

stated when here in Toronto, that, during the previous year, one of these humble Missionaries had gathered 1,100 souls. Dr. Gordon's occasional visits to Toronto were a benediction and delight, ever to be remembered by multitudes who heard him, during the Missionary Conferences held just a year ago. His death will be a great disappointment to such as were looking forward to a repetition of these memorable days. Let us be comforted, however, by the thought that the Lord will carry on His work. When Moses was withdrawn at a time when he seemed most needed Joshua was at hand with gifts different but more suitable for the next stage of Israel's history. May a Joshua arise made capable by the Holy Ghost of leading the Church into the practice of the principles so powerfully and tenderly taught by this eminent servant now translated into other service.

Dr. Gordon has issued a number of books that are widely known. The "Holy Spirit in Missions" has exercised a wide influence and will continue to be read. His work in "The Ministry of Healing" is a calm discussion of the faith-healing problem, in which he supported the view not favorably entertained by a majority in the Church. Other works, such as "Ecce Venit," "The two-Fold Life" "Grace and Glory" are also highly prized by many. There is at present a new work in the press, expected in a few days, entitled "The Ministry of the Spirit." This will be affectionately read as the swan-song, the dying message, from a great and good man and a beloved friend.

Interdenominational Goodwill.

Every thing that tends to bring the various denominations whose aims are the same, whose methods differ in non-essentials only and who hold by the great cardinal truths of the Bible ought to be welcomed. The world is a unit on many things; the Churches ought to be united in many things, even when compelled to differ as to how the ends sought are to be secured. To few men of this generation has it been given to bring about harmony and goodwill between the different Protestant Churches to such an extent as to Rev. Dr. Lunn, the famous editor, and prime mover in the Grindelwald Conference. His visit to Toronto last week gave an opportunity to many clergymen and others interested in and acquainted with his work to see and hear him, and they are not likely to forget the man or his earnest, hopeful words. He gave an account of how the Churches in Britain were drawing closer together finding many things to do that can be done in common. There was a broader sympathy springing up between Churches; much of the old acrimony was dying out, as the stern facts of sin and suffering impressed themselves on this age of enlightened civilization. At the Grindelwald Conference, men of light and leading from various denominations met,—Anglican bishops and radical non-conformists, and they frankly discussed their religious and political relations on the great questions which agitated the religious and political thought of the day. The Conference in 1893 issued an appeal to all the Churches to observe Whit-Sunday in 1894 as a day of special prayer that the Divine Spirit of Peace might breathe upon the troubled waters of the religious life of the nation and requesting that each minister in the United Kingdom should preach at least one sermon in praise of the religious life, history and institutions of

some Church other than his own. This somewhat novel innovation was strongly endorsed by the Convocation of the Upper House of Canterbury, in the episcopal charges of several of the bishops, in a deliverance of the Moderator of the General Presbyterian Assembly and in the official requests of the Presidents of the Wesleyan Conferences and other church leaders and last Whit-Sunday this unique service was held in a very large proportion of the churches in the United Kingdom. Dr. Lunn made a strong appeal for co-operative and co-ordinate interdenominational work, especially to prevent overlapping and duplicating in schemes of social reform and in lessening the keen denominational rivalries in rural neighbourhoods. The interest manifested in Dr. Lunn's visit leads to the hope that it will not be fruitless of good results.

An Irish Church Leader.

The busy reaper has had, of late, a sadly plentiful harvest in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. In the brief period of half a year three ex-moderators, men of distinguished ability, have been called to their long rest and reward, viz., Dr. Ross, of Derry; Dr. Wilson, of Limerick; and, now, Dr. Orr, of Antrim, Clerk of Assembly, whose name is familiar to Irish Presbyterians all the world over. Dr. Orr was not only a great power in the work of the pastorate, by precept and example, but in the Church courts he was facile princeps among his brethren. As Clerk of Assembly since 1869, as member of the leading committees and as Moderator in 1887 he rendered invaluable service to his beloved Church. The Belfast *Witness* in which is published a panegyric of more than ordinary quality: "For sound judgment and power to command the confidence of the General Assembly on all matters of law, order, and procedure, it will be a difficult matter to secure another Clerk like unto him—if, indeed, it can be done at all. He not only won the admiration of his brethren, but of all deputies to our Assembly from other Churches and strangers from other lands who ever visited us during its sittings. As Clerk he had the most to do with the revision of the old Code of Discipline, and the construction of the present 'Book of the Constitution and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,' and this volume will ever stand as a monument of his skill in framing Church regulations, of his aptness for clear and terse statement, and of his marvellous mastery of all details connected with the framing of such a law-book. Indeed, it is only when he has passed from us, and we begin to think of all his labors, that we are able to realise what time, energy, patience, and strength he must have expended on behalf of his beloved Church. So it is ever. We do not value our self-sacrificing workers until they are beyond the reach alike of our praise or our blame."

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