

whole movement ever since, as well as editor of the Catholic Presbyterian, and he has been ably seconded by Rev. Dr. Mathews of Quebec, the Secretary. Dr. Beadle who was appointed chairman of the general committee for the Philadelphia Council, and Dr. Adams who was appointed to preach the opening sermon both died before the Council met. Dr. Boardman who succeeded Dr. Beadle also died, so that the duty of preaching the opening sermon devolved upon Dr. Wm. M. Paxton then of New York, now of Princeton, while Dr. Breed of Philadelphia acted as chairman of the committee and gave the address of welcome. Since then, Dr. Knox of Belfast has been taken and Dr. Watts has been appointed chairman in his stead. There is no saying at present what may be the precise turn of events at the next meeting. The following outline, however of the proceedings is in contemplation. Proposals may be made to give the Alliance greater usefulness by means of a permanent organization—Perhaps a "President" who should hold office during the interval occurring between the Councils and a paid Secretary, who should devote his whole time to furthering the interests of the Alliance, by corresponding with the various churches, personal visitation, editing the magazine, and so forth; and along with these a standing general committee.

The following have been agreed upon, *inter alia* as subjects for discussion at the next meeting.—(a) *Co-operation in the Mission Field*—to be opened by Dr. Murray Mitchell, and Dr. Jessup of Syria. (b) *The Presbyterian Ministry*—(1) The literary qualifications to be required of Candidates: (2) Their Training: (3) The Work of the Ministry. (c) *Romanism*—(1) In Ireland: (2) In the United States: (3) In Heathendom. (d) It is intended to devote an evening respectively to—(1) *Continental Churches*: (2) *Colonial Churches*: (3) *Foreign Missions*. (e) *The Eldership* will come in for a share of attention through the report on that subject that will be called for. After a very successful visit to Limerick, Messrs. Moody and Sankey have reached London and commenced work at Islington, where an iron Hall has been built for their use affording accommodation for 5,800 persons. A number of prominent clergymen are assisting the evangelists.

FRANCE.—The McAll Mission has been more perfectly organized since the death of the lamented Mr. Dodds. It has now eight directors, of whom America furnishes two. The work progresses gloriously. In Paris alone over 7,500 religious meetings were held last year, with an aggregate attendance of 399,000. Over 3,000 religious meetings in the provinces. The consolidation of this mission with that under the care of Mr. Reuben Sailliens, in

Marseilles, has given unity and force to the work. The free dispensaries, mission to young shopwomen, Miss de Broen's Belleville Mission, the lending libraries, sewing-schools, sabbath-schools, night-schools, and kindred work, tells of thoroughly organized and earnest effort on the part of the native and foreign Christians of Paris. There are now eighty stations in France where Protestant worship is steadily carried on. In addition to this, large ball-rooms are frequently hired for the religious conferences which are such a power in this land.

CANADA.—It had been accepted as a foregone conclusion that Dr. Sullivan, the Bishop of Algoma, would accept the See of Huron, Ontario, in the event of its being offered to him. But the most knowing ones were for once disappointed. The Missionary Bishop has risen in the estimation of his friends by declining the tempting offer and choosing rather to rough it in the wilds of Algoma. Dr. Maurice S. Baldwin, long and favourably known as Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral, Montreal, has been elected Bishop of Huron, in room of Dr. Helmuth, now assistant Bishop of Ripon, England. Dr. Baldwin is a native of Canada. He is a low-church-man—a man of apostolic zeal and genuine catholicity of spirit. His removal to London leaves a blank in Montreal that will not be easily filled. The Methodists are jubilant over their recent happy union, and are putting forth vigorous efforts to "level up" their funds upon an equitable basis. They will now be able to push their missionary enterprises with greater effect than ever. Their *forte* has always been in the management of their "domestic missions." They have done an immense amount of pioneer work, and many of their missionaries have encountered great hardships in the North-west and also in Newfoundland. The whole of their mission work—home and foreign—is under the administration of one central Board. The total receipts last year of the Missionary Society were \$158,246.28—an average of over \$1.22 per member over the entire membership of the Church. This is comparatively a large average, but still very far from the requirements of the Church, and small in proportion to the "ability" of the largest denomination in Canada. The field of their missionary endeavours is the whole Dominion of Canada; Bermuda; Newfoundland, and Japan. They have 330 domestic missions, 44 missions to the N. A. Indians, and 11 among the French Canadians. They have several missionaries in Japan, and propose erecting a collegiate institute for training a native ministry at Tokio.

UNITED STATES.—Dr. Macintosh of Philadelphia has intimated his decision to remain in his important charge rather than