

prosperous. It is estimated that the amount named at last General Assembly, viz.:—\$73,000 must be raised to \$79,000 to enable the Committee to close the year free of debt. The circular closes with the following urgent appeal which ought not to go unheeded in any congregation of the Church:—"The British Churches are coming to our help this year, and from them valuable aid is confidently expected; but, in addition to the sum coming from this source, strenuous efforts must be made by Presbyteries and congregations. The Committee feel that they have reached a crisis in their work, and that unless special contributions are received from our wealthier members, in addition to the regular collections of the Churches, retrenchment on a large scale must be made next year, accompanied by a reduction in the salaries paid to our self-denying laborers in the mission field. So far the Home Mission Committee has never once failed to meet its obligations. Whether it will be able to maintain this honorable record next year, depends very largely upon the Presbyteries, ministers and missionaries of our Church, to whom this appeal is made."

#### A Brave Princess.

All the world has been watching, with mingled feelings, the struggle going on between the Princess Alexandra Victoria, the grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, and the prelates of the Greek Church, with regard to her admission into that Communion. Betrothed to the heir of all the Russians, it is taken for granted in Russia, that she must become a member of the Greek Church, of which her future husband is to be the nominal head. This might not be so hard for her to do, were it not that she is required, before submitting to triune immersion, to anathematise the Lutheran faith in which she has been reared. Whether she will do this, or whether she will be admitted to the Greek without doing it, remains to be seen. But what a picture it reveals to us of the intolerant spirit of the Greek Church! Here is a Church, professing to belong to Christ, sitting in judgment upon another Church, or Churches, (for all Protestant Churches, at least, are the same to her), and condemning them, as beyond the pale of Christian fellowship, and having no claim to Christ's regard. One would imagine that the significant answer of Christ to the disciples who had forbidden a man to cast out devils because he did not follow them—"Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is for us"—was not in the Bible of the Greek Church. Their attitude, and that of other Churches, in refusing to acknowledge the Christian status of the great Protestant Churches of Christendom, is both irrational and unchristian. And the re-union of the various branches of the Church of Christ, so long as they have no faith in each other is out of the question. And yet, it cannot be denied, though the Greek Church has made little or no advance toward a more liberal Christian spirit, the spirit of tolerance has made great progress during the last few decades. And we will trust on, and pray still, and believe that Christ's prayer for the union of all His people will be fulfilled some day, and in some way, and that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

The Church Says the *Mid-Continent*: "One of the brightest of Dr. Cuyler's always bright and sound remarks are these, from the *Evangelist*, anent the church collection: 'The church collection—

'Offerory,' rather, as it is coming to be called—is being made more impressive by the pastor's descending from the pulpit, receiving the plates or baskets from the hands of the collectors and invoking a blessing on the contributions of the congregation. A good, sensible proceeding this, especially when there has been a good generous contribution; but I have known some collections over which a 'confession of sin' would be more appropriate."

**Church Extension** It is gratifying to learn that the work in Berlin of Church extension in Berlin, inaugurated five years ago under the patronage of the Empress Victoria Augusta of Germany, has achieved immense success. The population of the German capital, which must now be somewhere between one and a half and two millions, had quite outgrown the church accommodation and the services of the clergy, and it was absolutely necessary, if the capital was to be retained for German Protestantism or for Christianity, that some movement should be begun. Fifteen churches have been opened, and probably seven more will be dedicated this year. Eight additional churches are in course of erection. Thus no fewer than thirty churches will soon be added to the parochial organization of the German capital, and as the work proceeds the promoters of the movement are enlarging the scope of their enterprise, and propose to go on to the building of fifty, instead of forty churches in all. The movement has had from the first the warm approval and distinguished patronage of the Empress, whose piety has been the inspiration of the movement, and the Emperor, who jealously guards his position as temporal head of the Church, and who is one of the wealthiest of European sovereigns, has contributed generously from his own private purse. A sum of £800,000 has already been expended, and of this sum £117,000 has been spent upon the memorial church to the Emperor William I. This church promises to be one of the finest on the Continent, and its dedication is fixed for September, 1895.

#### OUR MONTHLY OFFER.

We would draw special attention to the book offered as a premium for the month of November, viz.: "Salient Points in the Science of the Earth," by Sir J. William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., etc., Montreal. The book, issued in its present compact form last year has been most favorably noticed by the scientific and general press, and has fully sustained the high reputation of the distinguished author. In the prefatory note Sir William states that the work is intended as a closing deliverance on some of the more important questions of geology, on the part of a veteran worker, conversant in his younger days with those giants of the last generation, who, in the heroic age of geological science, piled up the mountains on which it is now the privilege of their successors to stand. The importance of instilling in the young mind a love for easy scientific reading cannot be over-estimated. The book we offer may be digested by the average reader of intelligence; it is also of value as a profound deliverance on many questions, by one of the foremost men of science of the day. In looking around for a book which would introduce a healthy variety into our monthly offers, we selected this book as one of the best procurable on the subject and it was natural that in selecting science we should turn to the veteran author of whom all Canada is so justly proud. The retail price is \$2.00, but by fulfilling the easy conditions which will be set forth on our coupon next week, readers of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW will be supplied for \$1.25 per copy.