

But it is deep seated, and not likely to be soon removed. The churches are urged to live in peace, to cultivate a friendly spirit to each other, and it is confidently promised that then there might be a great union. Yet, while in the main they hold by the same standards, they differ materially on points of importance. For instance, the difference of opinion just as to the principle of State aid may be recited. At the Disruption of 1843 the Free Church declared its adherence to the doctrine of a State Church. Not a few hold firmly to it still. It was the rock on which Rev. Dr. Begg split the movement for union with the U.P.'s of twenty odd years ago. While an Established Church exists this principle is not beyond the hope of being made effective, and while an Established Church exists the United Presbyterians cannot consistently or conscientiously join it. Disestablishment would undoubtedly remove one of the chief obstacles to union, first between the United Presbyterians and Frees' and then between these two bodies and the Auld Kirkers. It is to be hoped the question will receive careful attention at the coming General Assembly and that eventually it will be solved in such a way as to allow of the union of the two bodies at present negotiating for that purpose.

Sabbath Observance.

We are pleased to notice the commendable activity of the Lord's Day Alliance. A test case from Hamilton will be brought to the courts, and with the view of bringing the special sphere in which the Alliance seeks to work before the Toronto Ministerial Association and so arouse a deeper personal interest in its work, and strengthen the Alliance, a deputation waited upon the ministers last Monday. Mr. J. A. Paterson, the spokesman, made it plain that the Churches must back up the Alliance with funds. They desired a large membership the fees from which would be used in the test case. It was not too much to expect at least 3,000 members in Toronto. As to the test Mr. Paterson's words disclose what the Alliance aims at. Speaking of the popular vote next January he said: "Whether the people vote yea or nay they must understand that it is the law of this land that Sunday street cars shall not run, and we must get a declaration of the court to that effect. We propose to test the right of the Hamilton Street Railway to run its cars on Sunday, whether the people want them or not; but I don't believe they want them." The Ministerial Association readily gave its commendation and now it remains for every minister in Toronto, and in Ontario too, to initiate an Alliance branch in his congregation to further the good work.

Testimony of the "Egyptian Civilization," says Professor A. H. Sayce, "gives no countenance to the fashionable theories of to-day which derive civilized man, by the slow process of evolution, out of a brute-like ancestor. On the contrary, its testimony points in an opposite direction; the history of Egypt, so far as excavation has made it known to us, is a history, not of evolution and progress, but of retrogression and decay."

A Woman's Wise Advice. The following suggestion by a Philadelphia lady to her sisters in missionary work there, may furnish a reasonable hint to the members of our own Missionary Society. "The 24th and 25th of April are to be missionary days for Presbyterian women in Philadelphia. Do not let shop-

ping, or dressmaking, or Atlantic City, or house cleaning, or anything else steal away any part of those days from the missionary cause. For just that little while give the great subject of missions your time, your thought, your heart. You will be repaid for so doing."

Knox College Jubilee Fund. The following additional contributions are reported for Knox College Jubilee Fund:—Norval, \$2; Shakespeare, per Rev. A. Stewart \$25; Carluke, \$10.25; Colborne, (add) \$12.75; Ilderton, \$1; Jas. Shaw Kemble, \$1; Clifford, \$10; Wm. Dunbar, \$25; Rev. W. A. Wilson, \$11; St. George, \$3.20; Burns Church Erin, \$17; Hobo, \$1; Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, \$10; Flamboro, \$2.50; Rev. J. W. McLintock, \$3; Rev. J. R. Johnston, \$5; Bethel Church, Garafraxa, \$10.50; Ratho, \$1; Beeton, \$5; N. McInnes, Tiverton, \$5; Rev. T. Fenwick, \$2.50; Rev. W. Beattie, \$10; Duff's Church, Ruslinch, \$40; Rev. G. Bremner, \$5; Rev. W. Gauld, \$15; Rev. A. Stewart, \$24; Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D. \$25; Rev. P. Straith, \$5; Geo. Allan, \$1.

Church Extension Says the Belfast Witness:—"The Church Extension movement in connection with the Belfast Presbytery is making rapid progress. One minister, the Rev. J. W. Gibson, has already been appointed to a district, and is working with might and main in the neighborhood of Broadway. Two other districts have been selected in other parts of the city for aggressive effort, and two able young ministers have, we understand, been invited to carry on the work—the Rev. John Milliken, Armoy, and the Rev. James Knowles, the Spa. We are glad to see the committee in charge of the work are carrying it on with such vigor and practical energy. The churches are still too few for the Presbyterian population of the city. We hope the result of this effort will be to add to the Church weekly.

An Intemperate Churchman. Not long ago we referred to the extremely offensive terms employed by a Church of England curate in distinguishing between Non-conformists and Anglicans. Here is a further outburst from the same clergyman who is stirring up an ugly feeling by the violence of his language. Only the extreme High Churchmen countenance such contemptible utterances: "I do abominate all Non-conformists as the bitterest enemies of God and man. They are a wretched and rebellious people. I do not, of course, mean a literal hell when I wished you all to go there if you do not return to the mother church. It was the strongest language I could command to express my thorough indignation at all who dare to stay outside, and I reiterate my statement that I shall not be sorry if you all are literally dashed into hell if you refuse Him that speaketh."

We would direct the attention of our readers to the report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, which appears upon the third page of the current issue. The growth and development of this Company has been very remarkable as illustrated by the relative amounts of the assets of the Company in nine years. In 1886 it was \$108,908,967, and on Jan. 1st 1895, \$204,638,783. Any particulars respecting the Company not appearing in the report would be cheerfully given by the Ontario manager, Mr. H. K. Merritt, Bank, of Commerce Buildings, Toronto.