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## DOMINION OF CANADA.



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the ploneer of coroninh merhoss to thl hentaen. Br Per. George Pattirson, D.D.


The subject of the futlowing sketch was born at Benf. serotland. on the 10 th Aprii, 1815 , but his --rnts removed to Pictom, ANS, when he was a ebild,
so that he was by education and in feeling a Nova Scotion. His pareats were eminently pius, and their hearis perticularly interestell in the missiun cosuse. When a child he was irrought very luw ber sicknes, and as the hearts of the parents yearned over him, they besulght the Lord fur hi: lifi, ofterng him to the service of the liul of missions, to be mpluynd, if it shoult io phene Him, in work among the heathen. This case may serve as an exampir and eneraragrement thristum parents throughoat the church. We real rememy of a Christin family in siculamid, in mulleme cir-cumst.nce-s, in which the mother. witi the concurrence of the father, devoted three sun: as they were born to the sempion of Cod in the heathen fieht, and ali threc hecame weful and saccessful misniunaries, one in $\mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{a}}$ maica and two in liddia.
Whun a low, a mut, shmakiag, apmarentiy timid lithl- crenure, was sohlom sern, and neme would ever have wepected ha hewould haw become the man tu remure alone :n 1 umarmed :mons fierce
cannibal savages. But he was active, on occasions manifested a determined spirit, and early showed an inc!ination fur reading. Happily his father was in the habit of regularly receiving religious periodicals and other puolications, giving an account of the efr "ts being made for the evangelization of the world. These were the days of the first triumphe of the gospel in the South Soa Islands, and his boyish imagination was captivate l.by the scenes there presented. Hero we think is a lesson for parents. Most children will read, if they are furnished with literature suited to them, but they naturally seek what is exciting. To meet this craving, the ageuts of Satan are active in supplying them with a class of books not only unreal, but positively demoralizing. How could parents better counteract this evil than by supplying their families with miseionary litcrature? This would not only gratify the natural tastes of the young, by descriptions of strange lands and people, and the record of incidents sometimes as exciting as thuse of a novel, but would at the same time teach the nollest lessons of duty and help to train the rising generation to act upon the lofticst principles. Mr. Geddie enjoyed from his parents a strict religious training, according to the old Presbyterian fashion, based on the Dible and the catechism, and from a very carly period he was interested in divine things. He was always free from profanity or outward wickedness. In disposition he was gentle and amiable, but in addition there appeared from his earliest years a spirit of goodness, which even thon produced the impression. of his being under the influeice of divine truth.

Though his parents had not informed him of his early dedication to mission work, yet from boyhood the subject occupied his thoughts. "My desire," he said afterwards. " to go far hence unto the Gentiles is not of recent origin. As soon as I could comprehend the worth of the soul, and the daty of Cbristians to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and them that are ready to be slain, it took possession of my heart. It has cver since grown with my growth, and strengthened with my strength." With this riew ho early devoted himself to study. taking his collegiate course at the Pictou Institution, and studying Theology under Dr. Thomas McCulloch, then the only pro-
fessor of the Presbyterian Church of Nuva. Scotia. He was licensed by the lresbytiry of Pictor, on the "m May, $1 \times 37$. A fin months later he was ealled by the conerns. tion of Cavendish and New Lonclon, P.E.I. He had while a student anew devoted lim. self to the work of missions among the haw. thon, but the body to which he belonem was not engaged in that work, and to so abroad then would have involved seprar. tion from the church of his affections. He was besides young and inexperienecd, and a few years labour at home might render him better fitted fur service in the Fureign thld. and he hoped that ere lorg his own chureh might le led to engage in the work. If. therefore, resolved to aceept the call, and was accordingly ordained on the 13 th Mas, 1838. He entered upou his pastoral wurk with much zeal and, during his conuretion with the congregation, discharged all tillduties of his office with great assiduity, and was at the same time active in pron tiae mission work around. Indeed none wunld have regarded him as other than the mosi devoted of home labourers. Ife used to sary, that the more his mind was engagel in missions to the heathen, the decper hiv feelings on behalf of the destitute at heme.

From the beginning of his miniv:ry Mr. Geddie, as might be supposed, shuwid his interest in missions to the heatheril. The year in which he was ordained, he furmed in his congregation a missionary sucietr, from time to time he preached on thar sutject, and his religious services were fall of the spirit of missions. As he visited othe: portions of the island, he embraced everr opportunity of pressing upon his brethren and their congregations the claims of the heathen, and the duty of doing sumething for their salvation. At his solicitatim, combined Bible and Missionary Societirs were formed in all the congregations of the Presbytery; interest on the subject $\pi$ ma awakened, and contributions were ammally made, which were forwarded to some Fureign Missionary Sucicty abroad.

In the meantime, while his relations to his people were happy, he still hard a vice calling him claewhere. Providential dispensations disturbed his mind. In farticular the burning of his house whea :bout ready to bo occupied, seemed lik. Ciod's saying, "this is not your rest." liat at that time there was not one church in wh the
fitty colunies of Great Britain engaged in the work of missions to the heathen. Most were dependent on churches in the motherland, and oren seemel to rejoice in drawins as much aid from abroad as they could. The body to which he belunged, too, was one of the smallest of our colonial churches, numbering only about thirty congregations. with a little over 5,000 members. With, the exception of the Moriwians, no church so small has in modern times undertaken a mission to the heathen. Besides, the congregatious of which it was composed, were mostly in rural districts, none of them realthy, and zome of them feeble and struggling. At that time farmers could scarcely get any money for their produce. Ministers' salaries were small and irregularly paid. Most of the ministers considered themselves missionaries at home, and the church had not men to supply the fields around.
Tho idea of a church in such circumstances, undertaking a mission to the heathen, seemed to many utterly chimerical, and even Mr. Gr.'s personal friends were incredulous. Rut he had adopted the idea that, small and poor as she was, she might and ought to do so, and he commenced to agitate for that object. To briag the church up to such a view, required no small amount of faith and patience, as well as persevering labour. It would be interesting to trace his course, how he talked with his brethren in the ministry, how to argued in Presbytery; , how he pleaded with their people, how be organized their congregations for the rork, huw he appealed to the church at large through the press, how he fought the whole matter out in synod. It was rather a hard battle, but be succeeded. At the mecting of Synod in June, 1844, it was resolved tu appoint a Buard of Foreign Missions, and, so successful was it in drawing out the sympathy and liberality of the chureh, that in the following year, the Syand authurized the Board to select a field and to nerotiate with candilates. The oppsition, however, was by no means over. There was no objection to missions to the beathen, the difficulty was as to so small a church undertaking such a responsibility. For the Iresbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, with her membership at that time, to supFor on" missionary, was more in proportion to numbers, not to speak of weallh, tian iur the Presbyterian Chureh in Canada
to suppiort twenty, and to support two, which she proposed to do, was more than for the latter to support forty. We need not wouder that the resolution passed by only one of a majority.

Looking back now, we see two things: first, how all the fears in regard to the continuayce of support were disappointed ; aud, secondly, that never was the shurch at horue so blessed, never did every home scheme so prosper, as when she earncotly engared in sending the bread of life to the perishing abroad. Mr. Geddie did immensely more good to the church by going to the South Seas, than ever he could have done as the pastor of a single congregation at home.

Here, too, we must notice what we regard as perhaps the most important service rendered ly him to the church of Christ,that is in working up the idea that every Colonial chureh might and should engage in the work of missions to the heathen. Till this time such a thing had scarcely been thought of in any colony. "here had been, in a few inst:ances, contributions sent to other societies for miss ons to the heathen ; and at tha same time that Mr. G. was agitating the subject in the Iresbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the Baptist body in the Maritime Proviaces was taking up the question, and a few months before Mr. G. sailed, seat out the Rev. Mr. Burpe to labour in connection with the American Baptist Mission in Burmah. But to Mr. G. belongs the credit of first working up a small Colonial church, to the idea of undertaking all the responsibility of a mission of her own. And it wis directly from the favour of God to his mission, that the flame of missionary zeal spread to the other churches of Canads and Australia, and they were led to engage in the work. In faet we hold that he dida work for the great Colonial empire, similar to that which Carey did for the churches in England, and Mils and his fellow-students did for those of America. Consideriag the state of the colonies at the time, it equally manifested that faith which moves mountains, and considering the increasiog wealth and power of these rising communities, tho work was uext in importance to that of those honuured men.

An account of his labours in the Mission field is reserved for another article.
G. I.

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Maroi 9. Acts xviII: 1-17. Golden Text, Acts 18: 10.

旡ORINTH, forty-five miles from Athens, was the commercial and political capital of Greece, finely situated on the isthmus. It was adorned with magnificent temples and theatres; towering above all was the temple of Venus on a rocky eminence 2,000 feet above the sea. The city was noted for learning, wealth anil wickedness. Its population was about 100,000 , many being Jews. Its glory has long since passed away; its site is now a desolate pile of ruins. Through the agency of St. Paul this dissolute city became an important centre of Christianity. Vs. 2, 3. Aquila and Priscilla, natives of Pon-tus-the most easterly province in Asia Minorhad been living for some time in Rome, but, being obliged to leave, they found a temporary asylum in Corinth, where they carried on their business of tent-making. Every Jew was obliged to learn some trade. With these good people Paul lodged, working with them at his trade to pay for his board. They soon hecame great friends, Rom. 16:3;1 Cor. 16:19. When he left Corinth they accompanied him, v. 8, and helped him in his work, v. 26. Priscilla was one of the pioneers of those women-workers who have done and are still doing so mush for Christianity. V. 4. How diligent Paul was ! Omitting no opportunity of discoursing on the great theme of Christ and the resurrection. V. 5. Silas came from Berea, ch. 17: 13, 14, and Timotheus from Thessalonica, 1 Thess. 3: 2. Pressed in the spirit-"constrained by the woord," R. V.-may mean that he felt himself under special obligation to preach the word, 1 Cor. 9: 16, or he may refer to some inward pressure, or discouragement, 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 1 Thess. 3: 1-10. The arrival of these brethren would revive his drooping spirits. V.7. Departedceased to attend the synagogue services. Still boarding with Aquila, he obtained a room in the house of Justus, where he could hold his meetings. V. 8. Another household baptism. The conversion of Crispus was considered so important that Paul, contrary to his custom, baptized him, 1 Cor. 1: 14-16. Many of the Corinthians i. e., of the idolaters, in addition to the Jews already mentioned. Vs. 9-10. Like many other teachers, Paul was afraid he was doing very little. good-so few conversions and opposition so strong! But these gracious words would bring him both comfort and courage-" I have much people"-Though idolaters now, many of them were already elected to become believers. There is a valuable lesson here for all Christian work-ero-Toil on, and leave results with God, 1 Kings 19: 18; Rom. 11 : 1-5. V. 11. During this time was written the epistles to the Thessalonians. Vs. 12-17. Gallio-was non-committal to a fault in witnessing with stoical indifference the assault upon Sosthenes-cared for none of these things $\rightarrow$ these disorderly proceedings. His line of conduct however, favoured Paul's cause, enabling him to speak boldly, vs. $9,10$.

## The Coming of the Exaxd.

Maroi 16.
1 Teess. 1v.: 13-18; v. 1-8.

## Golden Text, 1 Thess. 4 : 14.

© ${ }^{\text {PT }}$ HIS e, istle was written at Corinth about A.D. 52, soon after the arrival of Silas and Timotheus, Acts 18:5. It is the earliest of Paul's writings extant, and follows last lesson in Chronological sequence. The church at Thessalonica was in many respects a model one, ch. 1 7. It had suffered persecution, ch. 2: 14; but, like most new converts its members were somewhat unsettled in their minds-giving way to doubts and difficulties about the resurreation and the future state. This letter was designed for their encouragement and counsel, and ours. It is written in the joint names of Paul, Silas, and Timotheus, the three founders of the Thessalonian Church ch. 1 : J. V. 13. I would not, should be we-my fellow labourers and myself. Ignorant -There is much about the future state respecting which we are, and must continue ignorant. Death itself is a great mystery. The life beyond is very imperfectly understood. But God has revealed some consolatory truths which we ought to consider concerning them which are asleepBeautiful imagery! Death does not annihilate. The cemetery is literally a sleeping place. Many had misunderstood Paul's teaching; as though he confined the future glory to those who should be found alive at Christ's coming. The sorrow here spoken of is immoderate grieving for the dead. As others-the heathen who had no hope beyond the grave. V.14. Faith in Christ is the test of our religion. The fact of Christ's resurrection is the pledge of ours. V. 15 . Word of the Lord-by revelation. We which remainthose of us who may live to witness this event. Beliévers are taught to live in continued expecta. tion of their Lord's coming. Luke 12: 40. Pre-vent-precede, or enter glory before the righteous dead. Vs. 16, 17. Shall rise first-before the living are change 1 . Then we-Curiet's people who are alive, after having been changed, shall join those who have been raised. 1 Cor. $15: 51$, 52. Ever with the Lord-Precious thought INo more partings; no more sorrow; no more tears; Rev. 21 : 4. Ch. V. Reference is here made (1) to the certainty of Christ's second coming; (2) as to how we should prepare for it. No need for the apostle to dwell on the flrst, which he had distinctly taught them by word of mouth. V. 2. The day of the Lord-that great day of Christ's coming to judge the world-Matt. 24: 36-44. V.3. They shall say-the children of the world-like people living under the shadow of a volcanic mountain, not dreaming of the destruction that may await them at any moment. Vs. 4, 5. Not in darkness-the Gospel had been preached to them. They had the light of revelation. Vs. 6, 7. Sleep -here means apathy to spiritual things. Others -the unconverted. Watch-it behoves christians ever to be vigilant, so to live as to be always prepared to meet their Lord. Luke 21 : 34 36.

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March 23.
2 Thess. mi: 1-18.
Golden Text, 2 Thess. 3: 13.

jN his first epistle to the Thessalonians Paul dwelt at some length on the second advent of our Lord, endeavoring to correct mistaken notions that prevalled in regard to it. But he was not clearly understood. Some of his disciples argued that if the world was soon to come to an end it was useless for them to pursue their ordinary avocations any longer. They forsook their work and indulged in dreamy speculations about the future, ch. 1: 7-12; 2: 2-4. To check this evil he wrote this second epistle in which he further reasons on the same subjects and exhorts them not to trouble their minds about the time of Christ's coming, but,knowing that he will come, to be ever watchful and faithful in the discharge of duty. Vs. 1, 2. Pray for us-Paul had prayed for them, ch. 1: 11; now he asks their prayers for himself. Thus is the communion of saints kept up. They not only pray with one another but for one another : in this way those who are separated by distance on earth meet together at the throne of Grace. People should pray for their ministers and teachers. Paul's chief anxiety was not for himself but for the cause he had in hand-the Gospel-that it might spread, and be glorifiedThe Word of God is " glorified" when it becomes a means of salvation. John, 5: 39; Rom. 1:16. All have not faith-many do not believe the Gospel, hence their opposition to its teaching; others are very weak in the fath. V. 3. Butcontrasted with man's fickleness, God is faithful - to his promises. He will surely fulfil His part of his covenant with his people. 2 Pet. $3: 9$. V. 4. His confidence was not based upon any thing in themselves but wholly on the faithfulness of God. V. 5. He prays for them, (1) that they may experience the love of God in their hearts; (2) that they may have patience. Into the patient woaiting-should read-" into the patience of Christ,' R. V. Such patience as He manifested his people should also strive to imitate, Phil. 2: 5.V.6. Although in this verse the reference is to a particular class who were neglecting their duties and talking unwisely about the day of the Lord, it teaches us all to withdraw from the companionship of idlers and busy-bodies. The tradition
 Vs. 7-10. He reminds them of his own practice among them, how, while preaching to them, he also laboured at his handicraft. But this is no argument for witholding adequate support from the ministry, Rom. $15: \cdot 26,27$. V. 11. Busybodies - scandal-mongers, who meddle with other people's business and neglect their own. 1 Tim. 5: 13. V. 12. Religion in every day life is the thing to be aimed at, Prov. 22: 29 ; Rom. 12: 11 . V. 13. Never tire of doing good, either from slothfulness or distrust of God. Gal. 6:9.V.16. Working for God is the best way to secure the Peace of God. Matt. 7: 21.

## Chita 越issionary

April 6.
Acts ximi: 23-28; IIx: 1-7. Golden Text, Acts 19: 6.

${ }_{3}^{2}$AUL left Antioch on his third missionary journey in A. D. 54, and was absent about four years. The precise route he took is uncertain, but he probably revisited his native city and also the scenes of his former labours at Derbe, Lystra and Iconium. It was a long fatiguing journey from Antioch to Ephesus- Bix hundred miles or more through a mountainous country. Gaius and Aristarchus are mentioned as his companions in travel, ch, 19: 29, also Erastus v. 22. Titus seems also to have been of the party, 2 Cor. 7: 6; 12: 18, and it is probable that Timotheus accompanied him during the whole journey, see ch. 19: 22; 20: 4, \&c. Paul remained three years at Ephesus, ch. 20: 31. Thence he crossed into Macedonia and Greece, doubtless revisiting the Churches he had founded at Philippi, Berea, Thessalonica and Corinth. His return to Jerusalem may be distinctly traced in chs.20,21 His arrest prevented him reaching Antioch again and put an end to his missionary journeys. V.23. There-at Antioch, where was the church that had sent him forth as a missionary and to whon he reported, ch. 14:27.V.24. Appollos-perhaps a more brilliant preacher even than Paul, was a native of Alexandria on the Nile, famous for its magnificent libraries, and its schools. It is thought by some that Appollos was the first christian teacher in his native city. Others think bim to be the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. V. 25. Deeply religious and devoted though he was, he had much yet to learn respecting the Saviour. He knew him only as John had preached about him 20 years before-the Messiah who was to come. V. 26 . Here is a fine example, not only of lay agency, but of efficient female teaching ; and also of humility on the part of so gifted a man as Appollos, in his readiness to be taught by those tent-makers. V. 2. The brethren wrote-thus christians now are certified from one church to anotber. V. 28. From Scripture-The Old Testament must be studied in order to fully understand the Messiahship of Christ which is revealed in the New. Ch. 19: 1. Ephesus-the most important city in Asia Minor, celebrated for its theatre, holding 50,000 people, and the temple of Diana, accounted one of the wonders of the world. Nothing now remains of its magnificence but heaps of ruins. Here Paul found a little band of diociples, 12 in number, who were as yet very imperfectly acquainted with the Christian religion. V. 3. John's baptism-As explained in Matthew 3:11, wasprovisional and preparatory. For Christian baptism, see S. cat.94.V $8.5,6$. Were baptized -though not by Paul, 1 cor. 1: 14-17. Laid his hands-a symbolic act followed by the gift of the Holy Ghost, when Pentecost was repeated on a small scale. Prophesied-not in the sense of foretelling events, but they had increased powers of expounding Scripture.

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Missionaries.-r. Rev. Iï. A. Robrrrsov, Martyr's Church, Eromanga appointed, 1871.
2. Rev. Juapil Anvavi, at Aneityum, appointed is;z.
3. Rev. J. W. Mackenzin, at Efate apponted 18 ;2.
(1) Population, 2040; Wormippers, 540 ; Communicant:, 195; Teachers, 25; Candidate' Clas , 23. (2) Population in Mr. A'sdu-trict, 529; Sabbath attendance. 300 ; Prayer meeting, 150 ; 22 schools taught by Natues ; Communicants, 175 . (3) Five Mistion Stationc; 8I Communamat-; 280 Wor hippera; 2 Bible Clases.
 heathen island, carrymg Missionarie, their wive., families, and native Teachers and natives, berde, making her two regular vogages to Sydney in N.S. Wales.

## II.-TRINIDAD MISSION.

Missionaries.-4. Rev. Jonv Morton, Tunapuna, in Caroni District; first appointed 1867. Bhekard, Cuthochist. Miss Agnis M. Shmpe, Ziucher.
5. Rer. Kexnemi J. Grait, San Fernando District. appointed 1870.
6. Rev. Lal Bemiri, Assistint Missiomay. Jacob Corsma, Temider.
Jai-par gas-lai, Cethecrist. George Sadapial., "
7. Rev. I. Kvox Wricht, Couva District, appointed 1883.

Ramias ayd Madhre, Catechists.
8. Rev. J. W. McLeod, Princestown, Savannah Grande District, appointed 18Si. Miss A vivie L. Blackadder, Tiacher. Josern Anvajee, Liatio Éangelist.
Joolie population above 30,000 . Total rumber of Schools, 36 ; Scholars, 1592. Salaris of Native Evangelists from $\$ 200$ to $\$ 335$ each. The Woman's F. M. S., Halifax, provides Miss Blackadder's salary, $\$ 406$; Communicancs, 211 .

## III.-MISSION TO THE INDIANS IN THE NORTFI-WEST.

Missionarús.-9. Rev. Jonn Mackay, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, appointed 1878.
10. Rev. George Flett, Okanase, appointed 1873.
if. Rev. Solomon Tunkansaicye, Fort Ellice, appointed 1887.
Mr. C. Mackay, Teecher at Fort Pelly.
Miss Baker, Teacher at Prince Albert, 1879. Communicants about i 36 .

## IV.-MISSION TO FORMOSA.

Missionalies.-12. Rev. G. L. Mackay, D.D. Tamsui, appointed I87r.
13. Rev. John Jamieson "، " 1883.

In a little more than ten yars 22 Chapels have been opened and 2 Mission Houses built, and 22 native helpers trained; 5 Schools are sastained; 300 Communicants are enrolled, and nearly 5.000 persons have renounced idolatry and attend Christian worship. There are two well equrped Hosputal, une at Tamsui and the other at Kelung. The Oxford College for the training of native Teacher, and Preachers is now in successful operation. It has accommodation for fifty students and two $t$ acher, with their families.

> V.-MISSION TO CENTRAL INDIA.

Mssuminus.14. Rev. Joun Winkie, at Indore, appointed 1879.
15. Rev: Jamej Frasfr Campbell, Mhow, appointed 1876.

Miss Roncer, cn furliugh in Canaca, appointed $1873 .$.
Miss McGregor, at Indore, appointed 1877.
Miss Koss, appointed 1882.
16. Rev. Josiph bithifer, appointed $\mathrm{ISS}_{3}$. Communcamt, abolet 44.
The Fueenile .hessing Si heme, be inles contributing to the support of four high caste schools and three or four orphan at Calcutta, maintain- two day-schools, two Dible-women and one orphan at In lore, and during last year surtained two day-schools at Trinidad, besides contributing towards the "D.y Sprinns," and toward-i). Mackay's work in Formosa.

## Our (Own Churda.

WE ask spocial attention to the Crast of Foneign Missions of our Church on another page. It couveys at a glance, the number of ordained missionaries emfloved at the present time, and a condensed sitement of the fruit of their labours in the number of communicants that have been receivnd from heathenism into Christion feilowship and the number of young people who are receiving christian instruction in the schools connected with our missions. With this, and the help of tho missionary map, any one may very soon acquiro a suficient knowledge of the work that our Church is doing in heathen countries to sable him to judge intelligently the measure of support to which it is entitled. The watal number of ordained missionaries is six:een. They are nearly all married, and their wives are as good, if not better, miss.onaries than their husbands; but besides the wives, there are six unmarried ladies in the missiou field. That will make about thirty-six Candian missionaries. Then there are one hundred and thirty native teachers and helpors, making the total effective forco bout 163. The number of native communicants is about 1142 , and of children under christian instruction, about 3000 .
In this number we have the first of a series of missionary papers by Rev. Dr. George Putterson, the author of "Missionary Life among the Cannibals, being the life of Rer. John Geddie, D.D.", and thewinner of the hypadred guinea prize for the best essay an missions to the heathen. Dr. Patterson mrites in an easy flowing style and has choen an excellent subject to commence with. To would recommend all our readers to procure a copy of the volume we have just nimed. It is a book of thrilling interest, and rorth more than a whole cart-load of the tash that young people read now-a-days.

Tiae Presbyterlan Council-The third Grieral Council of tho Presbyterian Alkasce is to meet in Belfast on the 24th of Jine. The following are the names of the Ditegates appointed by the General Assemto to the Council :-Drs. J. M. King, W. Lisen, W. Maclaren, D. H. Macvicar, W. flchrane, R. F. Burns, W. Reid and Rev. A.

Burrows-ministers. David Morrice, W.B. Mchlurrich, Imes Croil, Iton. A. Vidal, Hon. A. Morris, S. L. Matikic, Dr. Thorburn (Uttawa) and Judro Jame:-lders. It is requosted that such of the delergates as may not be able to attend the meeting will intimato their inability to Dr. Reid, Turonto, in order that othera may be appointed in their stand. Information regordiag travelling facilities may be obtained from Rev. Dr. Misthews, Quebec, the correspunding secretary of the Alliance. It is understood that less time will be devoted to the reading of papers and more to the discussion of the subjects than at either of the preceeding Councils. Rev. Professor Watts, D.D., Belfast, is chairman of the local committee of arrangements. Whatever elso comes of it, the delegates miy rely upon receiving a hearty welcome.

The Sunday-School-Arrangements are in progress for the Fourth International Convention to be hold in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of June next. The total number of delegates allowed will exceed 1700 ; and it is believed that not less than 1000, and possibly 1200 delegates will be in attendance at the convention, which will thus be one of the largest and most important religious meetings ever held in that part of the country, representing more than $8,000,000$ of Sundayschool teachers and scholars. The executive committee desire the prayers of Christians that their work may be accepted by their brethren and pleasing to God. The executive committee consists of fifty representative Sunday-school men from all parts of North America, including seven from Canada and one from Newfoundland, as follows: -D. McLean, Toronto ; D. Morrice Montreal; James Forest, Halifax; Rev. Dr. Burwash, Charlortown, P.E.I. ; Professor G. E. Foster, M.P., Sussox, N.B., Professor Bryce, Manitoba, and Rev. L. G. Macneill, St. Johns, Newfnundland. Revs. Dr. Potts and Principal Macvicar, of Montreal, are members of the Lesson Committee 1880-86. Unfortunately fur us, the General Assembly of our church will be in session at the time appeinted for this great convention.

College Lectures.-The following is the order of Lectures on questions of the day
in the Presoyterian College, Montreal, during the second term :-Is the Bible a Revelation? by Professor Scrimger; Is Christianity a failure? by Rev. James Barclay, M.A.; Christian and Unchristian Agnosticism, by Professor J. C. Murray; Christ the great miracle of Christianity, by Professor Donald Ross of Queen's College; Creeds, a help or a hindrance, by Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A.; The ground of certitude in Christian Belief, by Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, of New Orleans.

A Girls' School for Formosa. This is the latest news from Dr. Mackay, who says: L-" We have nothing to complain of Canada since our return." On the contrary, he seems to be almost overpowered by the liberal responses made to his appeals. About this girls' school, writing to Mrs. Harvie, he eays:-"I am building it already, of cut stone, same size as Oxford College. It will be a grand building; strong and beautiful. Mrs. Mackay never, never will forget you."

Ditghfield, Lake Megantic.-A church and school building are being erected for the French mission in Ditchfield, by Rev. Mr. Charbonnel. A good teacher will be a great help in the work. The French converts are very much in earnest. The missionary has issued a circular asking for pecuniary assistance which will we hope bring to him enough to complete the building.

The Oldest Elder.-One of the Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Mr. Neil McIntosh, of Framboise, Cape Breton, completed his hundredth year last Christmas Day. He walks three miles to public worehip on every alternate Lord's day, and is in full possession of all his faculties.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

St. Anns and Wellandport: Hamilton: Mr. Crombie was inducted on the 17 th of December.

Beachburgh and Westmeath: Lanark and Renfrew :-Mr. R. McNabb was ordained and inducted on the 4th of January.

Cornwall: Glengarry:-Rev. James Hastie, formerly of Lindsay, was inducted as pantor of Knox Church, on the 26th of December.

Summerstown: Glengarry:-Rev. Hugh Cameron, formerly of Kippen, was inducted on the 1st of Eebruary.

Woodville: P. E. Island:-Rev. Malcolm Campbell, formerly of Strath Lorne, C. B., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Woodville, Little Sands and Caledonia on the 23 rd of January.

Lake Shore and Leith: Owen Sound:Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., was inducted on the 14th of February.

Ceatsworte: Owen Sound:-Rev. John McAlpine was inducted on the 20th of February.

Cails :-Mr. G. T. Bayne has accepted a call to East Gloucester, subject to the permission of the Home Mission Board. Rev. Joseph Gandigr declines the call to Madoc. Rev. Dr. Lamont, of Dalhousie Mills, is called to Florence and Dawn, Chatham. Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, of Montreal, declines the call to Charles Street Church, Toronto. Rev. John J. Cameron, of Pickering is called to St. John's Church, Chatham, N.B. Rev. J. Leishman, of Newburgh and Camden to Angus, New Lowell and Bonny-ton-Barrie.

Demissions:-Rev. D. Macintosh of Molville Church, Markham. Rev. Walter Amos, of Aurora and East King ; Rev. Hugh Crozier, of Port Perry, Whitby.

## NEW CHURCHES.

Wallagetown :-The new church of Dutton, in connection with this congregation was opened for divine worship on the 13th of January. Rev. Dr. Maclaren, of Toronto, preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. J. A. Murray in the afternoon. The church is a neat brick structure seated for 300 , and cost about $\$ 3,500$. The services on the day of opening and the subsequent meetings were very largely attended.

Upper Musquodoboit : Nova Scotia:-A handsome new church was opened at Dean Settlement, on Sunday, 27 th January, Rev. Dr. Sedgwick offered the dedicatory prayer. Revs. E. Grant and S. C. Gunn preached, and the pastor, Rev. John A. Cairns, took part in the services. Though the thermometer hovered about zero, the attendance at both diets of worship was large. The new ohurch seats over 300 . It is free of debt.

Peacock Settlement: Manitoba:-A friend away up in that new settlement has seut us an account of how they build churches in the North-West.-." (On the 3rd of March, ten teams went to Brandon for the lumher. The last week found tifteen or twenty of us busy at the building. We timinhed all but seats and pelpit which wo in by contract. On the 9 th of September Mr. I' iagle, of Kildonan, openod the church if two very ablo sermons (1) "I press iurard the mark": (2) "Worthy of all acentation." The sacrament was dispensed by Mr. Davidson on the 16th of September, and 24 members put on the roll. In January clevon wero added, and now papers aro in our own hands for electing elder:." H.P.

Fire.-One of the finest ocelesiastical buildings in the country, Erskine Church, Toronto, has been completely destroyed by fire. Nothing remaining but the bare walls. It might have been worse, for the children were assembled in the Sunday-school when the fire broke out, but they were quietly dismissed and suffered no harm. Much symnuthy was expressed by other churches of the city and substantial assistanco offered. The building cost nearly $\$ 30,000$ and was insured for $\$ 20,000$. On the samo day a tire, though happily less disastrous, broke ont in St. David's Church, St. John, N.B.

