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The Ewart Missionary and Deacon-
ess Training Home has an honorable
record. Twenty-six of those trained
in its classes have engaged in foreign
work, seven in home work, and two in
Indian work in the Northwest.

The Orillia Presbyterian church, ac-
cording to The Packet, is doing well
in its givings for missionary and bene-
volent purposes. Last year the con-
gregation raised \$7,875 for missions, an
average of \$8.00 per member.

The annual meeting of the Augment-
ation Committee, Western Section, will
be held in the Confederation Life
Building, Toronto, March 29th, at 9.30
a.m. Presbytery convenors will please
send quarterly claims and annual re-
turns with other correspondence to the
secretary, Rev. J. H. Edmison, Kin-
cardine, Ont., a few days before this
date.

The great British magazines for Feb-
ruary—The Nineteenth Century, The
Fortnightly, The Contemporary and
Blackwood—have reached our table.
In their pages will be found the cream
of current thought in literature, pol-
itics, sociology, biography and history.
Anyone who reads these periodicals
gets what is best in to-day's literature,
as well as bright gleams from the lit-
erature of bygone years. Leonard
Scott Publication Company, New York.

We wonder if the trenchant remarks
of Judge O'Sullivan, in New York,
could be made applicable to our fair
city, where the "moving show" business
is now so prevalent. He said, in deal-
ing with an assault in one of those
places, committed on a fifteen-year-old
girl: There are no snares for the
catching and bringing of young girls
down to the level of infamy and shame
like the moving picture shows. It is
time that the mothers and fathers in
this city learned that these shows are
dens of iniquity where their children
may be ruined.

CHURCH EXPENSES.

A ministers' club on one occasion dis-
cussed the question, "How to meet
church expenses." "Meet church ex-
penses?" said one, "why, pay them like
honest men and good Christians, as
you would the expenses of your own
household. Exercise all reasonable
economy. Do not go into extravagance
for show or to gratify pride, and then
as much expect to pay your 'church ex-
penses' as you do those for your food
and raiment. It is a very plain ques-
tion, and can be only answered one
way: NO CHURCH HAS A RIGHT TO
INCUR EXPENSES WHICH IT CAN-
NOT PAY." The great trouble with
"church expenses" is that they are of-
ten incurred regardless of the neces-
sities of the case, and with little re-
ference to the fear of God. The expenses
of preaching the gospel to the poor are
not necessarily so onerous as many
suppose. It does not appear that our
Saviour and His disciples had great
trouble in paying "church expenses,"
though their treasurer sometimes
seemed to have some difficulty in mak-
ing accounts balance. If the expendi-
tures for vain and empty show and
pomp and pride be dispensed with, and
churches come down somewhere in the
region of what is necessary and com-
fortable, instead of trying to excel
each other in the height of spires, the
splendour of architecture, or a first-
class organ, there will be less heard
about the difficulty of meeting ex-
penses, and fewer churches will be
burdened with debt. The fact is, a
great portion of the expenses which so
heavily burden the churches of the
present day are incurred in direct op-
position to the Word of God and the
spirit of the Gospel. The churches can
never expect the blessing of God to
attend them or assist them in the in-
curring such expenses as these. With
the enormous outlay of money for pur-
poses of vain show, comes the neces-
sity of winning the favor of the rich,
whether godly or ungodly, so as to
saddle upon them the charges result-
ing from these worldly practices.

Covetousness, greed, and hardness of
heart, keep company with pride, van-
ity, and empty show; and churches
which despise the lowly path of hu-
mility and obedience, as they become
proud, become covetous and unwilling
to recognize their responsibility to
their Creator, or to pay their fair and
righteous proportion of the expense
necessary to carry forward this work.
In consequence, when churches become
honey-combed with worldliness and
pride, and hide-bound with the love of
sordid gain, we find the expenses forced
up to the highest point, and the offer-
ings diminished in a spirit of covetous
meanness. Then arises the great
question, "How to meet church ex-
penses."

