

of the earnestness of the contributors. The old churches and the old religious organizations have shown greatly increased zeal and activity, and new Christian organizations of various kinds have sprung into existence during the century, and have exerted, and are exerting, immense influences for good. The British and Foreign Bible Society has been said to be the greatest agency ever devised for the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures, and it had no existence a century ago. Nor had the Tract Society; and the Tract Society had in 80 years sent out 75,000,000 copies of its issues, these comprising translations into almost all the languages spoken in the world."

The Sabbath services were conducted by Rev. Professors Mowat and Gregg, the Sabbath-school being the scene of many addresses by visiting clergymen; and on Monday the event was celebrated by a congregational re-union.

The Young and Old.

Reports in the press would point to the fact that the Christian Endeavor Societies are directing their attention very largely to special branches of church work; it being estimated that thirty foreign missionaries are now supported by a number of these societies. This is cheering news. There are several schemes of the Church in Canada any one of which it would be peculiarly fitting that the young people should make their own. On a previous occasion we drew attention to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund in this connection and the reference was not without some good effect. But nothing like the concerted action necessary to success has been yet taken, and now that the societies connected with other churches are actively working in this direction we would urge once again on the Young People's Societies of the Church to make selection, and of this scheme, and give their offerings for one year to its needy coffers. The arguments in favor of this course which lie so ready at hand need not be used here; the idea is a simple one and the proposal one which must commend itself to all who may give the subject a moment's thought. The latent power of the societies is inestimably great; let it be directed in a special channel, with a special object in view and the practical wisdom of the course here advocated will admit of speedy demonstration.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane. The respected Convener of the Home Mission Committee has been receiving great attention from the Church in Scotland and England, on his trip to the Old London. In London he occupied the pulpit of Mr. Monro Gibson, and the religious press devoted columns to a report of his sermon. In Paisley he was the guest of the Provost and preached in the leading pulpits. In Inverness he preached in the Free High church (Rev. Dr. Black's), and in West Parish church (Rev. Irwin Lang's) attracting large audiences wherever he appeared. Dr. Cochrane is enjoying the holiday trip very much, and will shortly return much improved in health.

The Opium Com- It is now alleged that some members mission. of the majority of the Opium Commission have a large pecuniary interest in the traffic.

Roman Catholic The Roman Catholic bishop of Syria Freedom. has put under the ban the published sermons of Mr. Spurgeon, and has ordered all his

books to be burned that may be found in his bishopric. "It is no wonder that he does not like them," says a contemporary, "they are full of the gospel, and tend to make those who read them intelligent, thoughtful, patriotic and believing. If he could with these sermons sweep away all the influences which tend to produce like results, he would have a clear field for his own operations."

Attack by Boy- The proposed boycott of the Mission cott. Boards, in order to rebuke the General Assembly for standing by the faith of the Church, meets with favor among certain persons. The *New York Sun* has received a letter from an elder in New Jersey who believes in starving the majority, and with them the missionaries and their wives and children, into submission to the minority. He says: "That is the best way to meet the fellows who have run the General Assembly for three years or more. There are plenty of good men and good causes uncontrolled by the Assembly which we can help. I have been working on this line quietly, myself, and I propose to let the General Assembly help itself, and to support that which is good, even if the General Assembly would veto it if it could."

Wanted, A And Chicago is pining for Sabbath Sabbath. rest. Good may come out of Nazareth. The news items in the daily press of last week contained one for which many will feel thankful and will pray that the effort to restrict Sabbath traffic and sports made by certain householders may prove successful, and the beginning of a crusade for the better observance of the day of rest generally in that city. Alongside of this comes the news that the Cunard Steamship Company have given instructions that none of their ships shall work cargo on the Sabbath in ports abroad, and this in the interest of worship. Moreover, as showing the interest workingmen in Britain are manifesting in the observance and sanctity of the Lord's Day, the Cardiff Trades Council is agitating against the running of Sunday busses in that town. Toronto will no longer stand alone in the good fight.

Mr. Gladstone "The place of heresy and schism in on Schism. the modern Christian church," is the title of an article by Mr. Gladstone, holding the place of honor in *The Nineteenth Century* for August. The aged essayist, while writing from the standpoint of a staunch Churchman, recognizes with a charity natural to one so near the confines of eternity, that the non-conformist bodies have been greatly blessed and used of God. He argues that as now the old Jewish law forbidding the making of any graven image has become unnecessary, so also that which in the days of the Apostles was sternly reprobated as schism and heresy, has ceased in the same degree to be so to-day. Thus on the basis of a common belief in the Trinity and the Atonement, this eloquent old man pleads for a readjustment of ideas, a wider charity, and a more harmonious co-operation with Christians of all sorts, on the part of his own Church. As Presbyterians, we rejoice at this sign of the times, and hail it as being 'a prophecy of the day when the motto inscribed upon our banners shall be, "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren."