

never be separated from the thoughts of the givers to the missionary fund. The home must not be forgotten. Our work in the west and in the east is of the very utmost importance to the country in which our lot has been cast, our native land. Yet of the abundance of our gifts we must not deny those still groping their way in the darkness of eastern superstition. Thus, at home and abroad the good seed is sown, and sown in tears and trials, the harvest will yield many sheaves.

Not a Total Abstainer. This is the position Lady Aberdeen takes on the temperance question. Addressing the W. C. T. U. at Quebec she said: "Let me frankly admit, ladies, that whilst we have always earnestly striven to uphold any efforts which seemed to us to promote temperance amongst the people, yet we cannot claim to be total abstainers, and I suppose that we should not always find ourselves in accord with all the methods used in the endeavours to attain the object of your union."

A Christian Governor. THE refusal of Sir Henry Norman to accept of the position of Viceroy of India is much regretted by the Christian community of that land. Sir Henry and Lady Norman's reputation stands very high in the minds of those interested in pure, Christian government. It was expected that they would be of great service to Christian missionaries, and that their influence would tend greatly to render the work of the churches easier in India. As showing the character of Sir Henry a contemporary says that "during the Spurgeon Memorial service last year in the Brisbane Baptist Tabernacle, he entered the building without the Governor's usual paraphernalia of aides-de-camp, etc., and being invited to the platform, gave an address that made a deep impression."

Lady Ushers. Canadian churches as a rule do not care for innovations, but we think a new feature recently put in practice in the Duryea Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, N.Y., might be tried with good results. Gentlemen ushers were replaced by four young ladies, and those attending the service are gracefully shown to their seats by one of these. The effect has been an increased attendance of young people, especially young men, and it is not a bad line to throw out to the latter after all. Going a step farther, wouldn't it be a good scheme to let the young ladies pass around the collection plate. Here, again, the young man would come in, for he would far rather give up to a pretty young lady than to a man, and I guess this does not refer altogether to young men.—*Exchange.*

Two Hundred and Fifty Years. THE 250th anniversary of the founding of the Scotch Church in Rotterdam has been commemorated by special services in St. Sebastian's Chapel, originally the Coventers' place of worship, and in the present church of the denomination in Vasteland, where a largely attended meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. Irwin Brown, the pastor. Among others present were the Burgomaster and sheriffs of Rotterdam, and representatives of various Churches. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. M. Robertson, M.A., of St. Ninian's, Stirling, who with Rev. James Ballingal, of Perth, was commissioned by the Church of Scotland to attend the Jubilee; the Rev. J. P. Lilley, M.A., of Arbroath, delegate of the Free Church; the Rev. Mr. Ironside, of the English Reformed Church, Amsterdam, and members of deputations from the Walloon and Dutch Lutheran Churches. The Burgomaster of Rotterdam con-

gratulated the Scotch Church on its past and present vitality and the proceedings closed with the singing of the British and Dutch National Hymns.

A Co-Worker Welcomed. WE welcome with pleasure the first number of a new Presbyterian journal, named The Presbyterian Messenger, published at Pittsburg, Pa. In form it is of the modern pattern, after the style of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. In arrangement of departments it covers the ground usually aimed at by a religious journal, but if more space were devoted to Church intelligence and less to essays and homilies, which, however interesting, should be sparingly used by a newspaper, the new venture would leave nothing to be desired. The articles are well written, the selection of topics appropriate to current needs, and the record of Church events is tersely expressed. Although there are more than twenty to one Presbyterian journals in the United States as against Canada, there seems to be always room for one more. May it go on and prosper.

Rev. Dr. Mackay's Arrival. Rev. Dr. Mackay has arrived safely at his old Canadian home in Oxford County. His arrival has already caused a stir in Church circles. He will have an exceedingly busy time should he accept a tenth of the number of invitations which are awaiting him for addresses from all quarters of the Dominion. On the first Sunday of the month, just after landing, he preached twice in Vancouver, and according to a telegraphic dispatch he referred in the course of one of his sermons to the treatment he received at the hands of the Customs authorities, declaring it to be shameful that officials so ignorant and insolent should be in the service of the government. He was ordered back on shipboard and detained for several hours, his wife being only released on the interference of the Canadian Pacific railway officials. Dr. Mackay brought a Chinese student with him, and he expects that the treatment he received will cause considerable harm to the Chinese missionary work.

It Pays to Read the Bible. AN esteemed gentleman in the Government employ, Toronto, is a careful reader of the Word. Recently he became possessed of a large sized edition of the Oxford Bible, which is considered to be of perfect typographical accuracy. He was reading the 19th chapter of 1 Chronicles, and when he came to the ninth verse, his keen eye detected a printer's slip. In the word "themselves" the final "s" was wanting. He communicated the fact to the University Press, Oxford, not thinking he would hear more about it, but in due course received the following gratifying reply:—"George Kennedy, Esq., 147 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Canada. Bible, pica, 4to, refs. Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 14th has come safely to hand. As the error which you point out has not previously been discovered, I have pleasure in enclosing you cheque for one guinea, being the gratuity given to the person who first discovers an error in the text portion of any edition of the authorized version of the Bible issued from this press. Kindly let me have an acknowledgement. Yours faithfully, HORACE HART."

THE spirit of the teacher is reflected in the pupil, hence the former should come to his Sabbath morning's work in cheerful earnestness.

THERE are times in life when all things seem to work together for evil. But that can not be. Let faith rebuke sight and always—wait.