Let the principles of Christianity sway
the lives of men; let the Church put
aside her pride; let ministers and of-
fice-bearers set the example of self-
denial and of trust in God, and, as in
the wilderness the people offered for God's
service until they had enough and to
spare for every needed purpose, so to-
day, when the love of money gives
place to the love of God, the people
will offer willingly; and, instead of
ministers coming together to enquire
how to meet church expenses, sinners
will gather, asking, "What shall I do
to be saved?"

The Manse was crowded and a most
enjoyable time was spent at the At
Home given by Rev. and Mrs. F. W.
Mahaffy to the young people of St.
Andrew's church, Parry Sound. Dur-
ing the evening solos were rendered by
Mr. Pirie, Mr. Mahaffy and Miss Lo-
gan; violin selections by Dr. Tindale,
and a reading by Miss Tudhope.

THE GENIUS OF THE LABRADOR INDIANS.

In the wealth of information which
Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell and his as-
sociates have put into "Labrador," are
some peculiarly interesting facts con-
cerning the extraordinary language of
the native Indians. Writing to Dr.
Grenfell, Dr. William Hanna Thomson
discusses the poss. significance of
the high development of speech among
these isolated members of the human
family.

"I propose to quote," he says, "in
another edition of Brain and Personal-
ity, an extract on the wealth of the
Aldic speech which leads Berloin to
ask: 'Is it possible to conceive a bet-
ter and nobler language?' You may
remember that in my book I insist on
the limitless range of human speech,
as shown by the high excellence of
many languages among savage peo-
ples, which proves that this faculty is
the most convincing evidence of Man's
high origin. I am writing a book on
The Future State According to the
Bible, and one chapter will be on what
the Logos in Man reveals as to what
Man is now. Science always seeks to
find the unknown by what is known.
What Man certainly is now tells plain-
ly that he must continue in the Here-
after."

Certainly the evidence in "Labrador"
of the possibilities of development of
language by a primitive people is
more than worthy of serious study by
scientists.

The third Session in Theology in
Westminster Hall will open on
Thursday, April 7th. An exceptionally
strong staff of lecturers has been se-
cured for this summer's work. The
lectures in New Testament will be de-
livered by Revs. Professor D. J. Fra-
ser, D.D., LL.D., of Montreal, and
Professor E. A. Wichser, D.D., of San
Anselmo, California. The work in the
Old Testament will be taken by the
Revs. Professor W. G. Jordan, D.D.,
LL.D., of Kingston, and W. R. Taylor,
B.A., of Toronto. Lectures in Church
History will be delivered by the Rev.
C. Anderson Scott, D.D., of Cambridge,
England, whom Principal George Adam
Smith describes as one of the fore-
most lecturers in that subject in the
old land. These, with the work of
Principal Mackay in Systematic The-
ology and Apologetics, and Professor
Pidgeon in Practical Theology, will
provide as good a course as has yet
been offered to the students of the
West.

In Montreal it is said that Rev. Robert
Johnston, D.D., minister of the Amer-
ican Presbyterian church, may be
called to the Fifth avenue church, New
York. This congregation appears to
find it difficult to secure a successor to
their late pastor, Rev. Dr. Stevenson.
In succession they applied to Rev. G.
Campbell Morgan, of Westminster
Chapel, London, and to Rev. John
Henry Jowett, of Carr's Lane Congre-
gational church, Birmingham. In both
cases tempting offers were made, but
the response was unfavorable in both
cases. Should the Fifth avenue church
succeed in taking Dr. Johnston away
they will have secured a worthy suc-
cessor to the long line of distinguish-
ed preachers who have filled their pul-
pit.

Special meetings have been held in
the Presbyterian Church at Avonmore
during the past two weeks. The ser-
vices were conducted by the pastor,
assisted by neighboring ministers. All
the meetings have been well attended
and a deep interest manifested by the
people. The Lord has given unmis-
takable tokens of His presence. God's
people have been greatly revived and
sinners led to Jesus Christ. Twelve
persons have been received into the
full fellowship of the church on pro-
fession of faith.