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Hidifax: Feb. $5:-\mathrm{A}$ call from ifiddle
Misupodoboit to Rev. E.S. Bhyno was suitained, Rev. D. Mackinnon intimated his intention of resigning the charge of Littlo River, on the ground of inadequate support. The usual steps were ordered to be thken. Dr. MacGregor, by appointment of the supplementing committeo, laid fully befure tho Presbytory the Assembly's scheme for the augmentation of stipends. After consideration a large committeo was appointed to rarry out the scheme. Congregations were reminded of the claims of Manitoba Colloge. The sabject of the payment of expenses of commissioners to the Goneral Assembly was taken up and after discussion recommittod. Congregations are recommended to hold evagelestic services where possible.-A. Simpson, Clk.

Mhamichi: Jan. 15th:- The Presbytery met at Chatham. The district of Lower Nippian was allowed meantime to be supplied by Rev. John Robertson, Black River. Tho people of the district have completed a church and are showing signs of progress. The new supplementing or "augmenting" scheme was introduced to the Presbytery by Rov. Thomas Nicholson, $3: 4$ delegate from the Supplementing Board. It received it most cordial response, and a ccmmittee was appointed to superintend the working of it. Anangements were mado to visit congiegitions in the interest of the scheres of the church. The cler's presented a statistical report.-John McCirver, Clk.

Peterboro: 1 Jth Jenuary:-Mr; Bennett, convener, presented the report on statistics which was adopted and ordered to bo printed for circulation among the condregations, The report strongly recommends the formation of missionary associations in the congresations where they do not now exist. Tho dolegates attending the Presbyterial Society of the Women's Foreign Missionary Association met with tho Presbytery in the eveniug and were addressed by Liev. James Carmichael, of Norwood, on tho subject of Foxeign Missions. Ruv, P. MeF. MeLeod, addressed tha. ..... ytery and received their cordial thanks and also an assuranco of their heaty co-operation-W. Bennett, Clk.

Whitby: Ijth, January:-Rev. P. McF. Meleod, of Tcronto, addressed the Presbytery on the augmentation scheme and received assurance of the hearty co-operation. of the congregations within the buund. Rev. Hugh Crozier tendered demission of his charge at Port Perry. Rev. S. Eistman presented an overture anent the reduction of theological colleges, praying the General Assembly to take into its serious considerationthe practicability of reducing the number of such colleges by whatever meihod may seem most feasible, and most for the good of the church, and for the glory of God.-A. A. Dremmond, Clk.

Tononto: Jan. 15th:-Rov. D. Mackiatosh tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge of Melville Church, Markham. Parties concerned in a call from Lake Shore and Leith to Kev. Dr. Fraser havince been heard and Dr. F. having indicated his need of relief from the great strain connected with his present fiold, it was agreed to crant his
translation. liev. Walter Amos tondered the resiguation of his charge of Aurora and East King, Rev. l'. Nicol read resolutions passed by the congregations of Calecion East and Siandhill, anent a proposal to unite them with the three of which Rev. A. Tait has charge already. Arrangements were made whereby, with the assistance of a student, the union shall be effected Various other matters, chiefly of local interest, were disposed of. Commissioucrs to the General Assembly will be appointed at next ordinary meeting, at 3 p.m.-R. Monteath, Clk.

Barrie: - 29 th Janiuary:-A call was sustained from Augus, New Lowelland Bonnyton to Rer. J. Leishman, of Newburgh and Camden, and provisional arrangements made for induction. The Presbytery of Lindsay at a pro re nata meeting rescinded a previous resolution to give effect to a call frou - Sarrie to Rev. E. Cockburn ard declined to translate. Their action will be brought under review of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston at its next meeting by reference from this Presbytery.-R. Moody, Clk.

Hamiltos:-Conferences on the state of Religion and Sabbath-Sr'hools were held on the 15th and 16th January. Provision was made for the supply of Wellandport, Kilbride and Nelson, meanwhile, arrangements were made for visiting the congregations in the interrst of the augmentation of st:pends. A petit $=$ from Crowland for the sanction of Presbytery to the closing of the church was received, hut no action was taken until enquiry should be made. -The Beverly congregation had made arrangementa by which they hoped to double thcir contributions to the Home Mission Fund. Rev. Dr. McLaren was unanimously nominated as moderator for next General Assembly.-J. Laing, Clk.

Guelpa: 15th January:-The committee on remits from the General Assembly reported on the proposed scheme for the distribution of probationers; recommending that it be not adopted. hut that the one formerly in use be resumed. Reports were received from missionary deputations. A series of conferences were held (1) on the State of Religion; (ㄹ) on Trmperance ; (3) on Sabbath-echools. Lieligious instruction in the familr, family worship and the pravermeeting, were the topics dwelt upon at the first conference. A: the second, Mr. War-
ren, one of the councillors for Esquesing, gave an account oí the working of the Scott Act in the county of Halton, observing that intemperance had markedly decrensed. At the Sabbath-school conference, the work of superintendents ind teachers' was discussed. Upon the whole ihese meetings proved very interesting and were well attended.-R. Turrance, Clli.

Stratrond : 15th January:-It was agreed to hold conferences on Temperance, Sal: bath-schools and the State of Religion at next meeting. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, aldressed the Presbytery in the intereets of the augmentation of stipends, which was commended to the congregations and a committee appointed to take the oversight of the scheme.-W. A. Wilson, Clk.
Pictov; February 5th:-The Presbytery met at the funeral of Rev. George Walker, who was the "Father" of the Presbytery. In the evenng a meeting for visitation was held at Westrille. An address on missions was delivered by her. H. A. Robertson. After full enquiry into alldepartments of its work, a resolution was adopted expressing gratitude to God for the prosperity of Westville and Middle River congregation,--Moderation in a call was granted to Stellarton.-E. A. McCurdy, Clk.

Trero: February 5th:-J. F. Blanchard, reporced that $\$ 135.50$ had been raised for the Maccan church debt. Congregations which ha! w.wn vet contributed were asked to do so without delar. Three catechists are asked to labour within the Presbytery'a bounds next summer. Mr. Suctar brought before the Presbytery the A-semblys augmentation scheme, and it was decided to rend deputations to all the congregations to work up the scheme.-J.H. Cuase, Clk.

## Ohituary.

筧 EV. GEORGE WALKER, New Ghasgor, died on the lst ult., after a brief illuess. He was in the 79th year of his afe, and the 47th of his ministry. Mr. Walleer wis hurn in Greenock, Scotland. He studicd in arts and theology in Clasgow, and was hicensed in 1837. He was settled first as pasior, a: Muirkirk, and theu at old Johnshaven. In the spring of 1848, he came to Nova sculas. and in Aurust of that year was inllocted into the charge of Primitive Church, Neis Glasgor. He continued pastor of this exgregation till the union of Primitise a! Knox churches, formerly "Enited (Gurch" Mr. Walker was pastor of Cnited Chuci.:
until in 1878, ho was relieved from the more active work of the charge by the settlement there of Rov. E. Scott, the congregration giving Mr. Walker a suitable retiring allowance. Mr. Walker was a preacher of arest ability, eloquenco and power. He was . most faithful pastor. Ho in every way scorned his calling as a Christian and as a milister.

James Beckett, for thirty years an elder in the Presbyterian Church, Westwood, 1)nt., died on tho 18 th December, at the age of ninety jears He came to Canada in 1820 , and settled on the fa:m where he breathed his last in Otonabee, Co. of $\mathrm{Pe}-$ terboro. For five years he had no neighbour to the north of him. He has left tive daughters and a son, the minister of Thamesville, Ont., to mourn the loss of one who always had suushine in his face, and whose mission seemed to be peace on earth and goodwill tuwards men.

Aleyander Simpson, Elder, Cavendish, P. E. Island, died on the 25 th January. Ho Led attained tho goodly ago of sevonty-five jears. Fur eighteen years ho was an elder, and be discharged the duties of that office with faithfulness and acceptance, winning the respect and confidenco of all.

MLutmew Reid, recently deceased, was an honoured and useful elder in Millonak congregation from the time of its formation. He belunged to the Covenanters of the north of Ireland, and was one of the first settlers in Mornington township. He tras a man of humble and fervent piety, Farmly attached to the Presbyterian church.

