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A report presented to the Buffalo Genernl Aisemdy howed that in eleven Stales, old and new, eastern and western, there are 749 vacant churches, but only jot ministers whout charge, proving that there is jot $2 n$ oversupply of ministers.
TuE M foderator of the Synod of the Scollish United Presbyterian Church congratulated the Synod on the fact "that we have full confidence in the Prinaipal ad Professors off our thicological college in their ability and willingness 'to hold the fort' against all as. lillants."
Professor Rodertson Smitil has intimated that be will on no consideration betake himself to a civil court for prolection against the decision of the Assembly which deprives him of ilis status as a Profes. sor, and also that he will never consent to ent the bread of a Church which refuses to allow him to render it the corresponding service.

Dr. Creviux gave recently an intergeting account at the Sorbonne, Paris, of his travels in Equatorial America. He discovered a river which he has chrislened Leeseps. He and his companiens were frequently pursued by caymans, the Amierican alligators, and ofica narrowly escaped. His journey lasted a year, and after many perils he gained Venezuela, and embarked for France.

The "Catholic Mirror" announces to its readers the pleasant intelligence that on Trinity Sunday, June uth, all Catholics "who should have approached the sacraments of penance anci the eucharist" during paschal time but have failed to do so, will be excommunicated from the Church, and "their souls will be dead." This sounds like the days of the Duke of Alva, in the Spanish campaigas against the Prince of Orange.
According to the recent census the population of London is 3,814,571. In 186: there were in London 3j9,r21 dwelling houses, and $2,803,038$ inhabitants. In the next ten years the number of houses and of the rahabitents had increased about twenty per cent. In April, 1871, the time of taking the census, there were found to be in London 437,348 dwelling houses and j, 21,1 , $\mathrm{Sa}_{4}$ inhabisants. The rate of increase duning the past ten years has not been less than during the preceding decade.

The late millionaire, Mr. Charles McAllister, of Philadelphia, bequeathed \$10,000 toward founding a Presbyterian church in Townsdale, N.J., as soon as a "respectable number ${ }^{\circ}$ of communicants could be got logether to form a church. Seventeen persans constituted themselves a church and claimed the money. The executors refused to pay it, alleging that seventeen was not a "respectable number." The courts have just decided that it is, and have ordered the executors to pay.

TuE "Tablet," the English Roman Catholic, organ, while expressing, thankfulness for the good work done for Rome by the Ritualists, adds significantly : "But while, as we thus frankly own, our sympathies are with them, we as frankly confess our judgrnent is against thems. It seems to us contrary to common sease 10 maintain that they bave any just cause of complaint if the law is invoked to prevent them from revolutionizing the servites of the Protestant Church of this country, as by law established."

The number who voted on Principal Rainy's motion is the Scotish Free Church Assembly in reference to setting aside Profiessor. Robertson Smilh was 668 out If a total. of 736: This gave sixty-eight absentees, and ruriously erough these were equally divided; thiry four ministers and as many elders. Some of the Synols did not shew a single absentec. The Synods of Ross and Galloway, the most remote in difuerent directions from the piace of meeting, were in
this position. The Synod of Moray had only one absenice, as had the Synod of Glenelg. Aberdeen had four, while Glasgow and Ayr had sixteen, and Lothian and Tweeddale seven.

Tux Belfast Presbytery has followed the example of the llelfast Methodist District Meoting, in express. ing its indignation at the action of the three Belfast magistrates, who recently found certain Methodist ministers guiliy of "indecent behaviour," because of their singing hymns in the strects. The Presbytery is determined to take steps to have the liberty of open. air preaching vindicated. Two other ministers of the Methodist Church in Delfast have been summoned for similar "indecent " behaviour, although it has been their practico for years to conduct open-air services in the Protestant districts of Belfast without the slightest molestation or disturbance.

Mr. Andraw S. Symington recently quoted the following words of Carlyle on the Darwinian theory: "The short, simple, but sublime account of creation given in the first chapter of Genesis is in advanze of all theories, for it is God's truth, and, as such, the only key to the mystery. It ought to satisly the savars, who in any case would never find out any other, al. though they might drean about it." Then alluding to the dovelopment hypotiuais, waxing warm, and at the same time bringing his hand down on the table with a thump like the sledge-hammer of Thor, he emphatically added: "I have no patience whatever with these gorilla damnifications of humanity !"

From the report of $\mathrm{Dr}_{\text {. Wilson }}$ it appears that the Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotiand keeps up remarbiably well. The sum reached this year is $£ 178976$, being $£ 256$ above the grand total of last year. The Convener, Lowever, frankly acknowledged that he had been disappointed. .ie reckoned on being able to declare an equal dividend of $£ 300$, but this had not been attained. He calculated, that an average of $48 / 2 d$ a week from each meniber would give an income of $\{300000$, and surely, he said, that rate of contribuiton might be reached whout much difficulty. Everything considered, however, the sum actually contributed was very encouraging. The whole amount rased iur all purposes dunng the yeas was $\Varangle 590,333$, very nearly three millions of dollars.

Distressinc news has beed received from New Guinea of the minssacre by natives of a number of missionaries connected with the staff of the London Missionary Society. The intelligence of the outrages was forwarded to Melbourne by the Rev. Mr. Beswick, who, with others, made a miraculous escape in the attack on the band of the messengers of peace. Fus the outrage there was not the slightest provoca tion, and yet it was of the most cold-blooded character. The persons killed were twelve in number, cousisting of four menbers of the London Missionary Society's corps of agents, the wives of two of the number, four children, and two servants. An attempt was also made to massacre four native youths who accompanied the missionary party, but they, happily escaped by swimming. The despatches forwarded 10 , this country further state that, dreading a renewal of the attacks, the missionaries have deserted the station at Kato to Port Moresly.

The N.Y. "Evening Post" says that 2 prominent ciergyman of Washingion has decided, if possible, to obtain a discussion ซith Colonel Ingersoll: The clergyman, as reported in the "Post," says . "My plan is to maintain the discussion is a written argument. Colonel Ingersoll to have two weeks to prepare his answer, and the same time to be allowed to me for a rejoinder, the argument to go on until both parties are satisfied to present their views, priated side.by side, in a pamphlet. Both sides equally to bear the expenses attending the publicition. Mutual friends can arrange all the preliminaries. If:Colonel-Ingersoll is a minn of honour, he should accept the discussion or cease his bitter attacks on:ministers of the Gospel." The "Post", does not give the minister's
name, but whoever he is, he need nut bother. Colo. nel Ingersoll is much too astute a man, and has too wholesome an idea of his own weakness to commit himself to any such discussion. It would be entirely out of his line. He has neither the faculty nor the scholarship for any controversy of the kind, and he knows it. He likes to play the buffoon and to gather in the quarters, bus to engage in any serious written discussion on the points at issue is quite another story. That would expose far too sudely the exceeding nakedness of his land. It would force the Colonel to be serious and to argue, and of either of those processes he knows nothing-at least, so far, his publ appearances would indicate that such is the fact.

URUNKENNESS was got long ago the subject of an claborate edltorial in the London "Times." Its lamentation is pathetic and startling: "Drinking balTles us, confounds us, shames us, and mocks us at every point. It outwits alike the teacher, the man of business, the patriot, the legislator. Every other institution llounders in hopeless dificultics; the public. house holds its triumphant course. The administrators of public and private charity are told that alms and obligations go with rates, doles and pensions to the all-absorbing bar of the public-house. But the worst remains. Not a year passes in ether town or village wathout some unexpected and hideous scandal, the outcome of habitual indulgence, often small and innocent in its origin." The drink bill of the country; it states, has enormously increased since 1860 , with multiplied horrors of every kind coming from drunkenness. In that year the drink bill was $\$ 434,488415$ In 1879 the cost of the liquor consumed in the Kingdom was $\$ 736,443,800$. The probability is that the year 1900 will be as much above 1880 as that is above 1860 , and that the drink bill will then be $\$ 1,230,000$ 000 ! For the whole population of the isles the average expenditure in drink is mose than $\$ 75$ for each family. It is vastly more than the public revenue; vastly more than the most inflated and extraordinary expenditure in twenty jears. It is more than ten times as much as is spent for the poor, watched by economists with such jealous eyes. In short; with a vast number of all classes the yearly drink bill is a great deal more than the tenth of the whole income.

