

in the matter had been made before they left home; but I think it must mainly be attributed to their energy and business capacity. We shall hope to have tidings from them while they stop in England, again perhaps when they are stopping for a few days at Lisbon, and after that as soon as they arrive in Africa.

Faithfully yours,

JUDSON SMITH."

These words will be pleasing to the Canadian constituency, but will be no surprise to those who have seen the energy and ability with which our missionary has managed his tour among the churches. These two names, our first representatives on foreign soil, should be sacred among us. They should be household words by which to interest the children in the proclamation of the Gospel among the heathen. Pray for them upon the sea; pray for them in peril among foreigners, and that the heathen hearts may be opened to the message they carry.—THE SECRETARY.

## Mission Notes.

Christian Missionaries on the Congo have penetrated a thousand miles into the interior. Fourteen Protestant, and four Roman Catholic stations have been created.

The young people's circle of Zion Church, Toronto tendered a farewell social to the Rev. W. T. and Mrs. Currie, on the occasion of their departure from that city, and a purse of gold was then presented to the Missionary. Mr. Currie was led to Christ and first began Christian work in this church.

Native Christian martyrs in Uganda, Africa, while being tortured and burned, clung to Jesus, and praised God in the flames.

There are 36,000 communicants reported in connection with the several missions of Evangelical denominations in China.

All three churches in Montreal united in giving a hearty farewell to our Missionaries, on March 15th, in Calvary church. Drs. Stevenson and Cornish, Revs. E. M. Hill, H. McIntyre and W. T. Currie, delivered addresses.

The American Presbyterian Sunday School, Montreal, has voted \$20 to the support of our work in Africa, and a good representation from that church was present at the farewell in Calvary.

Rev. Mr. Harris and Engineer Roxburgh, missionaries of the London Board on Lake Tanganyika, make ten connected with that society who have given their lives for Africa in nine years.

The "Zenana and Medical School," established in London for training, has sent sixty ladies forth to different districts in India, in connection with the various denominations.

The collections of Bond Street church, Toronto, on March 14th, for our Foreign Missionary Society, amounted to \$150.

Just before the train which bore our Missionaries away from Montreal left the station, the students of our College sang together, in strains never to be forgotten, "Shall we gather at the river;" "Blest be the tie that binds;" "Bringing in the sheaves;" and when

the train started they struck up the Doxology, the notes of which grew fainter and fainter as the distance increased between them and their old school-fellow and his good helper.

Mr. James Baylis has given a cheque for \$50 to Mr. Currie, instructing him to purchase a photographic or other apparatus which may be useful in his work, or helpful in his leisure moments.

The Episcopal denomination of the United States proposes to raise a million for missions by enrolling 200,000 communicants who will give \$5 each.

## News of the Churches.

OTTAWA.—From the *Congregational Record*, printed by this Church, we gather some items of interest. E.g. A debate between the young men of the Dominion Methodist church and our own was held in which ours came off second best, as they deserved to; seeing that they affirmed "That annexation to the United States would be beneficial to Canada." Sunday School, the ladies' and the jubilee entertainments all speak of activity, and the steady growth of the church makes plain that the great interests are not forgotten.

PARKDALE.—The Congregational Literary Society of this church gave a social and musical entertainment on Tuesday evening, 13th ult. The building was comfortably filled with the members and friends of the society. After the orthodox "feast of good things," the pastor of the Church in a very few words welcomed the friends present, and without further ado opened the evening's programme. Special mention should be made of the rendition of the cantata, "Death of Minnehaha," in which Tennyson's beautiful song, "Home they brought her warrior dead," is introduced with touching effect. Mr. McDonald's superb vocal imitations of the music of cornet, bagpipes and banjo, and of the "language" of various animals fairly brought down the house; while the singing of Messrs. Warne and Williams, the latter a young Welshman, who is not ashamed of his ancient mother tongue, was very pleasing. After a few words of encouragement from Rev. Mr. Gay the gathering broke up, everybody apparently well satisfied.

Our students have been distributed thus:—Mr. McCallum goes to Sarnia; Mr. Solandt to Alton; Mr. Pritchard to Hawkesbury; Mr. Mason to Franklin Centre; Mr. McArdie to St. Andrews; Mr. Braithwaite to Baddeck; C. B.; Mr. Watt to Kingston; 2nd church, (Mr. McFadyen having four months' holiday on account of bad health); Mr. McLeod to Speedside; Mr. Swanson to Manchester, N. S.; Mr. Hart to Kingsport, N. S.; Mr. Davy to Maitland, N. S.; Mr. Garrie to Barrie; Mr. H. Pedley to Lennoxville; and Mr. Unsworth to Stouffville. May the blessing of God attend them.

Good actions should be more cultivated than good thoughts.

To admonish and be admonished is a mark of true friendship.

Whatever makes men good christians makes them good citizens.