## Erclesiastical dews.

REL. Sixon McGregor, a Nova Scutian l,y birth and furmerly minister of St. Andruw's Church, Victoria, B. C., has been elected minister of Appin, in the Presbytery of Lurn, Scotland. The Presbyterian Churches across the sea are all in a stato of masuas quictude at prosent. If this porrends a cuming storm, no ono seems to be mise enuugh to divine the "probabilities." If it is tou late in the day to gret excited over d:u levasel wifis sister, Professor Millian is uf epinion that legislaion in that direcian should be narrowly watched, and
has accordingly given notice of the following motion in the Aberdeen Presbytery :-" As there seems reason to believe that the bill for legalizing mariago with a deceased wife's sister may in all probability be re-introduced into liarliament nextsession, and as said bill is directly contrary to the Confession of Faith of this Church, and endangers the purity and hippiness of family life, tho Presbytery resolve to appoint a committeo to watch the introduction and progress of the bill, and to take all necessary steps to resist its being passed into law." Dr. Story's overture, by whichit was proposed to offer the Confession of Faith to elders for subscription in a diluted form, is not likely to ho brought up again in the Kirk Assembly. The concession, thourh well meant, does not seem to have been appreciated. On New Year's day, the first of tho daily services, which are to be held in the Moray Aisle of St. Giles' Church, Edinburgh, took place. Dr. Lees preached a short sermon from Exodus 40 : 9. "On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle." Ho said that in the spirit which these words indicated they commenced ihat day tho daily service in that church. Such is thing was not altogether now in the Church of Scotland. Immediately after the lieformation there was daily service in that chureh, and in all the large churches lhruaghout the country where there was a considerabila population, and prayers weres read from the Book of Common Order, aind portions of tho Scriptures were read and the Psalter surg. The daily service disappeared amid the troubles of the Coresanting times, and, strangelv enough, the bishops grot the credit of havi.r put, an end to it. Dr. Lees said that in resuming the daily service ho was going bace to the old iractice of the Presbyterian church, and not borrowing a custom from any other church. Ho noped it might be a benefit to many lunely and sorrowful persons, such as were alwaye ta be found in a large city liko Edinburgh. The "Strong heresy case" has been summarily disposed of by the General Aesembly of the Presbyterian Churich of Victoria. After a debato which lasted a diry and a jaif, it was agreed to invite Mr. Surong to appear beforo tho Assembly and givo him an opportunity of disarowing the erroncous doctrines which be was charged with countemancines. Ihas
he failed to do, and after another long discussion a motion was carried by 136 to 6 to the effect that " the General Assembly declares Mr. Strong to be no longer a minister of this church, dissolves the pastoral tie between him and the Scott's Church Congregation, and directs the Presbytery of Melbourne to declare the church vacant." In the meantime Mr. Strong had decided to return to Scotland. At a public meeting held in the Town Hall on the eve of his departure, some enthusiastic things were said in contempt of "creed " and " dogma" and of the Presbyterian Church in particular, but the almost unanimous voice of the Assembly in the final vote has convinced many that the decision was a right one, based upon principle, and not, as was alleged by some, upon malice against Mr. Strong. The death
of Keshub Chunder Sen, of Calcutta, is announced. He was one of the most prominent men of native birth in India-the leader of the "New Dispensation," one of the branches of the Brahmo-Somaj. It is difficult to understand the position taken by this great reformer. He did not seem himself to know how he stood in relation to Christianity. This much is certain, that he and his followers had broken away from heathenism and idolatry and were honestly and sincerely seeking for the true light. His following was not large, but his influence was great and increasing. Many of his public utterances would lead to the belief that Chunder Son was an avowed Christian. In a lecture delivered at Calcutta five years ago, he said :-"It is Christ who rules British India, and not the British Government. None but Jesus ever deserved this bright, this precious diadem, India, and Jesus shall have it." At another time he said : "The success of Christian Missions is no longer a problem. I fully believe that Christ has come into India, and has taken possession of India's heart. I declare that the sanctifying and civilizing influences of Christ's life and teaching are working wonders in this land." These are wonderful words to come from a Brahmin and lead to the hope and belief that he who uttered them was not far from the Kingdom of God. He was taken away, suddenly, in the prime of life, and while great expectations were had concerning him by all who are interested in the evadgelization of India. At Honolulu, in the Hawaiian

Islands, the four hundredth birthday of Martin Luther was celebrated, as it was in all lands where civilization and Christianity is known. When Luther lived, he never dreamed that there were such islands in the seas; but the Gospel which he rescued from neglect and republished in fresh, glowing words, has reached them, and the name of Luther is to this generation of the dwellers. therein a name of renown.

The following from our Edinburgh correspondent came too late for insertion in last month's issue. Referring to the custom of New Year "treating," he says :-" No doubt the drinking customs of Scotland are gradually-rapidly for an old country-undergoing a most decided change, all for the better; but there remains enough of debauchery to enlist the sympathy of earnest. workers for some years to come It is now being very much confined to the lower orders ; there, however, it is simply awful. "First Footing"-equivalent to our New Years' visiting-only not quite so interesting, is dying out; except among the more intimate friends of the family. Among the Canadians to whom I paid my respects, I may mention there was no wine seen or used. But it is holiday time. The Scottish workman is proverbially fond of his holiday. He wlll have it: a part of it in summer, and the remaining section now. For three days almost all work has been suspended, and in the case of very many, it will remain suspended during the rest of the week. Railway traffic in consequence has increased at a tremendous rate, specials and extras being run in all directions and at all hours. Many a happy gathering takes place, and many a headache as well; Oh Scotia! Before the holidays, however, the SEason had fairly begun in Edingburgh, and Sermons, lectures, recitals, children's churches, entertainments for the poor and bazaars more than fill up every decent. Christian's time. Edinburgh is a remarkable place in these respects in winter. Ecclesiastical energy and emulation concentrate here. Looked at from another side, it seems a vast educational mechanism as though culture in one form or another engaged the entire vital forces. Hence we have lectures on every variety of subjects; from John Bunyan to the best methods of cleaning the hearth ; all useful and neces-
sary for spiritual and material well-being. Yet with all our New Yoar': enjogments we have blanks. Sir litery Monerieff, Bart., su long clerk to the Free Charch Assembly. A man much esteemed and revered, is gone. Mr. Pegg also is no more; and with these two, are broken some of the list links that hound us so firmly to the: freat strugerles in the church of forty years aro. Sir Jenry, su ralued for his legral kuowledge and his whaintance with the varied forms of church prucedure must bo missed at tho clerk's t.bble ; but perhaps still more so will the pictaresque form of Dr. Berge, so manaly and yet su calm and self-restrained, oven when must re-ulute in debate, so much so that when wue did not agree with Dr. Berg, he was silll to be admired for the courage of his currictions. Ifo never faltered. Contumily and reproach were as littlo to him, as a light summer breeze to the oak or the ruck. Ho appeared to live and thrive best wher in the very heart of dehate, and even of popular opposition. The minority of one carried no dread for him. Then the venerabhe furm of Dr. Moffat has also passed away, and with him the father and founder, one masy say, of our African missions. The last time I sarw him was in the large U. P. Synod H.ll. When nino medical missionaries Were being designated to their special fields of thour. The vencrable missionary, after the students were each presented with a Phle-the sword of the Spirit-addressed them: his address was most pleasing and full of interesting advice. In conclusion we haw many Canadians this winter in Edinbure. but I leave them to give a good accomint of themselves in lue time. I know som of them will. D."

Cixapa. Rev. J. G. Norton, of Durham, Euntud, has been invited to become Rectur of Clarist Church Cathedral, Montreal, in rum of Dr. Baldwin, recently elected Bishop of lantlon. Dr. Wiison, of St. George's hint-tun. has been superseded by the appanimply of another minister in his stead, ant that on account of his attending the morings of the Salvation Army, and taking Firt in the procecdings. This arbitrary tra:mant of one of her best ministers finds hiiln -rmpathy in the minds of the large manrity of the members of the Church of Figimi. The Methodists are busy with tion preparations for seeking legislation
from the Duminion and Provincial Lerfisiatures for thentrinsfer of their properties to the united church. It is said that there will bo counter-petitions on behalf of a few malcontents. These misy live to see their mistake; in the meantime a united Methodism is hound to go on and prosper. Already the shutting up of supernumerary Churches and welding weak congregations together has commenced. Their itiuerant system which creates frequent racancies, makes it much easier for them to do this than for Presbyterians with their life-lons pastorates. The committec of the Bible Christian conference in England, his taken a favourable view of the union, and will do all it can to secure the approval of the conference to the plan of Methodist unification that has been adopted here. The matter of locating the university and other necesary preliminaries will be held in abeyance in the meantime. Arrangements are being mado for the cooperation of Baptists and Free Christial Baptists in academic education in New Brunswick. The last census gives the former body 50,000 adherents, and the latter 33,000.

United States. Honour has been done to the memory of an ex-Canadian minister the lata Robert Irvine, D.D., for some years pastor of Knox Church, Montreal, and afterwards of the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, in the state of Georgia. A statue in marble, of exquisite workmanship, and said to be the only menument of that kind which has been erected to the memory of a clergyman in this country, has been lately unveiled. The ceremony took place at the church of which Dr. Irvine had been the pastor for ten years and which was on the occasion completely filled by the congregation and friends. Dr. Bennett, of St. Juhn, N. B., who had been a school companion and life-long friend of Dr. Irvine, was the chief speaker, and delivered an eloquent urittion in memuriam. The inscription on one side of the pedestal runs thus: " 1 minister of the Gospel of Christ for more than forty years. Mighty in the Scriptures. Great as an expounder of the Holy Word. Of intellectual attainments the rirest. 1 pulpit orator without smperior. Above all, a man who, like his master, went about duing good." This year completes a half century of mission work by the Board of Foreigu Missions
of the Presbyterian Church, north. Their first missionaries_Rev. John C. Luwrie and liev. Willi:m Reed with thoir wives sailed for Iudia in 1833 . In the same year two missionaries were sent to Liberia and one to work amond the Indians in Kansas. The three missions of 1833 have now become thirtyone in number, and are scattered through all the Territories of the United States, Mexicu, Guatemada, Colombia, Chili, Brazil, West Africia, Syria, Persia, India, Siam, Lavs, China and Japan. The work is carried on in not less than twenty-fivo languages and dialects. The first cunvertswere reported in 1836 -five in number. The advance of the work has been gradual and steady. At present, they have 31 missions, 91 stations, 160 ordained American missionaries, 92 ordained native ministers, 133 native licentiates, 867 lay misionaries, 18,656 comranicants, and $21,2.23$ scholars iu their mission schools. Old Princeton Collego is flourishing; its faculty now numbers thirty professors, besides a corps of tutors and lecturers. There are five hundred and twenty three students in all the departments this sessiu..

Ireland. The Rev. James Rogers of Glascar, in the county $n \subseteq$ Down has been called home in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and the fiftieth $y * a r$ of his ministry. Mr. Rogers was not valy one of the fathers of the Church, he was one of a very distinguished family. In his funeral address the following words occur: "In his veins flowed as good blood as any in our church. He truly belonged to the aristocracy of intelligence, piety and virtue. He was the son of a Prestyterian minister, and he has given two sons to the ministry in our Presbyterian Church." These facts pmo that there is sume truth in the adage -blood will tell. The Rev. Juhn Ragers, so far as we know, in the Atronic line was settlod in Cahans, near the town of Monaghan, in 1767 , and he laboured there till his death in 1814. For the last fourteen years of his life he was professor of Divinity for the Irish Burgher Synod. He dird on his knees while at family worship. The Rev. John Togers, his son, was ordained and inducted into the charge of Glascar, near the town of Banbridge during the stormy and perilous times of the rebellion of 1798 . Here
he had a sucessful ministry of fiftywix years, passing away in 1854. He was the last moderator of the Secession Synod, he and the Rev. James Elder, of Finvoy the Moderator of the Synod of Ulster, standing side by side when the uniou was accomplished in 1840. In the funcral address already referred to tho speaker said that when he saw the two men stand in the s.mue pulpit ho felt that no denomination cuuld furnish two representatives more venerable aud dignified, or more worthy of the cunfidence reposed in them by their bretheen. Twenty years before his death, his sun, James, who has just passed away was settled as his assistant and successor in Glasear. Thus the three represent an aggregate ministry of some 153 years, a circumstance not often met with in a family, and all men remarkable for piety, wisdom and mural weight. Nor is tho succession ended as wo have seen, two brothers of the fourth generasion are now adorning the ministry. That they are adorning it there is no doubt. No finer scholar and more active worker appears to be in Belfast and the neighbourhood than Dr. William Rogers, (his doctor of Laws degree was taken by examination in the Queen's University of Ireland). It: is the foremost in everything that helps to cultivate a missionary spirit in the Presbytery and community generaliy. Tho writer of these sentences remembers the brothers very well, the older of the two was a class-fillow. It is most likely that the first, John, came direct from Scotland, where he was seitled in Cahans, and may have had personal intercourse with the Erskines.
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## By Rev. James Robertson.