THE N.Y. "Independent" says: "Verýg great gains are to be credited to the temperance cause in the past six or eight months. In our own country there has been much good and practical legislation in various States, designed to suppress or, at least, to regulate more stringently the sale of intoxicating drinks. The new law in Kansas, if properly enforced, as it is expected to be, will effectually close all the druking saloons and prevent an enormous needless wastè of money. In Great Britain a greatea degree of interest seems to be felt in the suppression of intemperance. The churches are puting themselves inght on ibe question. It seems strange to American Christaans, to whom drinking habits among members of the churches seem as much out of character with the proirssion of religion as violatuons of the commandments, to read in the proceedings of the Syiod of the Unuted Presbytenan Church of Scolland a recommendation that the use of hquor at induction or ordination dinners be discouraged. Not long ago it was stated that total abstinence principles were profersed by a certuin number of English bishops, less than half, wa believe, of the whole number, and that che cause was gaining. In the way of legislation, 2 bil! has been passed for Wales for the closing of drinking houses on Sunday, and it gives great satisfaction in that principality: Says 2 London paper: 'The measures of $a$ 'similar character already in force in Scotland and Ireland have already produced secondary as well as immediaie effects. In both countries they have redinced the sum totai of drunkenness. They have also educated public opinion in: the other parts of Great Britain. Now Wales is to come under the protection of similar legislation. The success of this experiment in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales' is bound 80 influence opinion.in England.'"

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## TEMPERANCE, AS RELATED TO REVIVALS.

## aper by rev. pr. burns, read before the p halifax, on sst rebruary Last. <br> (Concluded.)

american revivals and temperance.
The temperance reformation in America was the child of revivals. Its rise and progress ran coeval with the remarkable awakening with which the names of Nettleton and Finney are associated. Around its cradle gathered such men as Lyman Beecher, Nathaniel Hewit, Calvin Chapin, and Justin Edwards. Near the close of 1825 , over fifty years ago, a few devoted Christians, whose hearts had been touched gathered to ponder and pray over the question, "What shall be done to banish intemperance from the United States?" The formation of the American Temperance Society was the result, which was formally organized at Boston, on February 13th, 1826. Justin Edwards was its nursing father. On the 27th Aug. ust, 1829 (his biographer informs us), Dr. Edwards, at the distinct call of Divine Providence, turned aside from the labours of the pastoral office, and concentrated the powerful energies of his mind and heart on the enterprise he had already done so much to originate and establish-the promotion of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, and thus the removal of one of the most terrific obstacles to the spread of the Gospel. Edwards's e:ghteen "Hints for myself and for every man who engages in the promotion of temperance," fully evince the ascendancy in him all through of the revival spirit. Within six years he could write to the king and crown-prince of Prussia : "The number of temperance societies formed in this country is more than seven thousand, and the nu nber of persons who have united with them more than twelve hundred and fifty thousand. More than three thousand distilleries have been stopped, and more than seven thousand merchants have abandoned the traffic in spirituous liquors. More than a thousand vessels sail from our ports in which no such liquors are used, and more than ten thousand persons who, a few years ago, were drunkards, use no intoxicating drink. They are all sober men; many of them are industrious, respectable, and useful, and not a few of them are truly pious men. In those parts of the country where these societios are most general, industry, economy, morality, and religion have been greatly revived." All honour to those noble, early workers, of whom some remain. Mr. John Tappan, long the chairman of the executive committee of the American Temperance Society, says of Justin Edwards: "He looked forward to great results in the furcher spread of the Gospel when men should universally abandon intoxicating beverages, and with this obj 3 ct in view, he was instant in season and out of season. To caure men universally to be temperate that they might become Christians, was the one great object for which he laboured and prayed." Such has been the aim of all true temperance men, of those especially whose labours in the cause have been most owned of God. Temperance has been made, not the supplanter, but the supple-menter-fulfilling, at most, the Baptist's mission, by preparing the way of the Lord, or the mission of the disciples, in rolling away the stone-distinctly saying : "I am not the Christ, but merely a schoolmaster to
lead to Christ."

## the revival of 1858.

The wonderful movement in America in 1858 furnishes one of the best illustrations of our theme. The newspapers and periodicals of that year are crowded with proofs. Take one or two, culled almost at random : "There is a village in the northern part of NewYoik, which was notorious for its Sabbath-breaking and infidelity. But within the last three months there has been a great and wonderful change. In particular, eighteen out of nineteen persons who sold spirituous liquors have given up the pernicious trade."
A particular case in another locality is thus told : "Since his conversion, he has been the object of unsparing hate. He banished intoxicating drinks from his bar, opened his house to inquiry meetings, and
has not hesitated to has not hesitated to meet the low ofl things to $m$ intain his Christian character unspotted from the world."
The $N$ w York "Tribune" testifies regarding the city of B sston: "An increasing feeling in favour of
temperance has manifested itself with the progress of the revival, producing a visible effect upon the business of the liquor-sellers. Some of the bar-rooms are almost deserted of customers. It is said that there has not been so little drinking of intoxicating drinks in this city for many years as at the present time."
With reason, therefore, did the venerable Dr. Marsh reply to one who asked him when the temperance meetings, temporarily suspended, would be resumed : "These (pointing to the many meetings that accompanied the revival), these are temperance meetings. Our cause is not at a stand-still while these are going on."

## D. L. MOODY.

The prominent revival men in the old world and the new are temperance men. Our great modern evangelist, D. L. Moody, in whom the revival spirit is incarnated, who has stirred two continents and been a wonder unto miny, is known to be the sworn foe of the drinking usages. We recall his shot at the Scottish decanters, and the thundering broadsides he has given to the motley army of rum-drinkers and rumsellers wherever they have crossed his path. The veterin Marsh's testimony of nigh twenty years might be repeated with reference to his mammoth meetings. The views presented of the relation of temperance to revivals should elevate temperance in our esteem, lifting it above the level of a mere social or political question into the heavenly places. It has its humanitarian and economical bearings, and these are most important, but it is an intensely religious question. It enters into the very core of all that is sacred. The spirituous and the spiritual are diametrically opposed. The being drunk with wine wherein (that is, in which wine) is excess (that is, the liability to excess), is contrasted in Scripture with being "filled with the Spirit." Wherever it has been so to any great extent, the spiritual pulse has been fitful and feeble, the soul or the community has been empty of the Spirit.
the dark, iron age of scotland.
Never was my native land emp:ier in this sense than during last century, when the genius of a freezing moderatism was in the ascendant. Spiritual religion was the sport of the sceptic, "the song of the drunkard." As a consequence, intemperance was rife. Cockburn's Memoirs of his Times, and Carlyle's Autobiography, furnish pictures of the clerical convivialities that prevailed, truly sad and sickening. The highest dignitaries in Church and S:ate, the occupants of the pulpit and the bench al ke, "erred through wine, and through strong drink were out of the way.', The venerable autobingrapher, at the age of fourscore, reflects without compunction on the scenes of
false delight at card-tables, ball-rooms, taverns, false delight at card-tables, ball-rooms, taverns, and theatres in which himself and his $j$ vivial confreres participated. We wonder not that, breathing such an
atmosphere, catching his inspiration from such a atmosphere, catching his inspiration from such a quently expended the wealth and the witchery of his wondrous powers on wreathing the shrines of Bacchus. It is a reflection of his training and of the times he lived in, when the Moderates, as they were termed, were in power-" moderate" in their preaching, "moderate" in their piety, but the reverse of "moderate" in their potations. A strange misnomer indeed was Moderatism to describe their immoderate carousals Thank God! this iron age of the Church is past, we trust, never to return. The tide of piety has risen, is rising still, and with it the tide of temperance, too.

> w. C. burns and recent revivals.

One of the most successful of Scottish revivals previous to the present, was in connection with the labours
of W . C. Burns, the apostolic mission of W. C. Burns, the apostolic missionary to China, and his father, the pastor of Kilsyth, who were total abstainers at a time it was not so common among the clengy as now. Some of the prominent actors in the more recent movement have belonged to the same class. If we are to "win the golden age again," the number of such must be multiplied. If the more than 4,000 ministers in the Dominion came up together to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty, so mighty would the Word of God grow and prevail that nothing could resist it. Is the Spirit of the Lord straitened now? No, certainly not. The "straitening," if there be any, is all with ourselves. We mourn an absent Lord. We sigh, "Why is His chariot so long of coming? why tarry the wheels of His chariot?" Has He not signalled, "Lo, I come quickly ?" Have we not responded, "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly?" And yet the vision tarries.

