

the enlightening influences of the Gospel, should appeal most powerfully to our sympathies to do all that we can to bring them out of this gross darkness and superstition into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God. In Syria the scales are beginning to fall from the eyes of the Mohammedans, and they are waiting for the day and hour of their deliverance. They believe in one God, and in Mohammed his Prophet; but he is not the God of the Christian. Yet a little more light, and a little more knowledge of the true plan of salvation, and the barriers will be swept away, and the light of the glorious Gospel shall beam in upon them, and Christ shall be exalted as their King and true Prophet. Africa, "the dark Continent," is stretching out her hands unto God, and India is crying mightily for help. And so with all the other nations of the earth.

**PROGRESS IN MADRAS.**—Bishop Sargent, of Madras, who last year celebrated the jubilee of his missionary career in India, has outlived all the original missionaries of his society in that diocese. When he went to Tinnevely in 1835, the Church Missionary Society had only three or four missionaries, one native preacher and 114 communicants. There are now 81 missionaries, of whom 64 are connected with his own society. In 1618 villages there are now 98,184 Christians and catechumens, of whom 18,460 are communicants. There are 22,170 pupils in schools, and the contributions last reported were 47,761 rupees, or about \$22,000.

**WORK IN MADAGASCAR.**—The London Missionary Society continues to push its work in Madagascar with increasing success, notwithstanding the political changes and the aggressive attitude of the Church of Rome. With its 30 English missionaries, it reports the astounding number of 538 native ordained ministers and 4395 native preachers, 61,000 church members and 230,000 adherents. But, as yet, scarcely one-half of the population have been reached by the gospel.

**SIAM.**—Siam, for its population of eight millions Siamese, has but eight ordained missionaries, all but one of the Presbyterian Board. There are, besides, one or two Baptist missionaries laboring among the Chinese in Bangkok. The harvest is beginning in Siam; 547 converts are in the churches, 522 children in the schools; scarcely a letter but brings glad tidings of the welcome given to the truth, and of additions the churches far greater in numbers than in any previous year.

**A FRIEND OF MISSIONS.**—The King of Siam has recently donated to the Baptist Mission at Bangkok the large sum of \$240,000, nearly a quarter of a million, for a hospital and school. If some Christian people at home fail to see the good effect of Medical Missions, evidently the King of Siam does not.

**AFRICA.**—Livingstone's prayer for Africa, just before he died, on his knees, in the night, all alone: "All I can say in my solitude is, may Heaven's rich blessing come down on everyone, American, English, Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world."

**AFRICAN CIVILIZATION.**—Since the Free Scotch Mission was started at Lake Nyasa, in Central Africa, Great Britain has found market there for a half million yards of cotton goods, twenty-five tons of soap (!) and other articles of commerce.

### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Calgary, Calgary, 5th September.  
Lan and Renfrew, Carleton Place, 28th August, 12.30 p.m.  
Lindsay, Beaverton, 28th August, 11.30 a.m.  
St. John, N.B., Woodstock, 4th September.  
Columbia, New Westminster, 11th Sept., 2 p.m.  
Maitland, Wingham, 11th Sept., 12.30 p.m.  
Kingston, Cooke's Ch., 17th Sept., 3 p.m.  
Montreal, College Hall, 2nd Oct., 10 a.m.  
Peterboro, Cobourg, 25th Sept., 10 a.m.  
Sarnia, Strathroy, 18th Sept., 2 p.m.  
Chatham, 1st Church, 4th Sept., 10 a.m.  
London, 1st Pres. Ch., 11th Sept., 11 a.m.  
Stratford, Stratford, 10th Sept., 7.30 p.m.  
Guelph, Chalmer's Ch., 18th Sept., 10.30 a.m.  
Huron, Brucefield, 11th Sept., 10.30 a.m.  
Brockville, Spencerville, 10th Sept., 2 p.m.  
Sangeen, Mount Forest, 11th Sept., 10 a.m.  
Miramichi, Dalhousie, 11th Sept.  
Ottawa, Knox Ch., 6th Nov., 10 a.m.  
Orangeville, St. Andrew's Church, 11th Sept., 10.30 a.m.  
Paris, Ayr, 9th Oct.  
Brandon, Minnedosa, 4th Sept., 7.30 p.m.  
Barrie, Barrie, 25th Sept., 11 a.m.  
Rock Lake, Deloraine, 12th Sept., 10 a.m.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet at Charlottetown, P. E. I., and within Zion Church there, on Tuesday, Sept. 25th, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, when a sermon will be preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. E. A. McCurdy.

Papers should be sent in good time to the Convener of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Rev. E. Smith, Middle Stewiacke, N. S.

THOS. SEDGWICK,

*Synod Clerk.*

### McGILL UNIVERSITY.

The Calendar for session 1888-9 is now ready and can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

J. W. BRAKENRIDGE, B.C.L.,

Acting Secretary.

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