PRINCE Albert is on the south bauk of © the north Saskatchewan, abut 195 miles north of the international boundary lize. and 500 north-west of Winnipers. It is in the centre of a large and flomiohin; withment of about 6000 souls. There is a heter area of fertile land to the suath, eis:, and west not ret taken up. Timber can he had in abundance from the islands in the sakatchewan and from the dense furct nurih of the river; and grod water can bin had everywhere. The railway only is. nurded
to assure the growth and prosperity of tuwn and settlement ; and in less thau two years the whistle of the Manituba and NurthWestern engines will awaken echees along the Saskatchewam.
The settlement dates from 1866, when the late liev James Nesbit, under the auspices of the foreign Missicu tommittee of our Church, began mission work amung tho Cree Indians. Your readers are familiar sith the work of that good mam. His memory is yet green in the west and his work will live. I may be permitted to pasis over the valuable service rendered our church by the Rev. H. Mckellar, nuw of High Bluff, the Liev. D. C. Johuson, the Rev. A. Stewart, now of Clinton, the ILev. James Duncan, and the Rev. J. Sieveright. All these gentlemen faithfuily served their Master and did what they could to place our causo on a firm foundation, and with success.
The town of Prince Albert has a population of about 1500. It has two grist mills, two saw mills, a sash and dour factory, planing mills, sereral good stures, a bank, a l'resbyterian, Methodist, and EpiscopalChurch, a Roman Catholic Ladies'Schoul,an Episcopal College, a Presbyterian public school, and a large number of private residences. There are no nutels, but owing to the friendly and huspi:ajle spirit of the people, this want is not felt hr travellers. At Prince . Ilbert, the Carrot Fiver and scuth branch settlements do their business, and much of the Indian trade cenites bere.
Our condrearation is in a flourishing state. A neat brick church, with a seating capacity of 180 , was erected about 18 months since, and a curnmodious brick manse was finished last auamn. The Church is already too small. and steps hare been takeu to buik a z:ore cummodious edifice next vear. The wilue of the liev: Mr. Sieveright's serrices .il acknowledged, and the reople parted rith him with regret. His sticcessor, the Fev. Mr. McWilliam, was cordially welwed. and from officers of the church I Lise heard very favorable accurnts of his roth since my return. Our Schoviat lrince Liburt has bern one of the institutions of : Ep phice. Miss Baker has proved herself a Winthy successor of Puri. D. C. Tohnson. It :spang to hear all, irrespective of denomiaticu, speak of the serrice reudered to
the whole settlement by the sehovi. Miss Baker's unselfish devotion to the work of God at Prince Albert, stamipis her as a woman of true missionary spirit. Teaching seeme to have been bat a small part ut her wurk :and in all her habuurs, personal ends sem to have hiad no place. Her teaching has been thorounh and is permeated by a noral and religivuls spirit.

The uther stations, constituting the group of which Prince Albert is the centre, are the lidgg, 13 miles south-west of lrine Albert, Willoughby 10 miles south-went of the Hidgre, and the Flats, ten miles east of lrince Albert, un "bottom lamds," alung the Saskatehewan. There are alout thirty fanilies and a large number of yung umarried men connected with these stations. Charches were built at these three stations last summer; and with the aid geen from the Church and Manse building Fund, they will be free from debt. A settlement is furming along the south Suskatchewan about 18 miles from Prince Albert that claims some attention at our hands. During the last 18 months the Rev. I. G. Sinclair his been supplying Carrot River, 5.5 miles southeast of Prince Albert. A good part of the road is through a low marshy c suntry without setters: and at cortain seavons wavelling is both difficult aud dangerous. When streams were swollen in spring, the unly way to keep an appointment wats by swinming his horse. When the water wase ice-cold this was neither pleasant nor safe. Few have any idea of the hardships endared by our missionaries, and yet there is little complaint. The Carrot River issues from Water Hen Lake, Hows north-east for 200 miles and falls into the Saskatcheran. The setilemeat cummises about 30 families and a number of recog anmarried men who have iaken up land in three broken townships, east and north of the Lake and on both sides of the river. I calind on several families from the neighbourhoor of Paris. Finlay:ons, 'it muants and cthers, when visiting the settlement. The district is a hunter's paradiee. The lake and river swarm with fich, ducks. and geese, and swans cover lakes, creeks and punds; deer, moose and hear are hented in the lirch Hills, and prainic chickens. samdhill cranes and partridges, are very plentiful. Last winter ptarmigne in great numbers canie down from the morth. When leaving

Prince Albert I counted seventy-one sandhill cranes in a small field. The sandhill crime is the wild turkey of the north west.

The settlers at Carrot River are mostly Preslyturi.us and Episcopalians. Mr. Sinclair is the ouly minister visiting the settlement; and owing to distance and want of trail. lee cin only conduct monthly service there for the winter. These people require a resident minister, and the Presbytery of Manitula is taking steps to send one in spring. Mr. Sinclair has rendered the Church faithful service in that field. His labours have been arduous, and his difficulties and disappointments many. Pioneer missionaries like him need more encouragement and generous support than is generally accorded them. Inadequate salaries often compel them to witness their families deprived of the necessaries of life, and in consequence, they are discouraged and handicapped in their work. The people of Prince Albert are anxious to get an institution for higher education among them and have overtured the Presbytery in this direction. They are prepared to give aid in the inception and eupport of such an institution. and asked the F. M. C. to devote a part of the proceeds of their property at Prince Albert to this end.

The Church and Manse Buluding Board in the North-West have been kept busy, and they deserve to be congratulated on the extent and resuit of their operations during the past year. If supplied with funds, the board will give visibility to Presbyterianism in the Lone Land, provide our missionaries with homes, and furnish them with the conditions of successful work. Tho board refuse to receive any application that is not recommended by Presbytery. They also advise congregations as to the nature of the building to be erected, and put a check often on extravagant notions of building committees. Wherever practicable the board aim at erecting a combined church and manse. Both minister and congregation are thus provided for by a single outlay.

The following table will show the operations of the year.

| Congregation. | Miniuter, | Character of Structure. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Dominion City | P. F. Langill | Frame Church finished |
| 2. Union Point | I. Douglas | "\# ". bought |
| 3. Rat Portage | J. C. Tibb | " " bunt |
| 5. Stonewall | J. Lawrence | " Chareh ** |
| 6. İreenwood | A. MeFarlane | "، ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 7. Humesville | IR. C. Murray | " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ |
| 8. Glad.tono | D. Stalker | Chutch enlarged |
| 10. Virden | J. Dow | Frame Manse built Combd Ch \& M buit |
| 11. Moosemin | W. Nicholl | Frame Church biilt |
| 12. Broadview | PsLivingston | Comb'd Ch. \& M. bmi: |
| 13. Peacock | R. S. Ifyde | Frame Church bualt |
| 14. Mrentel | G. lallantine |  |
| 15. Turtlo Mt | J. Morpat | " " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 16. Imdinn Head | D.M.Ramsay | Brick "\% |
| 17. Qu'appelle |  | Frame "، " |
| 18. Muosejaw | S. J Taylor | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 19. C'ulgary | A. Robertson | *" * |
| 20. Repina | A. Urquhart | Manse finished |
| 21. W:1longhby | J. Steveright | Log Church built |
| 22. Ridge |  | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 23.2 | R. G. Sinclair |  |
| 24. Prmee Albert | J. Sieverikht | Brick Manse bailt |
| 25. Cadurcis | J. F. Smith | Log Church built |
| 2i. Miami | A. McLaren | ** finished |
| 27. Buscarth | J. Hogg | Frame Church built |

For oue season this is a creditable record. Several applications were approved by Presbytery and entertained by the board, but want of funds compelled them to postpone grauting a loan till next beason. This is to be regretted, but the board merely refuse to discount the future. It is a pity, havecir. that places like Manitoba City should be prevented from building through lack of funds. Quite a large number of applications are sure to be presented next year. One hundred and ten miles of the Manitoba South Western Ry. are to be built. The Man. if N. W. Ry. people are going to build their road to tho Assiniboine. The route of their roads being decided, congregations thru' whose districts they pass will be ahle to build with some dogree of certainty. A: least 25 congregations will be applying for aid next season. It is to be hoped that the board may be able to give the required help. Individual members of the Church call not adopt any surer method of helping the woits of the Church in that promising country than by giving the requisite means to the board to enable them to assist d"ervin: congregations. A congregation with is church grows much more rapidly and requires less assistance from the M. M. Fund. The treasurers of the Church will be only too glad to forward, we are sure, any contrbutions sent them.
J. R

Four things are necessary to constitute s Christian. Faith makes a Christian; life proves a Christian; trials confirm a Christian; and death crowns a Christian. - Inofact.

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## Letter from Rev. J. K. Wriart.