## our evil genius.

The hindrance is here. Satan hinders us thus 24 every point in forms whose name is legion. To the Roman patriot, Brutus, as he lay dispirited and ex hausted under a tree, shortly before his last disastrous fight at Philippi for the liberties of his country, a darb and hideous apparition is said to have appeared, probr ably an optical illusion, consequent on exhaustioh "Who art thou ?" asked the hero. "I am thine en genius," replied the grim phantom; "I will meet thed again at Philippi." Intemperance is emphatically oof "evil genius." It has met us often, as we have the rounds of duty and benevolence. "I will thee again," is its doleful refrain. Wherever we go, meets us. At home and abroad it meets us-povert and crime, disease and death, as hungry jackals, is constant attendants. "Hast thou found me, O! mips enemy?" "Yes, everywhere," every minister of God replies, and never shall we be able to shout, triumph antly, " $O$, thou enemy! destructions are come to perpetual end," until, from weeping between the pord and the altar, we come forth in our might to wage good warfare against this common foe of God and man.

## HOME LIFE IN INDIA.-I.

Native life in India is to the unprejudiced observes full of quaint interest, and deserving of a consideratiot which few foreigners concede to it.
Sometimes it is recklessly remarked that the Hindoos have no home life properly so called, and it may well be taken for granted that they have little of none political. It is more correct I think to obserte that the Hindoo people in their relations to one art other are little known or understood by outsiders, and least of all by their conquerors.
This condition of things is largely induced by two circumstances, viz.: firs', by what may be called the passive resistance attitude, which the Hindoos opposf to their enforced political circumstances, and, sec the consequently emphasized authoritative demea towards them of the governing body at all points contact. This passive resistance policy works its out very markedly in the relation of masters servants.
I need say little of what the average English gent man and officer is as a master; ask the Hindoo a he will probably reply with a grave non-commital 2 that Sahbs are born to rule and are mostly to found in the imperative mnod.

That the English governing power in India should be bitterly felt by the native aristocracy is not $u^{10}$ natural. That a body of foreigners numerically ind significant, should govern and control their two bulb dred and forty millions, seize upon, fill and occupy all offices of trust and emolument must of necessity very galling to them. Yet, how is this to be avoided? This is one of the questions "difficult of solution," and inseparable from conquest. Dare we trust Hin0 doos in these responsible positions, and if so, how far? Attachment to us, or our interests can scarcely be pre sumed to exist, and "some reserve in the allotment power appears to be dictated by prudence ; and to 6 fx the amount of influence annexed to an office to bs filled by one of the subjugated, so as to render its imb portance and respectability compatible with the supremacy of the ruling race, is far from being an easy matter to settle."

I do not think the Hindoos would prefer any other foreign Government to that of England, but any out side rule must be repulsive from the very nature
the case. The lower classes say little regarding the the case. The lower classes say little regarding the supreme Government, but they feel safer under oul
The Eurasians or half-castes form a separate com munity, altogether distinct from native and Euro pean, and are little considered by either.
The English in India are divided simply into two classes, the officers-civil and military-and the soldiers ; there is no middle class.
Naturally, great prominence is given to rank and precedence in official circles. The mode of living adopted is princely, and all the deference is exacted from subordinates which is considered becoming in the circumstances, where the dignity of the governing class must be upheld.
These distinctions the astute Hindoo also observes with keen appreciation, and with the tact of a Chester-

companial courtesy which is not unfrequently aceveninged by an inward sarcasm, which will make the There nightlyar gossip spicy and entertaining aiss, unit by unit, the ving classes congregate to disunit by unit, the acts and sayings of the memof their masters' household. In all these disground, one object is kept distinctly in the foreto make the, how to manage these foreign rulers so as They the very most of them financially.
Theref submit to what they deem the inevitable, and enough, that while foreign dignity must be served it remains for them fractically to decide on served it prians for them practically to decide on general
render fow small an amount of service they may render for the largest possible premium without comthey are open ruplure with their emyloyers. Here Pay to imperatively commands her Indian officials to uninitiated as which is so widely accepted by the tuath it is as the religion of the Hindoos, while in
terly a fungus growth overlying and inThere is
What he arived Englishman as a guide or limit as to casteman should reasonably demand of each particular Tupulous and if he be a strictly conscientious and Moself falling a prey to a system of petty rascality perating and mail, which to say the least is very exasThis rend particularly expensive.
standly renders the masters, of necessity, to be con-
and limateric spirit against the native.
becomatic influences are such that Europeans soon ${ }^{2}$ and thus the incapatated for protracted physical exertion, morks, forest execution of all plans, such as in public native forest, opium, etc., must be left in the hands cter surmount the disadvantages of climate, the operandi" of native labour is so, not intrisuccumb often astonishing that ordinary Englishmen The native retire ingloriously.
ad heartive has the advantage, and he knows it, hat he often delays, over-rules and modifies much so bed schemes of the Englishman, and the conin it all he literally controlled by the conquered ; yet, and seemi he has been so grave, undemonstrative, passive, would innocent of purposely offending, that On the part of the Englishman, thus there will probably be observed some exTo practically illustrout nothing more.
insular raitwally illustrate. The great Indian penIn a railway runs from Bombay to Allahabad a 0 re in the easterly direction, and from thence to the fact gigac triangle. The Government, recognizing breater that "any two sides of a triangle are together te distance the third side," determined to shorten Khandahar to bal line through the native states The contract was Agra.
dingly announced his intention of "rushing it." $k$, under an early day gangs of coolies were set merican native overseers, to construct a track. method soon concluded that the orthodox from the pits to the line in wicker baskets resthed to was too slow altogether, and he boldly many attempt the reform of wheelbarrows. without his host. The coolies gravely and examined the foreign machine, and silently ed. An imperative order was issued for Along the line the wheelbarrows were upone usual basket-load of gravel and then do the head, even as the baskets had sponding procession " wound its devious way" urged towards the infant track our American substitate it is said, both by precept and ex ot to be. If, thestern mode of advance, but or the. If, they pleaded, this foreign subtrial to be wicker basket must be made, manner of foreigners, that, indeed, was im.

Wonder then. that the contractor should kur up the whole affair, own himself
beaten, and sail away to find more plastic materials, with which to construct other railways.
From various reasons the third line of that triangle is still incomplete.

## STOR Y OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE.

In I 324, at the humble village of Wye-cliff, in Yorkshire, which gave him a name by which it has been immortalized, arose one who was to dart rays of light through the darkness that enveloped fatherland and to prove the "Morning Star of the Reformation" Wickliff was educated at Queen's, Merton, and Baliol Colleges, Oxford, whose University had recently been founded by Philippa, Queen of Edward III., and to which 30,000 students had flocked. By his withering exposure of the Friars, his personal preaching at Oxford and Lutterworth for twenty years, by his manifold writings, especially his translation into the dialect of the people of the Word of the Lord which was "precious in those days "-the simple Saxon rendering, on which, mainly, our authorized version has been grafted; by the sending forth also of his " Poor Priests" who proved the sturdy outspoken Methodists of the fourteenth century-plain, humble men, clad in coarse russet garments, and living on homely fare, frequenting no village revels, yet courteous and kind, withal, preaching the Word and going about doing good. Wickliff became the instrument in the working of a marvellous change on the face of English society. He became Doctor of the Faculty of Theology and Royal Cbaplain. In 1374 , at the age of fifty, he is appointed second on a Royal Commission (next to the Bishop of Bangor) to treat with the Papal Nuncio, at Bruges, then in the zenith of her mediæval glory. Five years afterwards (in 1379) opened what was known as "the good parliament," of which probably Wickliff was a member, which declaimed strongly against the oppressive exactions under which the country groaned. Wickliff was befriended by Edward, who died in 1377, after having seen his noble wife Philippa, and celebrated son, the Black Prince, laid in the sepulchre of the kings of his people. Honest John's blasts had roused the ire of Courtney, Bishop of London, and occasioned his being summoned before a convocation at St . Paul's, where Lord Percy, Earl Marshal of England, and John of Gaunt, Edward's third son, stood forward, one on each side, to accuse and defend him. Hot words passed between them; riots ensued; Wickliff returns to Lutterworth, to be then " hid in God's pavilion from the strife of tongues." Again he is summoned before the whole bench of Bishops, under the presidency of the Prince, but they were no match for him in argument. The enraged populace break into the chamber. At the urgent solicitation of the Dowager Princess of Wales, the members of the Council allow him to go in peace. The year following, Pope Gregory having died, occurred the great division in the Papacy, when Urban VI., the Italian, at Rome, and Clement VII., the Frenchman, at Avignon, urged their rival claims, which continued for over half a century-the very Council called to settle the feud, issuing in the setting up of a third claimant. Wickliff retired from the pablic arena which witnessed such unseemly bickerings, and, in the privacy of his Lutterworth home, pursued his great work of translating the Word of God into the language of the people. Hitherto (and since the seventh century) the Latin Vulgate had been the only Bible used, though certain portions of the Scriptures had been translated into the Anglo-Saxon, such as the Psalms and John's Gospel, by the Venerable Bede in the eighth century. Thereafter the good King Alfred encouraged the work, but it was only in a partial and fragmentary form. In 1380, four years before his death, Wickliff accomplished his herculean task of producing the first English translation of the Bible. The work had been begun at Oxford, but was finished at Lutterworth after his expulsion from that Aca. demic seat-the New Testament entirely by himself, the Old Testament with some assistance from othersthe Vulgate being followed, for the knowledge of Greek and Hebrew was then but limited. Persistent efforts were made, after Wicklif's death, to prevent the circulation of his Bible. Yet, it had free cburse. The good man died peacefully in his quiet Lutterworth "living" on the last day of 1384 , at the age of sixty. Six years thereafter, when a Bill was brought into the House of Lords, condemnatory of his translation and forbidding its use, John of Gaunt, though not religious, yet loving British liberty, exclaimed
"that other nations have the law of God in their own language, and we will not be the dregs of all." The Bill was thrown out, though the opposition was quelled only for a season. Wickliff's writings (of which 300 survive), principally simple, earnest expositions of the Word, continued to be greedily devoured by the whetted appetites of an awakening people; and as for his Bible, the common people heard it gladly, though it had to be hid, like the dove of the song, "in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs." Not many years ago, we are informed, a secret cupboard was found behind the wainscot of an old house in Lutterworth, containing a copy of Wicklitt's Bible with other prohibited books. Many copies were, no doubt, destroyed, but the recent editors of Wickliff's Bible report that 170 MSS. of this translation are even now extant. At least three editions of Wickliff's New Testament have been printed in England-one in 1731, by the Rev. John Laird, of Margate ; another in 1810, under the superintendence of the Rev. H. H. Baber, of the British Museum ; and a third in 1841, in Bagster's English Hexapla. The celebrated Roman Catholic historian, Lingard, testifies as to the influence exerted by Wickliff, by whom, he says, the "seeds were sown of that religious Revolution, which, in little more than a century astonished and convulsed the nations of Europe." . . . . After Wickliff's death his body was laid in a vault within the chancel of the Lutterworth Church. But the hero with the plain black robe, smail round cap, and long, gray beard, who had so ofter; when living, made his adversaries quail, was not left free from their hostility when dead. Thirty-one years afterwards, at the Council of Constance, his writings were condemned, and orders given to unearth the bones of this brave, honest Englishman, and burn them, which was done thirteen years later. The ashes were cast into the river. "The Swift (says the old historian) conveyed them to the Avon, the Avon to the Severn, the Severn to the narrow seas, then to the main ocean, and thus the ashes of Wickliff are the emblem of his doctrine, which is now dispersed all the world over."

## THE SUSTENTATIUN SCHEME.

It may or it may not be of much use, at the present juncture, to add to what has been said on this subject. A conviction of its great importance induces me to present the following :
I. It is the likeliest scheme to meet great evil and accomplish much good.
A minister in a small congregation, as most of our congregations are, is strongly tempted "to please men." A faithful minister will encounter opposition and enmity. One such told me that he could not afford to be faithful if he meant to retain his situation. He was faithful, and the enmity of one man rendered his position untenable. That one man, with a little help, has driven away from the same congregation another minister, and the congregation is ruined. The strength of such men is in their purse. They judge, condemn, slander, vilify, yet all this. might not avail them, did they not have power to take away pecuniary support. This scheme, in such cases, comes in between the minister and such men, and also protects the congregation from the often ruinous action of a tyrannical and unscrupulous minority.
It is objected that the scheme will make ministers haughty and careless by making them independent of the people. Nay ! The people have power at any time to implead their minister when there is sufficient cause; and when they have no other manifest way of getting at him, they are more likely to lodge legitimate complaint, instead of taking judgment into their own hands and condemning and punishing without jury or any other means or defence. The scheme causes ministers to be better looked after by the Church authorities as well as by the people. Such, according to my observation, has been the result in Scotland.
I would beg members of our supreme court, and all interested in the Church, to regard these evils as they exist and often manifest themselves-the temptation of ministers in small congregations to be time-serving, and of self-willed, unchristian men, to raise trouble often resulting in the ruin of congrega. tions, and in distress and incapacity in ministers. Other advantages and disadvantages I mention not at present.
2. The scheme is, as I think, unwarrantably represented as impracticable.

The Church, it is said, is not prepared for it ; the people won't support it in this country. My reply is, How do you know they won't? You guess at this. Make trial and see. If the people are not prepared for it, it would be folly to inaugurate it. But if the scheme be good and the people not prepared for it, what does common sense say? Why-use the means to have them prepared! Let them be informed; give them time and opportunity and cause to understand it. If you wish the scheme to fail, urge it on and set it up at once. If you wish it to succeed, let those best qualified address the people and discuss the matter with them. It does not seem to me rational to set down the scheme as impracticable while the mass of the people have given it little or no intelligent thought. I hope the Assembly will neither vote down nor precipitate the matter when it meets.

It requires great boldness or stupidity in a minister to undertake the charge of a small congregation under the present system. And the same qualities are required of a young man entering upon study for the ministry.
J. F.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met according to appointment in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at half.past seven o'clock p.m. After the usual services of praise and prayer, the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Donald MacRae, D.D., of St. John, N.B., preached from Psalm lxxxiv. 7, and thereafter constituted the Assembly by prayer. Before calling upon the Assembly to elect another Moderator, Dr. MacRae thanked the Assembly for the honour done him in calling him to the chair, and for the manner in which he had been sustained in the discharge of his duties. The election of Moderator was then proceeded with, and resulted in Dr. Vicar, of Montreal, being elected by the following vote : For Dr. McVicar, 119 ; for Dr. Cochrane, 74, and for Professor McLaren, 77.

Dr. McVicar took the chair and addressed the Assembly. After a vote of thanks had been given to the retiring Moderator, the Assembly adjourned, to meet next morning in the Convocation Hall of Queen's College, where the business meetings will continue to be held ; the evening sederunts, where matters of general interest will be discussed, continuing in St. Andrew's Church.

THURSDAY, 9TH JUNE.
The Assembly met according to adjournment in the Convocation Hall of Queen's College, and spent the first hour in devotional exercises. The order of business was then reported on by the Committee on Bills, and, with some slight changes, was adopted. The applications by Presbyteries for leave to receive certain ministers were read and referred to the standing committee charged with these matters.

In the afternoon, after certain matters of routine had been disposed of, the question of the re-ordination of converted Roman Catholic priests, which had been laid over from last year, was taken up, and formed the subject of discussion during the whole of the sederunt.

