

School and Bible Class in 1886 there were 110 scholars, and they raised for the year \$65. Last year there were 690 scholars, and 45 teachers and workers, and they raised \$452. In 1889, \$19,000 were spent in repairing the old church, and four years ago the present new church was completed and opened. During those ten years the Societies connected with the church had done excellent work, and many young men had become missionaries in the Foreign field, ministers, and students with the ministry in view.

A remark made by Mr. Patterson may contain the explanation, humanly speaking, of this success: He said that many of his college companions had continued their studies, and had taken degrees and done honor to themselves, but he could not find time to continue any special study, as his time was fully occupied visiting the sick, attending funerals and preparing for the week day and Sabbath services.

While there have been a great many encouragements there have in a sense been many discouragements, and the most discouraging thing of all is that there is so much to do that cannot be overtaken. More than two-thirds of his visits to the sick are outside of the congregation, and more than two-thirds of the funerals are outside of the membership. This is in a sense city missionary work, and is accounted for by the situation of the Church. The church is in the worst place in the city if what is wanted is a comfortable place to worship in and nothing to do. But, on the other hand, for active, aggressive Christian work, the church is in the best place where it is possible to be situated in the City of Toronto.

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Knox College Calendar. We have received the Calendar of Knox College.—for 1896-97 creditably executed. Copies may be procured by application to the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Burns Room 64, Confederation Life Bldg., Toronto.

Notes from Honan. The seventh annual report of the mission in North Honan is to hand. The pamphlet has been printed and published at Shanghai. It contains a map of a portion of North China, which will help the reader to follow the movements described in the text, with ease and intelligently. The staff of the mission in North China numbers thirteen, and the detailed account of their labours show the busy life they lead, and the large area to which they minister. The report is inspiring, proving that a great work for the Lord is being carried on by the agents of our church in the distant field of Honan.

A Broeze From Canad. Writing to the *Presbyterian Record*, Rev. J. Wilkie, of Indore, says: "We were greatly cheered by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Ahearn, of Ottawa, with their two bright children. It was like a breeze from Canada to meet with those from our loved home land, and especially as they so kindly came out of their way to see the work and the state of things here. It was a matter of regret that they came in the midst of one of the vile Hindu festivals when decency hides its face and shameless licentiousness stalks through the city to insult every appearance of virtue. Our lady missionaries dare not enter the city except in closed conveyances and even then are liable to insult. All our work for the week is practically at a

stand still. It is pleasing to notice every year increasing effort to stop these horrid practices, but when men in Canada are bold enough to praise Hinduism and when its false untruthful holders are praised and glorified in Canada and the United States need we wonder at its effrontery here? We would have preferred to have had our friends come to us at a more favorable time for actually seeing the work itself, but both we and the Christians here were delighted to welcome them."

Farewell to Prof. Ballantyne. A tender and touching farewell was taken of Rev. Professor Ballantyne and Mrs. Ballantyne last week by the congregation of Knox Church, Ottawa, the ceremony being the closing scene, as one of the newspapers remarked, in one of the most successful pastorates Ottawa has ever known. Rev. Professor Ballantyne succeeded such highly esteemed pastors in that charge as Revs. Dr. Wardrope, Professor MacLaren, and Mr. Farries, and proved a worthy successor to them. The goodwill of his late congregation and of the church follow him to Knox College where in a most important sphere his special talents will be placed under tribute for the Master's use.

Sunday Street-Cars. Up to date there has been no abatement in the advocacy of Sunday Street-Cars in Toronto. Moderately and sometimes indirectly, but always persistently the "cause" is being agitated and like the drop of water that wears away the rock, it is expected the opposition will gradually yield to the constant murmur of discontent indulged in. That this expectation will not be fulfilled is to be sincerely hoped. But the issue depends very much on the nature of the action which the Lord's Day Alliance will take when the time for public action comes. No doubt the people of Toronto will give a good account of themselves, and being fully warned will be ready for the open fight when the holidays are over.

Religious Instruction in Public Schools. Christian Statesman, whose work on behalf of Sabbath Observance and Religious Instruction in the Public Schools of America, is conducted with marked ability, publishes the following statement: "A Christian Endeavorer, a teacher in the public school East Liverpool, O., was commanded either to cease reading the Bible in the school or to surrender her position. She did the later, and was at once made city missionary by the churches. The whole moral atmosphere of the city is undergoing a process of clarification, and the churches have been brought together in aggressive Christian citizenship and evangelistic work. The result will no doubt be the election of a new school board and the restoration of the Bible to its place in the public schools."

A Power of Omnia. The keen discussion at the General Assembly at Saratoga as to the naming of committees called forth the following pithy remark from the *New York Evangelist*, on the qualifications of the Assembly's clerk: "He knows the whole constituency of the Church as no other man can know it. Hence, when a new Assembly is to be organized, the newly elected Moderator is ignorant of the body over which he is to preside, and must have somebody to advise him. And here is a man at his side who knows everybody, and can name the men who are most fit to be Chairmen of Committee, and by suggesting their appointment, he can, to a great extent, control the organization and the action of the Assembly. Hence the Stated Clerk is often spoken of as the power behind the throne that is greater than the throne itself."