

To Dr. Macvicar's letter and to the circular inclosed in this issue we most heartily commend the earnest, prayerful, and generous, attention of all our readers.

Miss Blackadder when on her way to Toronto to attend the W. F. M. S. was taken ill with diphtheria in Montreal. We are glad to state that she is better and hopes to return to Trinidad early in May.

The closing exercises of the Maritime Theological College were held in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on the evening of April 24th. The attendance both of ministers and public was larger than for several years past. There have been in attendance during the winter *thirty* students, *twelve* of the first year, *eight* of the second, and *ten* of the third, the largest number that there has been at any time for the past twenty years or more.

The following ten students have completed their course. James F. Smith, John W. Crawford, John Calder, George A. Leck, William McLeod, J. W. McLellan, Gavin Hamilton, A. W. Lewis, David Wright and Andrew Boyd.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, West, held its thirteenth annual meeting in Toronto, April 9th and 10th. There were *five hundred* delegates present. The Society has raised during the year about *twenty nine thousand* dollars. The meetings were most interesting and enjoyable and all went away their hearts stirred within them to do more diligently, give more generously, and pray more earnestly for missions. One question that gave rise to considerable discussion was whether the Society should adopt other schemes as a part of its work. This was negated by a large majority. The worthy President Mrs. Ewart was reelected.

The semi Annual meeting of the Truro Presbyterial of the W. F. M. S., was held in Folly village, April 9th. Several interesting papers were read on various phases of the work, by Miss MacKay, of Wallace, on "Missions," by Mrs. Cahill, of Economy, on "Home Mission Work, Manitoba and the North West," by Mrs. Yorston of Truro, on the "Workings of the Presbyterial," by Mrs. J. A. Logan, Acadia Mines. "Our missions to the Indians of the North West," by Miss Falconer of Folly Village, on "The Position of

Women under Christianity," by Miss G. Moran, Truro, on "China." "What shall we do with the Surplus Funds" was a question which had been sent to the Presbyterial by the Women's Central Board. The decision of this meeting was "Confer with the F. M. Committee." The reply of Pictou Presbyterial to the same question was practically the same "Leave with the F. M. Committee."

A conference on Christian Union was held in Toronto, April 24th and 25th. Delegates were in attendance from the Presbyterian, African, and Methodist Churches of the Dominion, Rev. T. Sedgewick was present from the Maritime Provinces. The whole proceedings were characterized by a most excellent spirit and while organic union may neither be practicable nor desirable there is no doubt that such conferences will tend to develop that which is earnestly to be sought for, the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," among the various bodies of the Church of Christ.

Principal Cavan of Knox College, Toronto, one of the clearest, ablest, men in Canada, says, "I protest against the Jesuit Bill for three reasons.

First: It takes the proceeds of these Estates intended for the purposes of education exclusively and applies them to other purposes.

Second: Public Funds should not be applied to Church purposes under any circumstances.

Third: It is peculiarly offensive to have the name and authority of a foreign Potentate recognized as giving effect to Canadian legislation. It is unbearable.

Dr. Burns has issued a tract on the Sabbath Question." The first part of it deals with, "The Divine authority and permanent obligation of the Sabbath, showing (1) That the Sabbath is coeval with creation. (2) That it was observed, in the wilderness prior to the giving of the law. (3) That it was given as part of the moral law which is binding for all time. The change of day in all its aspects is fully discussed and no one can arise from a candid reading of it without feeling that the obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day is binding upon all men in all time.

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