## To Rev. Dr. McGregor.

Couva, Trinidad, 23rd Dec. 1883.
? ${ }^{\text {PT }}$ last, in the kind providence of God, sare out was very pleasant after the first three days. We were two sabbaths on the way. The first we had divine service in the cibin. The Rev. Mr. Morton preached. The second we were in the harbour of St. Lucia and went ashore in the morning to attend serrice in the Episcopal Church, and in the afterneon Mr. M. and I went to the hospital. Mr M. addressed the coolies in their own language and prayed with them. On Wed. the 12 th inst. we arrived at Port of Spain. Rer. Mr. Falconer met us at the pier and fave us a hearty welcome. We all went io his manse. The Mortons went home to Cunapuna on the afternocn train. We remained with the Falconers until Friday. On Wed. evenirg I preached for Mr. F. Enjored the service very much even though thoruaghly tired out. On Friday, Mr. Falconer kindly accompanied us to Couva. Here we were met by Rev, Mr. Grant. I cannot express, in words, our indebtedness to these two gentlemen for their kindness and couries. They worked very hard in settling our l.uusehold stuff for us up to the time of the evening train. The Couva house is old and rather out of repair, but I must say we were agreeably surprised. It is rather bettor than we expected. My first sabbath hete was full of interest. Lal Behari came up in the morning from San Fernando. We went to the hospital at Milton and held serrice. Lal Behari is a splendid interpreter. $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}$ is altoget her a very excellent \%oung man. I wish very much that I had such an one in my fich until I get the language. I am trying to so arrange the teachers next year that une of Mr. Grant's young men-I fortet the name-may be available.
licturning home from Milton we called at a larracks and gathered 10 or 12 of the men tugether and had a conversation with ihem. After breakfast we went to Califorघid. Here we found about 60 assembled, and had a very interesting service, in the course of which I baptized two boys aged
nine aud thirteen. We called thom Andrew and Peter. These are gleanings after Mr. Christie. These boys-and I understand there are some others,-were under his instructions in preparation for baptism. After this service, we visited another hospital, the largest in the Couva field. We have thought it advisable after consulting the parties interested to hold henceforth a service in English at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. , Sabbath. This will begin to-morrow (D.V.)We had a meeting of the Mission Council at San Fernando on Wed. of this week. 1 am very much interested in the coolies. Many of them seem highly intelligent. They are ready to look at things and discuss the truth awong themselves. This is hopeful. Last Sabbath on the way home from church my man " Ramjas"-who by the way was a Brahman of the highest cast,-tried to convince one of his countrymen that Christ is God. The discussion got warm, it would appear, for poor Ramjas was tumbled over into the mud. I did not witness the affarar, but heard of it afterwards. Some of the scholars in the schools read verv well, and have made some progress in arithmetic. I visited three schools this week.

We were obliged to stay a week in New York owing to postponement of date of sailing. This cost us $\$ 20$ extra. I would like to write at greater length ; but the American steamer is expecteit to leave Port of Spain this evening. Pray for us that our work and the work of other missionaries may be blessed abundantly.
J. K. W.

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of Rev. Join Morton.
T) URING the first part of the year the © work in my field was prosecuted as in 1882, but under weakness and failing health. In April we were obliged very reluctantly to leata for New York. By medical alvice we spint two months in the White Mountains, and did not reach Nova Scotia until the 20th of July. After a few weeks rest, we began adressing meetings on the claims of this Mission, and with this object in view, travelled as far west as London, Ontario. Turning south, after the meeting of Synod, in Oct., we sailed from New-York in Nov.,
and arrived here on the 12 th of December. The arrangements made for carrying on the work in my absence distributed the burden on my Indian teachers. Miss Semple, Joseph Amajee, catechist at Princestown, and Revs. Messrs. Dickson, Hendrie and McLeod, Messrs. Falconer, Ramsay and Vierra supplied Mr.Hendrie's place, when he came to Tunapuna. These arrangements were foithfully carried out, and while thanks are accorded to all, Mr. MacLeod and Miss Semple are entitled to special mention, as having borne a specisl sharo in the burden. Everything that in the circumstances could be accomplished was well and cheerfully done. Rev. J. Hendric, having been appointed to mission work among the Indian immigrants by the U.P. Church of Scotland, has taken up St. Joseph as his centre, and arrangements are proposed by which the schools and work at Caroni and Curepe will be transferred to him. This, if carried out, will be a relief to me, and will enable me more adequately to overtake the work of the remaining district. Tunapuna School has prospered under Miss Semple's management.
The Hindi Class at Orange Grove was discontinued part of the year on account of my absence, but the S. School and meetings at the hospital and on Sabbath were duly kept up.

At Dinsley, an afternoon class was kept up by the Arouca Teacher.

A teacher's house was built at Arouca, and Mrs. Gercher kindly collected $\$ 96.50$ for buildings there. The Mission Council last year left it to my judgment, whether or not to proceed with a school-house. That work can be postponed no longer, as the room wo occupy will not be habitable another year. The buildings at Caroni have been painted outside. The general report will show the attendance at Schools, \&c.
J. M.

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

Of Rev. J. W. Macleod.

\%HE close of another yoar brings tha duty of another report. I shail begio with Schoots. The work on these has gone on with much the usual regularity. In spite of
active opposition of Moslom and Brahman, and indiffereuce of many others, the attendance has been good, and in some increased. Palmyra is taught by Rupandayal, aided by a monitor who brings children from Reform Estate. " Rrothers" School is now taught by John Lagar. Here it was a breaking in process for some time, but now steady progress, and interest aro seen. The same mily be said of Cedar Hill, taught by Ragnath, where by the manager's aid, a rough room has beeu fitted up. Bosides daily schools, an English Class at Bon Intente, and an Hindi Class at Ben Lomond, were taught. The Princestown school, taught by Miss Blackadder exhibited its usual efficiency. A small Press operated by school-boys contributed much to uniform efficient work.

Services.-Theses were held weekly at Princestown in Hindi and English, and Piparo; fortnightly at Jordan Hill, Cedar Hill, St. Julien, Mt. Stewart, Palmyra and Brothers; monthly at Lengua. There wis weekly Sabbath-school and Prayer meeting at Princestown.

Irregular Sabbath services were conducted in various places by catechist and teachers; whilst Annajee and I. from Princestown, J3. rawan, from Piparo, Gobin from Jordan Hill, as centres, madodaily visitation of E . tate village and jungle. Our presbyterial quota of servica in Tunapuna was fulfilled by Annajee, and myself during the absence of Mr. Morton. We are grateful to the Misses Machar and Gordon, for liberal donations in connection with the Juvenile Mission Scheme, and to many other fricods in Canada and Trinidad, who have aided in the general work, and in the erection of a church in Princestown; to Dr. Hammond for many medical kindnesses, and to God for health and His blessing in those seeking tho truth and in those added to the Church.
J. W. 16

## MEETING OF MISSION COUACIL

At a moeting of Couaci! held on tho 19th Dec., in San Famancu...inter aila.

1st. Rev. Mr. Hendrio jeined the Cuancil, subject to the approval of the Board of Forgign Missions of his own church (the $l$. P. Church of Scotland). 2nd. Rev. Join Mortun and Rev. J. K. Wright were cor-
dially welcomed. 3rd. Mr. Murtun havine reported on moneys collected by him in Canada, and havingsuggested that this Council should approve of tias appropriation of one thousand dollars, of theso muneys for the building of a chureh in Princestown, said approval was agreed to. 4th. Mr. McLeod was authorized to proceed with the building of a chureh in Princestown-phans to be laid before the Council at a subsequent meeting.
J. W. McLEOD,
secretary.

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Letter from Rev. J. W'. Michenzie.
Erakor, Efate, 24th July, 1883.
THE "Dayspring" left us day before yes-
فom terday on her way north to settlo Ir. Murray on Ambrym. On her way back sho will call for our mails for Syduoy, so we must havo them ready in good time. She has now been about three months in the group. She brought us your letter written va Christmas for which you have our thanks. We also received by her a small box of mission goods from Upper Musquodoboit congregation, a parcel of papers from the Religious Tract Society, and some expressions of interest from members of your own family, for all of which would you kindly conver our warmest thanks. UP to the time the vessel arrived, we wero kept very busy. During four days of the week we taught $5 \frac{1}{2}$ hours a day. On Wednesday I had my candidates clasa and the weekly prayer meeting. This, along with the general work necessarily connected with a station, taxed my strength consideraably, but the fact that I was able to stand it shows how much I have been benefitted by our visit to Nova Scotia. It was very gratifying to sce the natives so willing to be instructed. The attendance at the adult's midday school was over a hundred, and at the children's, sixty. The class of young men whon I am training for texchers takes up a gooci part of my time. In order that they may be near us and entirely under our control, we have built two commodious lime honses, with three rooms in each, near the mision house. Some of them render invaluable assistance at the woek day as well as the Sabbath-school. They perform manual
labour for me when required, such as rapairing fences round the premises, putting up and re-thatching outhouses, etc., for which they receive clothing. This is ef course after school hours. Since we returned we have sent a teacher and his wifo to Tongoa, and a couplo as servanio. to then missioniry oi $\Lambda_{\text {pi }}$. On our own islind we have settled threo teachers and their wives at heathen villages. One of these is in a district which hats been the wurst place for cannibalism on the island. Already fruit is appearing. Two old men, ono of them a chief, have given up heathenism, and several others are friendly. I intend as soon astino vessel leaves for Sydney to tako a lunger tour than usual in that direction, in order to get as correct an idea as possible of tho population. It Fila we have a permanent fuving at lisst. Youmay remember that a teacher settled there in our absence, at the request of one of the natives. I was afraid that thuse who were opposed would drive him away, but they did not. They held out a long time. Mr. Annand laboured among them about three years, and we visited them regularly between five and six years. But, " greater was He who was with us than they who were against us." Since we rotirned, two of them have been coming to Erakor regularly, to the candidates' class. Nine or ten assemble in the chief's house on Sabbath, and several others listen respectfully to the teacher when he goes to their own houses. Hitherto I have made no lengthened stay among them, only an occasional night, but now they are building mo a small house, a grass one, and I intend spending a good part of the season there. I have been very anxious to visit Meli (for you to pronounce it correctly I should write it Male, and Fila, Fèla), but have been prevented by war. It is a small island about 5 or 6 miles from Fela in the same Bay. Hope to visit it when at Fela.

According to appointment I accompaniod the vessel when she arrived from Sydney, in April, and visited the northern part of the group. Mr. Murray, one of the newly arrived missionaries was on board. We found a promising opening on Ambrym, and purchased a piece of land for a station. The natives seemed very friendly. When I returned to Erakor, Mrs. Mackenzie and our children came on board, and wo all went south to Anelgauhat, where the Mission

Synod was held. This year our nativcs have prepared five casks of arrowroot. I am sending it to Melbourne to Mr. Paton, who has kindly consented to dispose of it. The proceeds are to go towards defraving the oxpense of printing portions of God's Word in the Efatese language.

