

DEPARTURE OF REV. DR. FRASER.

The Rev. Dr. Fraser, with Mrs. Fraser and their three children, will leave, God willing, for his distant field of labour, probably on the 2nd November. They go by way of San Francisco, whence they will take steamer for China. Dr. Fraser is known most favourably to many of the ministers and congregations of the Church, and we doubt not that many will, not only for his own sake, but for the sake of his work and of his master whose work he goes to do, think often of him, and bear him and his family upon their hearts at a throne of grace. We shall hope to hear before long of his safe arrival, and of his entrance on his work in Formosa. He will be most gladly welcomed by Mr. McKay, and by ^{the} various members of the missionary band. May God watch over him and his, and make him an abundant blessing to those among whom he goes to labour.

MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE IN MONTREAL.

The recent meeting of the Dominion Branch of the Evangelical Alliance was decidedly successful. Although there were comparatively few representatives from abroad, those who were present were well fitted to give tone to such a gathering, and to sustain the interest of the meetings from day to day. Many of the papers were decidedly good, and would have attracted attention anywhere. Without specifying all, we might mention a paper by Rev. Dr. Schaff of New York on "The Doctrinal Consensus of Evangelical Christendom," one by Rev. Dr. R. Dabney of Virginia, on "The Scriptural Idea of the Visible Church Catholic as constituted of Denominations of Christians," one by Rev. Dr. Fraser of London, on "The Relation of Art to Church Worship." A very admirable address was given by Rev. Dr. Hall of New York, on "Modern Demands upon the Pulpit—unjust and just."

One or two of the papers seemed to be scarcely in place at a meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, the members of which agree to unite on certain broad grounds, sinking for the time many points, not unimportant, although not essential to salvation. Subjects which might bring up any of these points on which the Alliance would be divided, should be avoided. On the whole, however, the papers were interesting in regard to the subjects treated, and able in the discussion of these subjects.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the observance of the Lord's Supper on the afternoon of Sabbath in St. Paul's Church. Ministers of various churches, including a dignitary of the Episcopal Church, took part in the dispensation of the supper, and a very considerable number were present. A fine spirit characterised all the services.

The presence of the Earl of Cavan, Rev. Dr. Black, of Inverness, and Mr. Henry Varley of London, who have all been largely engaged in evangelistic work in Britain, added much to the interest of the meetings, while no doubt the powerful addresses delivered by them and others made a deep and lasting impression on many who heard them.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery held a quarterly meeting at Montreal, in Presbyterian College there, on the 7th, 8th and 9th days of Oct., 1874. The Rev. Alex. Young was moderator. Thirty ministers and five elders attended, besides ten corresponding members. The Rev. John Morton, missionary to the