Rev. Mr. Laing, of Dundas, said the subject had been more or less before the Church since 1875. When the matter came up in Ottawa it had been referred to the Presbyteries, but the reports received from them were not so full or so general as could have been desired. He had no desire to proceed without caution, but now there was another case before them and some action had to be taken. He made a distinction between the regularity and the validity of ordination. In ordination there were three points (1) the call of God ; (2) the call of the people ; (3) official recognition by those in office. He considered that the offices of the deacons and bishops in the Church of Rome were valid under the Word of God, but the duty of the priest to perform mass and hear confession was no part of the work of the Church. The question was whether the Church of Rome was a portion of the Church of Christ at all. He belonged to the minority that considered it as part of the Church of Christ, though far from pure. He was not going into the question of baptism further than to say that baptism was a sacrament, which ordination was not, and that he might hold the validity of the latter when performed by the Roman Church without recognizing the former. The Roman Catholic Church held ordination to be a rite which changed the soul, while the Reformed Church con-
sidered it merely a recognition of the applicant by those already in office. The minister in the Preshyterian Church was appointed to rule, which the priest was not. The bishop in ordaining a priest clearly never intended to make him a minister in the Reformed Church. The rite was in itself different, and the vows taken also differed. From all these reasons it would seem that ordination in the Roman Catholic Church would not hold good in the Reformed Church. Looking at the point from a historical point of view he pointed out that it was quite clear that the earliest Reformers could not have been ordained. In 1559 Papal jurisdiction was abolished in Scotland, and the Lords of the congregation appointed ministers for the different churches in the kingdom. Of these at least five had never been ordained by the Roman Catholic Church, apostolic succession being completely ignored, but after the first Assembly in 1560 no priest was ever received with ordination. In the Second Book of Discipline was given a list of offices to be recognized, that of the priest not beirg among them. This continued until the time of the Westminister Assembly in 1648. The Book of Discipline then issued recognized the Church of England ordination or that of any Reformed Church. That latter term, he held, expressly excluded the ordination of the Church of Rome. Last year the Church of Scotland adopted a rule recognizing the ordination of any Protestant Church. The Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church did not recognize Roman Cathelic ordination.
He then referred to the case of priest Crotty, in Ireland, who with a considerable number of his people came over to the Irish Presbyterian Church. He was not ordained by the laying on of hands, as he scrupled about re-ordination for fear that thereby he would cancel his former priestly acts, including the marriages he had solemnized. Mr. Laing read from the report of the case that the matter was settled by the performance of a kind of compromise ceremony. He then referred to the history of the Churches of the Continent in support of the position he had taken. The General Assembly of the American Church in 1855 and 1845 decided that Papal ordination was not valid, and the United Presbyterian Church in 1835 had decided that the matter should be left to the Presbyteries of the Church. The Church of England no doubt received Roman Catholic priests, but if such a one desired to come from the Church of England his standing would not be inquired into. In the case of the Rev.C.Chiniquy he read extracts from the report of the Presbytery of Chicago that the Rev. Mr. Chiniquy was received for ordination, but this was afterwards reconsidered and he was received without that ceremony. The Rev. Mr. Ourier was received without ordination by the last Assembly, but it was provided that this should not be made a precedent. The Rev. Mr. Lafontaine was received by the Church on a vote of the Assembly, a course which must be admitted to be very irregular. He did not wish to throw an obstacle in the way of receiving the Roman Catholic priests, but these men having left that Church, which they believed to be no part of the Church of Christ, could not hold that its ordination was valid here. They were not appointed to celebrate the Lord's supper unless the blasphemy of the Mass was to be so considered, nor to rule in the Church. It could be no humiliation for a Roman Catholic priest to be asked to submit to re-ordination, for the same would be asked of elders of this court who were already ordained. He moved a resolution which he had moved at the last Assembly, to the effect that priests on being received should be re-ordained.
Rev. Dr. Gregg in secondihg the motion said he held that the position of a Mehodist local preacher was at least as high as that of a deacon in the Church of Rome. All that the priest was allowed to do in addition to the office of deacon was to pretend to offer a sacrifice, which was contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures. Yet local preachers were re-ordained on being admitted to the Presbyterian Church. It could be no humiliation to the priests to be ordained, for the Church of England re-ordained ministers of the I'resbyterian Church going over to it.
Rev. Dr. Proudfoot in reply said he would have been much better satisfied if no deliverance were made on this subject by the Assembly, as they had got along without it for so many years. He moved a resolution in the same terms as his motion on this subject at the last Assembly, to the effect that Romish priests should be admit:ed without ordination, but that they should
be expected to shew that they understood the effed in of the ceremony, and were required to answer in open court the questions usually. put to students plying for license. He desired that priests leay in the Roman Catholic Church should feel that thed were leaving, not a Church which was no Church, a Church which was very corrupt, and this was idea of the Reformers of the sixteenth century. Laing seemed to him to attach a superstitious impors tance to ordination. He had a somewhat Romil idea of the rite. He seemed to think that the inter tion of the bishop in ordaining was of importanch but this was not recognized by the Reformed Church When a person was called by Christ, and set ${ }^{2}$ for any work by any regular Church, he was fit work of the ministry, the ordination being a me ward form. While there were differences the Romish and the Presbyterian ordinations, lieved that had been provided for by his amen Christ alone could call men and qualify them the work of the ministry, and the priest should evidence that he had the call of Christ, and that he (Dr. Proudfoot) would not give a fig laying on of hands by all the bishops in Christ The laying on of hands was not a superstitious but merely a decent and Scriptural mode of rec ing the men called of God. He believed his a ment met all the wishes of Mr. Laing, excep the mere laying on of hands, and that it would well to insist upon. If Romish ordination recognized they would simply be saying th Church of Rome was the Church of Antichrist.
Rev. Dr. Jenkins said he was glad this matte been brought up thus early in the session, for could accuse them of trying to shelve it. H rather there should be no deliverances of the $A$ on the subject, but if they must make a deliv he believed it would be better to leave it to the byteries. Failing that, the next best thing resolution. He believed that Mr. Laing, failed to visit with severe condemnation the ac the Church of Ireland in accepting priest Croty, given his whole case away.
Rev. Dr. MacRae said he believed Dr. Proudfo amendment was exceedingly illogical, for while be that Romish ordination should be recognized, ho tended that the priest should go through all th mula of one seeking ordination. He would a ledge that one was ordained, yet at the same time in the position of one yet applying for license. trusted that many Roman Catholic priests come into the Church, and was sure that all gladly welcome them.
Rev. Mr. McMullen, of Woodstock, claimed there was no such office in the Church as ${ }^{\text {th }}{ }^{2}$ priest, and if they acknowledged the priest's r be a minister of the Church, they were dishon the Church. Referring to the case of priest he claimed that a man coming alone out of the of Rome was in a very different position from 0 had been acting as the spiritual guide of $m e$ had come out of the Church and had for a time pied an independent position.

