

Manitoba, but when at last he made up his mind to go he had not even enough money to pay his passage there, but God has opened up the way, and though our Home Missionary Society cannot in the depressed state of its funds give him material assistance, yet it is to be hoped he will not suffer. If ready adaptability, skill of hand, and energy of soul are of assistance in a new country, he will not lack, and as he said in the Union meetings, "his two hands had supported him before and they could do it again." However, we are glad to learn that the Colonial Missionary Society at home take much interest in his work and we hope will shortly render material aid.

May God be his strength and shield and his exceeding great reward. COMMUNICATED.

WESLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MONTREAL.

Our readers will remember that this church some two years ago separated from the Methodist body and organized themselves into a Congregational Church, with the Rev. James Roy, M.A., as pastor. They at once began the erection of a house of worship, which is now happily completed and dedicated. In the meantime they have worshipped in the Academy of Music. We regret that we have not been able before this to give our readers an account of the new church and opening service. Although somewhat late a few facts will be interesting to all.

The "Canadian Illustrated News" gives a full-page cut of the interior of the new church, and says:

"Through the munificent help of G. B. Burland, Esq., the contributions and promised subscriptions of the friends of Wesley Church have been so augmented as to result, after exactly two years from the painful severance of old ties, in the completion of one of the most beautiful church buildings in the city of Montreal. It is due to the gentleman named above thus publicly to state that, though many have nobly contributed to the funds of this new church, to his generosity and energy must be mainly attributed whatever success has attended the erection of the structure, or whatever good, may, under God, yet result from a church whose name will perpetuate the memory of one of the truest saints uncanonized, and within whose walls will, doubtless, be preached, with Wesley's loyalty to fact, the same gospel for which his life was spent. Hitherto that name has been associated with but two of the great divisions of Protestant Christianity, Methodism and the Church of England. There is a peculiar appropriateness, however, in associating with a Congregational church the name of one who wrote in 1746: 'Originally, every Christian congregation was a church independent of all others.' This newest of Montreal churches, then, instead of being a symbol of disunion, ought to be a centre of kindly fellowship for all. In its opening services, whether as speakers or listeners, clergymen of almost all our Canadian churches, Episcopalians and Methodists not excepted, and of all the leading languages spoken amongst us, English, German and French, took a part.

"The site of the Church is on the south side of St. Catharine street, between Phillips' square and St. Alexander street, a very formidable one, being on an eminence from which a splendid view of the city can be had. The foundations are eight feet high above the ground; they are massive and constructed of limestone. The front has three door-ways, the centre one deeply recessed with moulded jambs, detached columns with bases and foliated capitals, moulded arches, being the main entrance, thirteen feet in width and twenty-four feet in height, with a flight of stone steps to give easy ascent to the hall. The doors on either side give access to the basement, with circular staircases to the main hall and to the galleries.

"The interior of the church is specially adapted to the requirements of Congregational worship and oral instruction. The plan is cruciform with short nave. Choir and transepts meeting in a circular centre of fifty-four feet in diameter, having twelve clustered columns, moulded bases, enriched and foliated capitals to support the arches and dome (fifty feet above

the floor level), ceiling light, twenty-five feet diameter filled with cut and coloured glass, with lantern above to give light to the centre of the church. The galleries are placed across the nave and the transepts. The choir and organ occupy the platform in the rear of the minister, which is six feet above the floor level, with steps from choir vestry. The minister's platform is three feet above the floor, with steps ascending on either side; in the centre is a desk, rich in design, and in front a circular railing for communicants. The seats are all carved and radiate from the centre; every sitting (eight hundred in number), has an unobstructed view of the minister, and he has a view of the faces of all the congregation. Vestries for the minister and choir are under the platform. There is also a capacious and well-lighted basement, twelve feet in height, which contains school-room or lecture hall, 48x52, library, five class-rooms—two of these have sliding glass partitions, which at any time will afford additional space to the Sabbath-school, or the two made into one for weekly meetings."

The church was opened for divine service on Sunday, the 25th May, at eleven o'clock, the Rev. A. J. Bray officiating. Towards the close of the service, the pastor, who had preached at Zion Church, entered and offered up prayer for his congregation. Dr. Davies presided at the organ, which is rich and full in tone, and was built by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Co., of Toronto. At 3 p.m. the service was held by the Rev. G. H. Wells (American Presbyterian), who preached a sermon, the text being taken from Romans xiv. 7, "For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." The closing prayer was offered by Rev. John Wilson (Methodist). In the evening, at 7 o'clock, Rev. J. F. Stevenson, LL.B., officiated and preached an eloquent sermon on Congregationalism.

On June 1st the Rev. Dr. Wilkes preached in the morning. A Sunday school gathering in the afternoon was addressed by Rev. A. H. Munro (Baptist) and Rev. J. L. Forster of Calvary Church. At 7 p.m. the Rev. Gavin Lang of St. Andrew's Church preached. At the opening social the Rev. Messrs. Black, Lafleur, Forster, Lang, Stevenson and Dr. Somers were present and delivered addresses. We most heartily congratulate the pastor and the congregation on the success that has thus far been vouchsafed to them.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Society, held at Kingston, Ont., last week, it was resolved to raise \$800, the actual deficit for the April quarter of payments, in shares of \$8 each, one hundred of which would meet the case. Names of individuals and churches were promptly given by those present to the extent of forty-six of these shares, a number of which have been paid, and all are to be paid by the end of the present month. There were also an additional seventeen and a half promised on the condition that the one hundred were completed. As many friends of the Society were not present at the meeting, and many churches were not represented, I was instructed to ask the co-operation of all in this important matter. Pray, then, without loss of time bring this claim before your congregation or congregations, and such individuals as you may deem it proper to approach, that the remainder of the shares may be taken up and the amount sent to me during the present month. If any remittance is expected from me on the 1st of July, it will be sufficient to instruct me to deduct therefrom the amount of the one or more shares subscribed. All who subscribed at Kingston feel that an equal burden of claim rests on such as were not present, and they do not believe that any will try to rid themselves of it. You will perceive that immediate attention is required.