Did I mention in my last that the French had purchased the islad of Iririki from the Fela natives, forcing the payment on them? Tho Commodore was here last week and settled the matter very satisfactorily, at least so to me, of course not so to the French. Tho Commodore called to see us, ono evening, and asked me to go on board next day in order that I might give him the fiacts of the case, and take the natives with me who had received payment for the island. I suggested that I should accompany him to Fela that same evening as we would be sure to find the natives at home about dark, whereas if they heard that a man of war had come to see them, they would make the bush their home for a time. We started off at once and were much pleased to find the natives at home. They seemed very much frightened, but the Commodore reassured them, telling that all he wanted was just an explanation as to how they came to sell Iririki, since it was sold to the missionaries years ago. I might mention that I sent word to them, as soon as I heard of it (of the sale of it), after I returned from Nova Scotia, not to part with the payment, as they would have to return it to the French. They told the Commodore that the Frenchman forced the payment on them, saying if they did not take it he would throw it into the sea, and take possession of the island. The payment they roceived was three pounds in gold, a quantity of tobaceo, and a quantity of dynamite. The tobacco was too great a temptation for them, so they smoked it, but the rest of the payment they offered to the Commodore. He told them to take it on board, which they did next day, and it was returned to the French. I might mention that a New Caledonian Co. have bought large tracts of land on this and other islands. It was this Co. who wished Iririki. To-day their small steamer arrived in Fela Harbour, and the manarger sent word, I heard, to these same natives to go on board, but they refused. What the French may do it is difficult to say. I was glad to have an opportunity of laying
before the Cominodore the facts regarding the land at this village purchased by Captain Fraser. I wrote you a letter a few days ago about this land, which you will receive along with this. I took some of our principal natives on board, and one of them who could speak very good English told the Commodore all about it. He seemed to symph. thize with us, and will, I believe, as fart :a he can, help us out of the difficulty.

I may say in reference to the work in general, I in very hopeful. Of late severul young men and women, the most influm. tial at the christian villages, who in the pat seemed quite indifferent to spiritual mattor. have of late, three of them only to-day, brin admitted to the candidate's class. The fuilowing are the statistics of our station : number of professing Christians, 291 ; heullect to whom the Gospel is preached reguluriy, over 200 ; Church members in good st mining, 74; under suspension, 3; attenthe candidates' class, 27; atteading momint school, all over 12 years in the christinn village ; attending the mid-day schools, 1 lin; children baptized since November, 1882, 11 ; adults baptized, 3.
J. W. II.

## edissionary Cabinet.

David Livingstone.
Tom eminent traveller and missiunary was born at Blantyre, Scotland, on the ninth of March, 1813, and died at Itala, on the shore of Lake Bangweolo, in the 1 wit of Africa, on the tirst of May, $1: 3$. Whether we look at his wonderful life in he light of science, or think of him as a massionary and philanthropist, or merely as an adventurous traveller, we search histuly in vain to discover any biography that preents so many points for admiration. His honsty of purpose, his firmness, his indumitubic perseverance, his complete self-abuctuina, his modesty, his tender humanity turads the must abject and degraded of human kind, his personal piety, not to speak of his physical endurance and bravery, wer thin distinguishing traits of his character. Av/ then, as to the results of his life-the fruits of his labours-they are simply unspeakable.

His forefathers had for generations cultivated a bit of land in one of the Hebriles

Islands. ? Put he wat proud of his poor ancestry. Oi one of them he used to tell the story, with ennscious pride, that when the old man was on his death-bed he called his childreu around him and said to them,"I have searched carefully through all the traditions I could find of our family, and I could never discover that there had ever been a dishonest man among them. If, therefore, any of you, or of your children, take to dishonest ways, it will not be because it runs in our blood. It does not belong to you. I leave this precept with you: Be honest." His grandfather, finding farming in the Mebrides not very lucrative, moved southward and found employment in the cotton mills at Blantyre. Must of his sons went out into the world to push their fortunes-some in the army, others in the navy. Neil, the father of the missionary, remained at home and went into business as a tea dealer on a small scale. David, his second son, was sent to work in the cotton factory at the age of ten. With part of his first week's wages he purchased a Latin grammar, and then began attendance at a night school when his day's work was done-from eight till ten o'clock, after which he would continue his studies at home till past midnight, and was ready for his work again at six in the morning. Ho soon mastered enough Latin to read many of the classical authors, and at sixteen was a fair self-taught scholar. Scientific works and books of travel became his delight. The cood principles instilled into his mind by his pious parents were firmly rooted, and as he grew older his religious convictions becume stronger and deeper, and before he had reached manhood he experienced that chango of heart from which he dated his firm purpose to devote his life to the alleviation of human misery. He resolved to becume a missionary.

He must study both medicine and theolugy. In the meantime he got promotion and better wages at the mill, which enabled him to lay by enough money to attend the classes in Glasgow college. It was hard work; but it was the making of the man. He never received a farthing from any one but what he had earned. He had intended goint to China as a medical missionary, whin he made the acquaintance of Robert Moffat, and partly owing to the magical
spell of his eloquent pleadings for Africa, his sympathies soon turned in that direction. Livingstune left England in 1840, landed at Capo Town after a three months' voyare, and procoeded in a bullock-cart to Kurtiman, seven hundred miles inland, in the country of the Bechuanas, where Moffat and Hamilton had many years before founded a flourishing mission. He was astonished to find here the shapely mission-house and church, the well-stocked garden, a printing press and other evidences of civilization and comfort. In 1843 he mado choico of Mabtosa, a beautiful valley as the site of his mission station- 200 miles north of Kuruman. About this time ho mustered courage to ask Mary Moffat to become his wife. He was married in 1844. About this time, too, hi= courage was tried in another way. He wis living in the territory of the king of beasts. In no part of the world are lions so plentiful, tierce and daring as in that part of Africia. They wore the terror of the villages. Livingstone volunteered to go with the natives in pursuit of their enemy, all of which flod at their approach save one savage brute who planted himself on a rock and stood at bay. He was thirty yards from Livingstone, who fired twice, wounding the beast. Next moment the enraged animal sprang upon him and brought him to the ground. Two glaring eyes lcoked into his, a hot breath was in his face, and there was a crunching of bones. Eleven teeth marks were left in his arm, and the bone was crushed to splinters.

We cannot here follow this great man in his travels. "The story of the weaver boy who became a missionary" is beautifully told by H. G. Adams, published by Hodder \& Stoughton, London. It is a story for old and young to read with profit. How ho crossed and re-crossed the dark continent, and then returning to his native country, was loaded with honours: how he came back tu Africa to gain more knowledge of the country and to enlist the sympathy of tin: world in the elevation of its benighted people: how he buried his wife under a great boabab tree on the banks of the Zambesi : how he himself was lost, and how he was found by Stanley at Ujiji: how he refused to leave what he conceived to be the post of duty until he shouid have wrung from Africa the secret which had bitherto been hid from the world, the mystery of the

Nile: how, worn out with disease, he was carried through swamps and jungles to the village of Ilala, and was laid down to die in a deserted grass hut : how his faithful Makalolo attendants carried his body many hundreds of miles to the sea-coast, to be borne away to Westminster Abbey and entombed with royal honours :-these and other features of his iffe's work mike a story of adventure, of faith, of bravery and devotion than which there is none more interesting and instructive in the annals of missions.

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CHANGE of Printers has thrown us off the track for the time being and occasioned delay in the issue of the first two numbers for the year which no one regrets more than we do, but which was utterly beyond our control. The contract for printing and mailing the Record has now passed into the hands of a firm whose facilities for executing work of this kind are ample, and whose imprimatur will be a guarantee for promptitude. If the Record dues not come out of its tribulations vastly improved in outward appearance we shall be disappointed. And we hope that the contents will bear examination. Under the heading of "Missionary Cabinet," wo have commenced a series of biographical sketches which will henceforth be a permanent feature of the Record and will be found interesting in the meantime and very valuable for reference by and by.

We hope that clerks of Presbyteries will keep us duly informed of ecclesiastical changes taking place within their bounds. The tenth of the month is the latest date for recsiving comumnications intended for insertion; a week earlier is very much better.

## Official zotices.

STATISBICS.-Blank forms for Statistics ami financial reporta for congregations have heen forwarded to each Presbytery Clerk, also sheets fir the returns from Presbyteries. If any hav failed to reach its destination application for duplicate= should be made at once to Rev. R. Torrance, Guelph, Ont.

## MISSIONARIES WANTED

Two Misfionaries for Demerara, the first to be supported jointly by a local Presbyterian Committee, and by funds provided by the General Assembly, the second to be paid ly F. E. Crins Efring of Glaggow. Apply to Rev. Dr. McGregor, Halifax, N.s'.

MEETINGS OF SYNODS.
Toronto and Kingston:-In St. Andrew's church, Belleville, the 8 th of Apil, at 7.30 p.m.

Montreal and Ottafa.-In Bank St. Church, Ottawa, 13th May, at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Hamiltoy and London.-In First Presbite. rian Church, Seaforth, 14th April, at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
mEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.
Pictou, New Glasgow, 4th March.
Quebec, Sherbrooke, 18 th March, 10 a.m.
Kingston, St. And. Hall, 17 th March, 3 p.m.
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Bruce, Walkerton, 1lth March, 2 p.m.
Maitland, Lucknow, 18th March, 1.30 p.m.
London, London, llth March, 11 a.m.
Owen Sound, 18 th March, 1.30 p.m.
Guelph, Knox Church, 18 th March, 10 a.m. Stratford, Kinox Ch., 1lth March, 10 a.m.
Whitby, St. And. Ch., 25th March, 11 a.m. Sarnia, Strathroy, 18 th March, 2 p.m.
Toronto, 4th March, 11 a.m.
Montreal, Morrice Hall, 1st April, 10 a.m.
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Peterboro, Cobourg, 18th March, 10 a.m.
Huron, Clinton, 1lth March, 10 a.m.
Ottawa, St. And. Ch., 6th May, 7.30 p.m.
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Dr Ross, Leith, O............ $\quad 5.00$
Winnipeg, Knox Ch......... 1.00
Oshawa 8 S. ................... 12.50
Quebec, Ghalmer's S S..... $\quad 50.00$
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Avonbank................. } & 25.00 \\ \text { Oxford SS, Kintyre, Ont. } & 7.00\end{array}$

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Peterborough,St Paul's $\mathbf{S} \ddot{\mathbf{S}} \quad 50.00$
Montreal, Crescent St S S.. $\quad 50.00$
Esquesing, Boston Ch..... $\quad 6.00$

Boberygeon S S.............
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Wood S S. .................. 131.10
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Halifax, Fort Massey S S . $\quad \mathbf{5 0 . 0 0}$
Woodville, O, S S........... 24.75
Hamilton, Knox S S...... 50.00
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Galt, Central Ch............ } & 10.00 \\ \text { Toronto West } \$ \mathbf{S} . . . . . . . . & 12.50\end{array}$
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