Rev. Jas. Middlemiss, of Elora, after a few rem in which he favoured Dr. Proudfoot's position, a resolution which he believed would meet th tions taken to that gentleman's motion. the effect that Romish ordination should nized, but any Romish priest entering the Chur feeling that he had not proper authority, with ordination, to preach the Word of God, mid -ordination.
Rev. John McKinnon, of Prince Edward $I I^{120^{\text {d }}} p$ seconded the resolution.
Rev. Principal Caven said he believed in ciding principles unnecessarily, yet when any cal case came before them they should be prep make a decision. He believed none of the before the house should be supported, but the Assembly at the proper time to come to decision as this, that the Assembly did not fe upon to decide the general question, but wo any practical cases that came before it. formed Church was not by any means uni this subject. Luther and Knox were never for the Church of Rome, and Calvin, it known, was never ordained at all. Would it litile dangerous for them to decide the case eit The Dutch Church, to which reference had bery had left the special care to the Presbyte doub
the Charch across the line had given an ill-adivised decision en the subject. He believed the Canadian Church had nol been weakened or dishonoured, nor had any Scriptural rules been broken by the attitude of the Church upon this guestion so far. He trusted they would not commit themselves. If they thought they were in some way striking a blow al Rome they were much mistaken. The blow would recoil upon themselves.
Rey. Dr. Proudfoot, In explanalion, sald he quite sgreed with Principal Caven, and bad so stated. With the permission of the Count he would withdraw his resolution to make way for the one proposed by Pribcipal Caven. This was ágreed to.
lirincipal Grant sald that he deeply regretted that so much time had been spent upon this subject, as it was a matiér of not much importance. If they were going to décide lt, however, they should accept Mr. Aliddletnitss's suggestion and not decide it without further considderation. It prould take hours to follow and correct M'f. Laing's statements. The fact that this comparatively small matter had been solong before the Assembly was a great tribute to the eimestiess of Mir, Laing, and to the Assembly's good nature. Mir. Laing scemed to have viers partly Roman Catholic, and partly Puritan. By denying the ordina. tion of the Chilich of Rovie they sectarianized the great caltholic Church and divided tho body of Christ. This masadopling the tactics of the Roman Catholic Church and denying even those men in that Church who were called of Chisist. They would thus put the Roman Catholics on the same footing as Socinians or Pagana. Mixed with their érror was a vast deal of the truth of Christ. Error could never sustain a Church. He would ask, "Did they regret their course in the past?" He did not. He believed more Catholic friends had come to them than to any other Chüch in Christéndom. They had received others without ordination, and why should they shut the door now f What rould be the course of individüal pricsts? The light dawned ubón them slowly, but they would find at last that the errors in thear Church were grievously in thelr way. Yet on entering the Reformed Church they were compelled to do dishonour to their former ministry, in which they believed they had been led by Christ. What would they do if God gave light on a large scale to priests? Suppose there was a general movement of priests and people, would tiey refuse to receive them unless for ordination? Was this done with Luther or Knox? He strongly depreciated any definito action in the way of adding to the hindrances to people coming over from the Roman Catholic Church. They perhaps thought they would hurt Rome, but they were only hurting themselves. They were digging another ditch between them, but the Presbyterian, the Christian, way was to throw bridges across in addition to those alreády existing.
Rev. Mr. Casey said he had been in the Roman Catholic Church for twenty-seven ycars, and he knew that no man could yreach the truth in it for ten Sabbaths.
Rev. Mr. Mackay, of Montrea?, shile be agretd taat this wes not a very important subject, yet could see the consistency of Mr. Laing and the inconsistency of Priacipal Grant. Mr. Laing believed the settement woitd advance the work of Freach evangelization. Principal Grant said this was not an important matter, and yet in the next breath said it woald require fulldiscussion. While he agreed with the principle of what Principal Caven said, he felt that to decide this matter at once woutd save the time which rould be used in setiling each cass as it came ip. If it rias to be settled, he preferred Mr. Laing's way of dealing with it.
Rev. Mr. Clarke; of New Edinbirgh, said he had seen à whole tamily of French Roman' Catholics received into the Presbyterian Church; and instead of it being a humblation, it was a beautiful and edifying ceremony:
Hrincipal Grant submitted his resolution in regular form.
The mézting on Friday: evening was held in St. Andrér's church. The report on Sabbath schools Fas read by the Rev.J. McEwen, Ingersoll, Convener of the Committee. The following is a summary of it :
The statistics of eich Syiod are glven separately: The retumsitat is' complained, are not so full as could be desired:
The Synod of Hatillon and London has 185 pastoral chariges; only 123 of which have reported.

Number of scholars on the roll, 15,740; average attendance, 10,987 ; added to the communion roll from the school, 310.
The Synod of Toronto and Kingston gives full and satisfactory seturns as compared with previous years. Number of scholars enrolled, 20,181 ; average attendance, 13,430 ; added to the communion roll from the school, 739.
Montreal and Ollawa has 237 schools, 170 of which send in reports. Sctiolars on the roll, 12,846 ; average attendance, 9.749 ; communicants admitted from the school, 1,830 .
The action of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Association in sending a copy of their annual report is commended as an example. The number of schools is 17 ; scholars on the roll, 2,908; average attendance, 1,922.
The space devoted to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces contains a cummendation of the Presbytery of. Prince Edward island for the fulness of the reports sent from the schools within its bounds. The number of schools reporting throughout the whole Synod is 239 ; scholars on the roll, 8,030; average altendance, 7,301 ; communicants admitted fom the schools, 143.
The meagreness of the number admitted to the communion from the Sunday school is noticed with regret. "While it is comparatively easy," says the report, "to have larger associations of our young people for what is called mutual improvement, which is really mutual entertainment, it is difficult to get the same members to settle down to study and reading for bible knowledge, or any other kitad of knowledge, and more serious impressions ooze out in these entertainments than can be awakened by our usual services." A comparison of the total figures for 1881 and 1880 is given, shewing, as will be seen by the following table, a gratifying increase:

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| tpent on school work . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 8.097$ | \$15. |
| Spent on church schemes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10,878 |  |
| Volumes in libraries....... . . . . . . . . . . 28,724 | 120,4 |


The report hays great stress upon the importance
of improving the knowledge and spirit of the workers of improving the knowledge and spirit of the workers in this field.

In a separate report on Sabbath school work the arrangement of the Sabbath School Committee with James Campbell \& Son to bave that firm submit a large number of volumes to examine and facilitate the circalation of the approved books is set out at length, and the Assembly asked to ratify it.
The report on the Sabbath School Teacher's Course of Study is exbaustive and interesting. In accordance with instructions, the Committee took the matter in hand, and prescribed a written examination upon the life of Moses, and one upon the first twentyeight questions of the Shorter Catechism, with the portions of Scripture on which they are based. The questions given, and the rules of the examination, are set out at length, and shew that great care was exercised by the Committee in carrying out the scheme entrusted to their care. The first and second places were occupied respectively by Mrs. Adah Ranshay and Miss Ellic Brehant, both of Summerside, P.E.I. The Committee has been on all hands encouraged to continue the scheme. The recommendations made in the report are as follows:

1. That the next year's course of study run parallel with the liternational Course of Lessons, and that there be two supplementary departments-one on the Shorter Catèrhism from questions 29 to 38 inclusive.
2. A short and simple study on the government and polity of the Church. That there be two divi-sions-one more simple than last ycar's, and the other as before. The successful in the first division to be reported to their respective Prestereries, within whose bounds they reside ; the second division as in this seport to the Assemibly.
3. That the second Sabbath of September be as far as possible devoted to special prayer for the youth of the Church, and calling the attention of parents and Sabbath school teachers to increased devotedness to the study of the.Word:

The adoption of thie report was moved by the Rev. N. McKay, of Summerside, P.E.I., and seconded by the Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Toronto, an appropriate speeches. The time apportioned for tho discussion
of this matter exoired before the question was put. The next subject taken up pres the State of Religion in the Church, the report din which was read by Dr. James, of Hamilton. The following is a summary of the report :
Whille commending the interest taken by many ministers in the work of the Committee, as shewn in their efforts to secure full and complete answers to the questions in the refurns required, the Committee regret the absence of relurns in some cases. Every Synodical report, it is said, makes a similar complaint. In the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, out of 205 charges, only 113 mado returns. Other Synods received about the same proportion of reports. Synods suggested that this shews a lack of interest, but the hope is expressed that the causes were less serious. In general terms the Committee report that gratilying progress is noted from the returns received. The report then goes on to give selections from the reports of Synods, taking seriatim the queries to which they are replies. All agree in reporting an increasing sense of the importance of the claims of religion. The decadence of famity worship is noted with regret. In some cases complaint is also made of the spread of low political morality, and of the failure to oppose fashionable vices.
With regard to indications outside of support of ordinances, and of sympathy with the Church, the reports are characterized as much by vagueness as by variety. Complaints are made in some cases that pastors are loft unsupported, while others note with pleasure that the other church officers and members discharge their duties faithfully. On the subject of special works of grace within the year, and the general impression as to the prosperity of the cause of Christ, the reports range from the most desponding to the most encouraging. In many places special or evangelistic services were held, with the most gratifying results. The general impression left by reading the extracts given is that the work of the Church is making satisfactory progress.
In reference to the young and their interest in the Church a great variety of opinion was expressed. In one case, while the general advancement of the young in the knowledge of religious truth is favourably commented upon, it is said that home-training is not given, and many children are not indoctrinated into that knowledge of, nor do they form that attachment to their own Church which would induce them to take an interest in her prosperity. But few young men, it is said, take up themselves the obligation of a public profession of faith. This portion of the report concludes as follows: "One report calls attention to the alarming tendency to light and trashy literature, low concerts, and clownish performances. Mothers allow their daughters to mingle in the society of some young men, to their peril, in attendanze at these and other such places, and it is added truly that the whole question of the spiritual interests to the young is ono demanding the most prayerful consideration of this Court."

