

Dr. Duff and Missions in India.

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profession a missionary, by his life and labours the true and constant friend of India."

So this great missionary by his writings and impassioned eloquence awakened Britain and America to the importance of Indian missions. His work in India, educational and evangelistic; his influence with those in power—all subordinate to his devotion to Christ; and consequent zeal for the bringing of the heathen, have made him to be one in the forefront of those who are called to be witnesses to the work of a risen and living Lord.

The effect of such labours can only be given in part by statistics. Cruelty and heathen abominations have had to yield to the kindly influence and purifying power of Christianity; natives of India are now taking up the work of evangelization; a new spirit is being shed abroad in that nation. There are now 2809 Protestant missionaries in India, of whom 240 were sent out during the past year. Of these 470 are Presbyterians; 298 are Methodists; 480 are Baptists, and 228 are Anglicans. The influence of books counts for much also, last year over a thousand English books, many of them dealing with religions, having been published in India. There are about 500 medical missionaries laboring among the poor, and the interest in Zenana mission work is growing.

The Presbyterian church in Canada has a growing mission in Central India. There are at present 27 from Canada doing mission work there; in all 46 have been sent out. A hearty study of Dr. Duff's life and work and of the needs of India ought to result in heartiest support and liveliest interest in our missions in Central India.

MONTREAL.

In the German Lutheran Church on Sunday special services were held in commemoration of the Reformation.

If any minister has a spare pulpit going to give away, he will find an Elisha by communicating with the office of this paper.

The Rev. G. Colborne Heine, M.A., is also among the war preachers. His sermon was an eloquent and stirring expression of patriotism.

The church at La Guerre, after being extensively repaired, was re-opened on Sunday, Oct. 15, when the Rev. Dr. MacDonald, of Dundee, preached in the forenoon and the Rev. Donald Stewart, the pastor, in the evening.

The Rev. W. D. Read, B.A., B.D., of Taylor church has been down at Three Rivers giving his lecture on "The Land of The Turk" in St. Andrew's church. Reports say that the lecture was highly appreciated.

Mr. Robert Reid has for the third time won the Kinnear wreath, a prize given annually by the North American United Caledonian Association for best song or other poem on a Scottish subject. Mr. Reid's best-known poem is probably "Kirkbride."

The Bible society has been taxed by the city and has notified the board of assessors that it claims exemption from taxation. Two of the city attorneys are of opinion that, according to the new city charter, the society is within its rights in making the claim.

The meetings in Stanley street church, for the deepening of spiritual life, have been well attended. The Revs. G. Osborne, Troop and Adam Murrison on Monday evening were followed on Tuesday evening by Rev. C. B. Ross of Lachine, who spoke on "The Holy Spirit and the Word of God." The Rev. Prof. Jas. Ross, D.D., spoke on Wednesday evening and the Rev. Principal George on Thursday evening.

The Rev. Principal MacVicar was the victim of a sad and serious accident one evening last week. The accident occurred while he was getting down from a street car and in a perfectly mysterious manner. The doctor was jolted, picked up unconscious and taken home in a cab. Nothing further appears to be known about the process. A city paper demands that the case should be investigated in the public interest. The doctor is progressing favorably.

Another denominational conference, regarding the amelioration of the condition of the poor, was held last Friday in the Y.M.C.A. Ministers of all Protestant denominations were present and a deputation from the local council of women. Mrs. G. Drummond submitted a scheme to establish a charity organization in Montreal in the interests of the economy and right direction of relief. This scheme was adopted. The society will not dispense aid in any form. Its work will be to co-ordinate

and simplify the work of existing charitable societies and individuals, and thus to make relief more efficient, while preventing its duplication. A central office will be established. It was resolved to appoint a committee to wait up on Archbishop Broche and solicit the co-operation of the Roman Catholics.

A meeting of the Presbytery was held on Friday morning. Arrangements were made to induct at Beechbridge the Rev. G. F. Kinnear, now a missionary at Megantic, should he agree to the translation. The resignation of the Hemmingford congregation by the Rev. Mr. Mackay was accepted by the Presbytery and the Rev. J. Patterson was appointed to declare the church vacant on Nov. 12, and also to act as moderator pro tem of the congregation.

A correspondent in Saturday's "Witness" wishes to know why the solos and quartettes which are introduced at the ordinary services in Presbyterian churches are omitted from the service when the communion is observed. From this omission he infers their unfitness for use in worship at all. The editor finds the explanation in "the conservatism which surrounds all religious observances and which asserts itself most in connection with those observances which are held most sacred." The complainant might also be reminded of the fact that the solemnity of the communion and the sad thoughts evoked by such a memorial service make such things unsuitable, and even speech itself to some sensitive minds, at least, almost an impertinence and an intrusion. What is fitting at ordinary services may be inappropriate at the communion service.

Rev. John McEwen of Toronto, has been visiting friends in Lakefield, where he is always welcome.

Rev. James S. Scott preached farewell sermons in the Presbyterian church, Hespeler, last Sunday to large and appreciative congregations.

Rev. William Patterson of Cooke's church, Toronto made many new and strengthened many old admirers of Ireland and the Irish, in John street Sunday School, Belleville, on Monday evening. He told, without seeming to, much of the history of Ireland from its first discovery until the present time, showing that in a number of ways Ireland and Irishmen have changed very little in the passing centuries. He spoke for over an hour, telling many interesting and instructive things of the Emerald Isle in such an amusing style that the time passed far too quickly. Prof. Coleman made an excellent chairman and a short musical programme was discussed.

At the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Sabbath School Association at Acton, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Harrison, Keene; Vice-Presidents, Hon. James Young, Galt; Wm. Johnson, Belleville; Hon. S. H. Blake, Toronto; Geo. Rutherford, Hamilton; Wm. Bowman, London; W. N. Hossie, Brantford; J. K. Macdonald, Toronto; H. P. Moore, Acton; J. A. McCrea, Guelph; R. J. Score, Toronto; A. J. Donly, Simcoe; T. McGillicuddy, Toronto; D. W. Beedle, Toronto, and the Presidents of county and city associations; Rev. D. Strachan, Guelph; Mr. James Kerr, Waterloo, and Rev. C. R. Morrow, Alma, were elected onto the Executive and Mr. H. P. Moore, Acton, on the Central Executive.

Marriages.

At Midhurst, on October 24th, 1899, by the Rev. Thomas Paton, Mr. Chas. O. F. Wright, of Mining Station, to Miss Annie Stewart, Midhurst.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Orillia, on 25th of October, 1899, by the Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., Edwin Campbell, of Cobourg, to Miss Perle Maud, eldest daughter of Walter Cooke.

On Oct. 25, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Colin McKerchar, Donald R. Fraser, of Vankleek Hill, Ont., to Mary C. Fraser, daughter of William Fraser, of Lost River, Que.

At Thorold, on Oct. 25th, 1899, by the Rev. W. A. Cook, assisted by Rev. Johnson, of Preston, a brother of the groom, George L. Johnson, of North Bay, to Jessie A. Munro, youngest daughter of Mr. James Munro.

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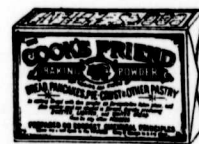
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