiplicity of disease so there must of remedy, that well-proportioned, Christian character may be built up. What a glorious work! open for, not only ministers ordained and inducted, but to every man and woman to whom the name of the Master is dear.

**Home Mission Circular.** At the request of the Home Mission Committee, the Rev. Dr. Robertson Moderator of Assembly, has prepared a comprehensive statement of the Home Mission work of the church. This has been printed in a leaflet form. Packages of the leaflet are being sent for distribution to all the Ministers of the Church. Copies can be had by others desiring them, or additional copies by Ministers, on application to the Rev. Dr. Warden, Montreal.

**Departing Missionaries.** A special series of services in connection with the departure of Mr. Geo. Shields to Thibet and Mr. R. A. Jaffray to South China, under the auspices of the International Missionary Alliance of New York, will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, commencing Saturday the 18th inst., at 3 p.m. There will also be a union Christian Endeavor meeting at 7.30; special meetings in Association Hall at 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday; and on Monday evening at 7.30 a farewell to the departing missionaries.

**A Timely Suggestion.** The Rev. R. P. MacKay, Secretary of Foreign Missions, makes the following timely suggestion which we desire to emphasize. Many of our readers are subscribers to magazines and scientific papers which they do not make special use of when read. They would be much appreciated by our missionaries in the foreign field and if Mr. Mackay was communicated with, he would give the address to which the magazines could be sent regularly. The limited income of the missionary prevents him from taking the number of publications that he might desire and which would be of help to him in his work in the field.

**Disunion Paralyzes Europe.** There is much truth in what *The Evangelist* says regarding the Armenian question and the Venezuelan Wartalk:—"If we must go to war at all, let it be in the cause of Armenia," is a very general remark. No doubt the Armenian cause will suffer some detriment by the present interest in Venezuela. The eyes of the world will be turned westward, and what slight check upon his policy the Sultan may have felt from European opinion will be removed. Yet it may be questioned if this will make any real difference. The Sultan has long felt able to snap his fingers in the face of Europe, secure in their want of harmony.

**Religious Instruction in the Schools.** The Bible cannot be read in the schools because it is against the law of attorney generals. But the boys read the penny dreadfuls and lurid dailies, and turn train wreckers. They learn to think bravado is bravery. They form ideals of courage that are crime inspiring. The lads at Rome who ditched a train, as they had read of others doing, had a hammer to break the skulls of passengers who were not willing

to be robbed. We are educating a generation lacking moral sense. One of these boys regretted the wreck when it was too late, but most of them failed to realize that it was very blameworthy. Schools that do not develop the conscience are failures. A clever brain without any moral governor makes a devil. The churches must try to reach every soul, or we are not safe.

**Knox College.** Among the names mentioned in connection with the vacant professorship of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis is that of the Rev. Hope W. Hogg, M. A. B. D. Mr. Hogg is a student and graduate of Edinburgh and is highly commended by Sir W. Muir the President of that University; Prof. Rev. Adam Smith; Free Church College Glasgow. Rev. Prof. Orr; U. P. College Edinburgh and Rev. Dr. A. Watson Prof. American U. P. Theological College Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Hogg is 31 years of age and was born and brought up in the east. His writing for a new Bible Dictionary now being edited by Prof. Cheyne and Dr. S. Black. He has been entrusted with the translation of the 2d vol of Kittels *Gerchichte de Hebraer* forming the first of the new series of Old Testament works in the series of translations issued under the editorship of Prof. Cheyne and Bruce.

**Free St. George's Edinburgh.** This famous church which though but half a century old takes its place, in the public mind, with the great historic Churches of Scotland, has elected a colleague and successor to the Rev. Dr. Alexander Whyte, the present incumbent. Great men have been pastors of this congregation. The celebrated Dr. Candlish, the moving spirit of the 1843 Disruption was its first minister. Rev. Professor Lindsay labored there, as a young minister and from its pulpit graduated to the professorship of Church History he now holds in Glasgow. Dr. Whyte one of the ablest among Evangelical preachers of the present day, has long ministered to the congregation, and should his newly appointed colleague survive him in charge of the church the succession of eminent ministers will be unbroken. The choice of the people has fallen on the Rev. Hugh Black of Paisley, one of the most promising young clergymen in the Scottish Church, and he has intimated his acceptance of the call.

**Christian Chivalry.** On a pamphlet entitled "Christian Chivalry" by Thos. Phillips, B.A., and which contains the sentence "If Jesus Christ lived to-day He would turn London upside down in three months, and it would not take Him three years to shake England itself into shape," the *Echo* makes the following pithy and suggestive remark:—"Is not Mr. Phillips mistaken? Judging from the manner in which Jesus Christ was received eighteen and a half centuries since, and also judging from the manner in which His teachings are received and His conduct imitated in London and in the world generally to-day. He would more likely, should He reappear, be reviled, despised and persecuted by professing Christians, as He was by the Jews. Instead of turning London upside down the mass of Londoners would not permit Him to appear in their churches and turn a deaf ear to His words. He would, however, be listened to gladly by a faithful few, who would take up His cross and follow Him.

The *Northern Presbyterian*, edited by the Rev. Dr. McCrae, is a bright, interesting paper which has reached its sixth number, improving as it feels its way. It is an eight page weekly, well-written and well-printed, and newsy.