The returns as to the liberality of the poople in supportingerdinances are fevourable, allhough some complain that the willing few give the larger part and the majority fail to give anything like a fair propors tion. The sperial forms of evil agaitst which the voices of the iurches are raised 'e legion-intemperance, bs: :terature, lack of parental control, gossip, hastening to get rich, political duplicity, popery, tobacco, secret associations, Sabbath break. ing, and many others, occupying the foremost place. Sabbath breaking and worldliness are spoken of in one place as forming a greater hindrance than in years past. Intemperance, promiscuous dancing, and licentiousness are spoken of as slowly disappearing.
In conclusion, the Committee, after calling attention to some of the grea:-r evils mentioned in the report, express devout thankfulness to God for being able to present ona so faviurable. The following are the recommendations :

1. That ministers should make the questions sent down on the state of religion and the answers given therein by their respective sessions the subject matter of a discourse to the people at some diet of worship on the Lord's day.

## (Continued on page j80:)

By the advice of her physician, Priacess Louise has postponed her departure from England,
ADvices from Berlin say Germany is anxiously watching the negotiations for the proposed new treaty of commerce be trcen England and France:

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## THE COLLEGES OF THE CHUKCH.

$I^{T}$will be seen from the various College reports that wi:ite a large amount has during the year been contribured both for endowment and building purposes and for the current expensesurf the d.ferent institutions, much requires still to be done before these establish. ments cinn all be said to be on a sarisfactory footing. We hope the noticeable liberality of a few of the wealthy men in the Church will "provoke many."

## THE QUEDEC FIRE.

$T$HE General Assembly has very properly adopted a minute expressing us sympathy with the suffer. ers by the disastrous fire which lately desnlated such a large portion of Quebec and left so many poor families destatute. It is to be hoped that the Presbytertans throughout the Dominion will follow up this resolution of the Assembly by promptly and liberally coming to the help of those sufferngs raes. Need we add that they give twice who give quickly? Let none wait till others move, but send at orer as the necessity of the case in their estimation :<quires. The Mayor of Quebec will receive and acknowledge all sums forwarded for such a purpose.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INKIAGSTON.
THE present meeting in Kingston of the General Assembly of the bappily united Presbyteitan Church in Canada naturally leads the thoughts of not $a$ few back to that meeting of Synod beld in the same city and church some thirty-seven years ago, when tite discur-ion took place which issued in the separation happily made up in 1875 .

It was on the 3rd of July, 1844 , that the Synod referred to met in St. Andrew's Church, Kiogston. The setiring Msoderator preached on 2 Cor. iv. 8, and was succeeded in the chair by the late Rev. M. Y. Stark, of Dundas. Ninety-six members were present in all. On the second day of the mee.ing a conference was held " in reference to the relation in which the Synod stond to the Church of Scotland," and a committee was appointed to consider and report upon such relation. The committee reported a series of resolutions, the adoption of which was moved by Dr. Cook. An amendment was moved by Mrr,-afterwards Dr.Bayne. Other resolutions were moved and with. drawn, and un a vote being taken five days afterwards the motion of Dr. Cook was carried by a vote of 56 1040.

On the merits of that controversy we are not called to say a singlo word. It is suffinent that we merely mention the historical fact that the minority considered the difference which existed between them and the majorty in regard to the relation of the Synod to the Church of Srotland a sufficient reason to withdraw and form the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Twenty-three manisters and nineteen elders protested and gave ia their seasons. The iloderator and clerk resigned. The party dissenting met in the Wealeyan Methodist church, and the new Church was organized. As all our readers are aware, the two Churches thus formod went on-each in its own way trying to extend the cause of Cbrist in the countty and with a very encouraging amount of success. Negotiations for union between the "Frec' and the Untted Presbyterian Churches in Canada were prosecuted for a considerable time, and at last issuad in those two bodies being in 186! constituted as the Canada Pre,byterian Church. It was the earnest desire of not a fere to have a s-ill more comprehe rsive uaion of the Presbyterians in the Dominion,
and for this end they laboured with pray erful asoiduity for a considerible time. These effirts, as every one knews, werc at latt crowned with auccers, and in 1675, in Victoria, Ha!l, Montreal, all the Presbyterian Hudies in the Dominion, with a few isolated exceptions, were formed into one Church-since known as the "Presbyeerian Church in Canadi.."
The present is the seventh meeting of the General Assembly of the unt ed Church, and the first which has been held in K'ngston. Some of those whe scparated thirty-severs years ago had the pleacure of meetirg last neek in the same chareh and in much more propitious circomstances, but the number of these nas very small. Alost of the nld ninety-six of 18th had entered into tiatir iest. The following id. sunce or the names and records of those reterans of I'resbyterianiscm, supplied by one who knew them well, and who can himself clamia not undistimgmatied postion among shem, it interesting, and may well be put on record for future reference:
Of the men who founded the Presbyterian Church of Canadia, the Revs, Willam Rintoul, Alexander Gale, William Macelister, M. Y. Stask, Georgo Cheyne, John Bayne, Robert Lindsay, Robert Perien, James Dounlay, J hn M. Rnger, Robett Boyd, Henry Gurdon, Alex. Millean, :ienry Esson, and David Black have joined the great congregation of the dead. Angus McIntosh went to Scolland. D. McMillan, D. McKenzie, D. Allan, and Vm. Meldrum are living in retirement. Gen. Smellie and Thos, Alexander are sull pastors, and Dr. Retd is Cieneral Agent of the Church. From the above $1 t$ will be seen that of the twenty-three who signed the protest fifteen have died, one went to Scolland, four have relired, two are sull pastors, ard one is the Agent of the Church. Of nineteen elders who signed the document many have passed away; one of the most awive, the late Mr. Sherifl Davidson, of Berlin, haring died a tew weeks ago. The Rev. George Smellut, the :espected murister of Meivalle Church, Fergus, $s=$ the only one of the twenty-three that has remained continuously in the same congregation for thaty-seven years. Some of the others did until they died or se...ied. The follow. ing will be found substantially correct in regard to those who remained in the Church in ${ }^{8} 84$

PRESDYTERY OF BATHURST.
J. Cruikshank went to Scotland, 859, Thomas C. Walson went to Scolland, 1844. John Smith died at Beckwith, 185i. G. Romanes went to England, 1850. William Bell died at Perth, 1857. J. Anderson died, 1868. A. Mann is at present minister of Pakenhant. D. Evans died at Prescott, 1864. A. McKidd died, 1872. G. Bell is at present minister at Walkerton.
freshytery of kingston.
J. Machar died at Kingston, 1863. R. Neill is at present minister of Seymour. Thomas Liddell went to Scotland, 8846 , and died in 1880 . Peter C. Camp. bell went to Scotland, 1845, and is nom dead.
presaytery of toronto.
A. Bell died at L'Orignal, 1856. P. Ferguson died, 1863. J. George dien,, 1870 . Thomas Johnson died in Chinguacousy, 1866. Jnhn Tawse is dead. G. Galloway died at Markham, 1814. A. Lewis retired, 1863 ; dead. J. McMurchy died at Eldon, 1866. J. Barcl.ay selired, at present residing in Toronto.
presbytery of hoitreal
A. Mathieson dited, 1870 . E. Black ried at Montreal, 1845. D. Moody died at Dundee, 8855. Wm. Muir died at Chatham, 1860. W. Roach died at Beauharnois, 18 f9. W. M. Walker went to Scolland, $184+\mathrm{J}$. Anderson died at Ormistown, 1861. J. C. Murr is at present minister of Georectown. W. Simpenn is in the Anti union Chuich. こ. Shank died, 1871. John Marlin died at Hemmingford, s866. E. Lipelletric died in France. T. Henry seceded, 8845 . J. Davidson is in the Anti-union Chiurch.
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J. Mackenzie died at Williamstown, 8855. H. Urquhart died, 1871. J Mcisanc died in Scosland, 1847. D. Clark seceded, 18.44 J. Mi Lauin died at Maruntown. 1855. J. Puikes died at Osnabruck, 1853. T. McPherson is in the Ami-ution Church. D. Sinclair went to Scolland, 1846. C. Gregor died at Hlantagenet, 1864.
presuytery of hamilton.
R. McGill died at Montrenl, $18 ; 6$ J.Smitt died 1853 W. King died ât Nelson, 18 j9: J. Bryning died at Mount Pleasant, 1853 G. Mc Clatchy died at Londor, 1857. A. Ross died at Iani: Fil , 1857. Of D .

