

nexional literature, in the hope that the plan which he suggests may be largely adopted in Canada:—

"The Rev. Benjamin Gregory said he hoped the brethren would keep in mind what had been said about using means to promote the circulation of the publications of 'the Book-Room.' If the preachers were still to do as their predecessors had been wont to do within his own recollection—recommend the Magazine and other publications at the Society-meetings and the week-night services, and even read occasionally to the congregations passages well selected, and to urge their hearers to become readers of our literature, they would greatly help forward this important department of the work of God. It was their privilege to employ the press as well as the tongue in the great work they had in hand."

There is much sound philosophy in the following remark of the New York *Methodist*:— Watch the flight of a straw: theology leads in the list of books published in England last year. There were 945 of these theological volumes. Of course education came next; there were 680 educational volumes. And yet there are about 1,000 people in England (calling themselves Agnostics, Comptists, and Atheists) who make more noise than the 30,000,000 of people who read the old theology. And every now and then somebody on this side of the water rises to explain to people who recently bought 2,000,000 copies of the Revised New Testament that "nobody believes in *that* any more, you know!" The trouble with this little minority that imagines itself the whole world is not so much skepticism as a disorder known in the rural districts as "the big-head."

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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We are glad that much success is attending the effort to raise the sum of money, \$35,000, for the endowment of the Ryerson Chair in Victoria University. One gentleman agreed to give \$1,000 to the object, and the same gentleman also proposed to give \$10,000 towards a scheme to raise \$200,000 for the educational work of the Methodist Church.

We are glad also to record the noble deed of the young ladies in the Ontario Ladies' College, who, through their lady principal, Miss Adams, have subscribed \$50 to support one girl for a year in the McDougall Orphanage.

No doubt our readers notice the gratifying intelligence in the columns of the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*, of

revivals in various parts of our work, but we are sure they would rejoice exceedingly that Richmond Street Church, Toronto, the scene of so many grand triumphs years ago, has also been visited with "showers of blessings," and that as one result of the revival, that time-honoured sanctuary is not now to be sold, as was at one time contemplated.

From all parts we learn that the tide of emigration to the North-West is becoming immense. We understand that the population of Winnipeg, which was only 215 in 1870, has now reached to 15,000. The churches of the city, which represent all denominations, are full every Sabbath. One writer says that Winnipeg is the banner church-going city in the land.

There are few circuits either in