HENRY WILKES, General Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, June 14th, 1879.

ON a recent Sunday evening, 1,200 persons in St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Rochester, Minn., stood up and repeated, after Father Turner, a solemn pledge of abstinence from all intoxicating drinks for one year.

Religious News.

THE Irish Methodist Conference met in Dublin on the 17th instant.

ANDOVER Theological Seminary has received \$150,000 from the Stone Estate.

MR. J. B. GOUT has been laying the foundation stone of a coffee palace in Sandgate, England, his native town.

THE Irish Presbyterian Synod met in Belfast on the 2nd inst. Rev. Professor Watt, D.D., was elected moderator.

THE Baptist College in Pontypool, South Wales, has celebrated its seventy-second anniversary.

THE North Avenue Congregational Church, Cambridge, Mass., has called Mr. C. F. Thwing, of Andover Seminary.

DR. MORLEY PUNSHON has been in France recently, attending the district meetings of the English Methodists in that country.

THE Rev. John Johnston was ordained in Montague street Congregational Church, Blackburn, England, on the 28th ultimo.

THE Borough-road Congregational Church, London, under the Rev. G. M. Murphy, has had a week of successful special services.

MRS. HARRIET BECHLER STOWE is not an Episcopalian. She is a member of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. So the "Christian Union" says.

THE first ordination of a Chinaman to the Protestant Episcopal ministry in the United States took place in San Francisco last month.

THE Rev. Uijah R. Thomas, of Bristol, England, has established a Ministers' Seaside Home, in the vicinity of Ilfracombe. The house is already filled.

THE Baroness Burdett Coutts placed a thousand pounds for the sick and wounded in the hands of Sir Garnet Wolseley before he sailed for South Africa.

WE see that Rev. Charles E. Stowe has been called by the Congregational Church in Saco, Maine. It is said that he is a second edition of his grandfather, Lyman Beecher.

OF the Cardinals recently created by Pope Leo XIII. the Cardinal Zigliara is the youngest man now wearing the purple. He is the son of a poor sailor and is but forty-five years old.

THE rector of a Reformed Episcopal Church at Chicago has announced that hereafter the sermon will only last twenty minutes. The music, which occupies nearly an hour, is not, however, to be abridged.

THE Church of the Messrs., New York, has called the Rev. Robert Collyer, of Chicago, to its vacant pulpit. It is understood that Mr. Collyer has accepted the call. For the first six months he is to receive a provisional salary at the rate of \$5,000 per annum, and \$1,000 moving expenses.

THE Rev. D. Brown was recognized as pastor of the Congregational Church in Burgess street, Leominster, England, on the 29th ult., the Rev. Robert Nobbs as pastor of the Church at Queen street, Hitchin, on the same day; and the Rev. Frederick Docker as pastor of the Church at Solihull, on the 27th.

MR. SPURGEON has resolved on establishing an orphanage for girls on the same plan as the institution for boys, which he so successfully carries on at Stockwell. Already a great part of the necessary endowment is in hand, and Mr. Spurgeon has devoted a portion of his recent testimonial fund to the object.

IN our English Churches the following calls have been accepted recently: That of the church at Looe, by Rev. H. Young, of Newport, Salop; that of the church in Orange street, Leicester square, London, by Rev. A. R. Gregory, late of Boston, U.S.; that of the church in Linton, Cambs, by Rev. J. W. Green, Clare, Suffolk.

PRINCE GALITZIN, a young Russian nobleman, converted by a Bible given him at the Paris Exhibition, proposes to build thirty Bible kiosks and to fit up seven Bible carriages. He intends to travel in Russia with Mr. Clough, of Paris, whom he has engaged to have charge of these carriages, saying: "Since Christ laid down his precious life for me, I will give my whole life and time and fortune for his service."

TWO County Congregational Unions in England have recently held their annual meetings. That of Somerset came off at Stoke-sub-Hamdon on the 27th and 28th of May. The preacher on the occasion was Dr. MacEwan, of Clapham Presbyterian Church, London, who seemed to be perfectly at home. The Sussex Union met in Brighton on the 26th and 27th of last month. Among the resolutions passed is one strongly condemning the foreign colonial policy of the British Ministry.

THE seventy-first annual report of the London Society for Promoting Christianity Among the Jews shows that the society employs 138 agents, about one-half of whom are converts. Many of these agents are ordained; others are lay missionaries, medical missionaries, school-teachers, Scripture readers and colporteurs. The number of stations is thirty-six. Of these, four are in England, twenty-three upon the Continent of Europe, three in Asia and six in Africa. The society's agents have distributed during the year 10,258 Bibles, 8,671 New Testaments, 51,388 missionary tracts and books, 326,332 periodicals, and 54,905 home tracts and appeals. In the Episcopal Jews' Chapel and Hebrew schools, nine Jewish adults and ten children were baptized, making a total of 1,414—689 adults and 725 children—since the opening of the chapel.