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## presbytery of quebec.

J. Clugston seceded, 1844. J. Cook is at present minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. J. Mc. Mounc died at Ramsay, 1867. J. Geggio seceded, 1844. Alexander Buchan died at Stisting. S. C. Fiaser seceded, 1844
If we add to this number the names of the ministers of the United Psesbyicrian Church in Canada who were in the country, nnd in active service in ${ }^{-8} 84$, and are stillalive, we shall have a full list of the present veterans of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at least for the Provinces if Ontaric and Quebec. This last list is sonn given ror it is a gery short one. It is as fulluws: The Rex, g inn Morrison, Waddinginn, N.Y; the Rev. Divid Coults, Brampton; the Ker James Dick, Richmond Hill; the Rev. George Law ience, Turonto; the Rev. Wm. Fraser, Barne p the Rev John Portenus, Port Dalhousic; the Rev. Chas, Fletcher, Goderich.
While these are all that survive of the Presbyterian ministers in the Canada of 18 tt , we have buit 10 add that in the united Church jhe difereat original sce. tions of which those veterans belped to found and assiduously watered, there are now 659 ministers, 740 pastoral charges, 63843 families, 107871 members, with a total yeally income of $\$ 1,16: 154$. Well may all exclaim with devout gratitude: "What bath God wrought i" And that the more especially when it is considered that if this Church is true to the great work taid to its hand, the progress in the future will be even still more remark=hlo thas it has been in the past.

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What Alleth Thee? By Anna Warner. (New York- A. D. Randolph \& Co. Price, \$1.ja.)-This is a book for mourner, bul not for them alone. All who love the truth will find pleasure in its pages. It is full of beautiful thoughts founded, on many Scrip. ture spisodes involving human sorrow and divine comfort. The first of these is "The Wilderness of Beersheba," and from it the title is taken.
Christianity's Challenge By the Rev. Herrick Johnson, D.D. (Chicakio: Cushing, Thomas \& Co.)-Dr. johnson's name is not so well known in Canada as it deserves to be, and as wo think it will be in no long time hesce. He is the popular pastor of one of the most fourishing Presbyterian churches in Chicago, and has een lately appointed one of the Professors in the Not.h-West Seminary of that city. The lectures pubhshed in this handy diste volume were delivered during last winter in Farwell Hal,, Chicagn, under the auspices of the Young Mro's Christian Association, and are now publishen at the urgent request of many who heard them. Dr. Johnson has done well to sield to these solicitations. He holds strongly, with juhn Howe, that "the grand ancient revealed truth should" not only "sometimes" but always "keep state ${ }^{\text {" }}$ that it has no need to hang down its head like a tulrust or to be busily engaged in begsing pardon at every casual passer for the misfortune of being in existence. Accordingly ho meets the sceptical spirit of the times by frankly, nay, eagenly, accepling the urmand for free, vigorous and searching inventigation. He is quite sure that- ristianity has nothing to lose, but everything to gain, by such a process, seeing that it asks no favoar, pleads for no furbearance, shirks no difficulty, and is afratd of no legitunate inquiry and of no well authenticated fact. The whole artitude of these lectures is, in short, no "apologetic" in the ordinary sense of the term of that conveys in the slightest degree the idea that Chris thanity must p!ead its cause with "bated breath and whispered bumbleness." Very much the reverse Dr. Juhnson is inclined rather to "carry the war into Africa." He tries to shew, and with a great deal of power and fresiness, that a systera which bas changed the civilization of the rorld from semibarbarism 10 enlightenment-which has broten the shackles of mental and physical slavery, which has driven crueliy and zyranny, lust and lying, into their secret and fou coverts, and has been and is still among all the fore most nations of our race, the most effective ieverage for ate promotion of intellectual activity, political en franchisement, and spiritupl purity and clevationhas no need so stand trembling anil abashed in tho
presenct of its fies, but that on the contiary not with arrogence but with all chastiy, and yet with modes: and perfectl; beroming eelloisisetion it can put forward lis clatms to the acceptance and homage of mankind as successfully $10 \cdot d .1 y$ os $l f$ has done in times gone past, aftd as is will continue to do till time sball ba no longer. In his preface Dr. Johnson sajs $\cdot$
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This is what is done in these eleven lectures, and done with a great deal of earnesiness and power. The " Book," the "Christ," the histary, the doctilnes, the wide-spread and unquestionable influences of Chnstianity, are all p-sual in review, and the gucs. lion is pressed home, What will ye do with it? Here are phenomena; give even a passably reasonable account of them anci their origin and success, which shall meet Chrisilanily's challenge, and successfully set aside "Christianity"s clam." Wis may not er. dosce every statement Dr. Johnson makes, or altacis the same degree of importance to eyery position he assumes. Indeed we do not. But the bnok is all the same a manly, vigurous one throughout, and will, wa make no question, under the blessing of God, do much and efficient service fur thil cause with whtch tes authat has so thotuughly identified himself, and for that "king" whom he so luy aily dollows and su unfeignedly loves.
l'resbitery of Manitoda --Tlis Presbytery met in Kinox Church, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, the ist of Junc. $A$ large amcunt of business was transacted. Among other things Prof. Brjce introduced the subject of supply for Edmonton, stating that Mr. Waird, who had been appointed to the field by the General Assembly's Committee, had written and informed him that he (Mir. Baird) could not be here before August or September. He moyed, seconded by Prof. Hart, that the Rev. D. MrRrz, of Archibald, be appointed for threc years to Edmonton, N. W.T., on the same conditions as Mr. Balid, and that the Home Miasion Commitece of the General Assembiy be communicated with anent the matter-the appointment to take effect on July ist, 188!. The I sion carried. Mr. MeRae signified that he would accept the call of the Prestytery. Mr. Campbell piesented the Sabbath schoo, report. The report slated that not many retorns had been received, but that those received shewed a gratilying adrance in almost all respects, Oo motion of the Clerk and Mr. Matheson, the report was receivid and adopled, and the committee was in. structed to complete the report and forward it to the Home Mission Committec of the General Assembiy. The Temperance conmittec reported several answers to questions submitted by the Assembly's Committee for this purpose. The report emitodied the following deliverance on the subject: "That the Presbytery of Mantoba desires to re-affirm its npinion that its minis. ters and members shoult, both in a pablic and private capacity, advocate and practise total abstinence from antoxicaling beverages; and cuntunue to use their power in favour of the carrying of the Solt Act within the three divisions of the Province remaining ancovered by it. They would state for the encouragement of the friends of te:-.jerazie that, with the exception of two conur•ies and itie city of Winnipeg, the whole North We, now under the operation of prohibitory laws, and would a'se express their great sausfaction that the iarge portion of territory to be embriced within the Provine of Manitaba is protected by the continuation of the Prohibitory Acts ex. stung in the North-West Termory." Prof. Bryco and Mr. McKellar moved that the report be adopted and that the committee be instructed to forward it to the Assembly's Comimittee. A memorial was read from Mr. Flett bearing on his work at Swan River District and other matiers. The memorial was received and distussed, when Prof: bryce moved, seconded by Prof. Hast, that the Foreign Mission Committee of the G:neral Assernbly be requested to grant the sum of
\$:0s, and that the English residents of the Upper Litile Sikutevan ba asied to contributo an additional Stoo to finish buifding. The second j 1 m of the memorial louched on the securing a site for amission at the Crow Sian.,. Prof. Hatt and Mr. Ross moved that Mr. Flett be authorized to take up, by homestead and pre-emplion, ono half section of land in a suitable locality. Mr. Flett having asked the Presbytery to eell him ten acres or exchange an sypal quantity, Air. Rrbelison ard Prof. Hart moved that the Fureign Nis,ion Commillee be "rqiesied to make a grant of ten acres to $\mathrm{Nifr}^{2}$ Fielt, so that Mis. Fiet miny have a tome in case of his death, sald gramt ic hive a front,on the Litile Saskatciewan River. On mution of Rev. Mr. Mi Killar, seconded by Rev. Mr. Campbell, it was nxieed 10 consider the regulations adopted by the Home Mission Commillee of the General Assembly at its last meeung, and to recommend them to the General Asyembly for adoption as a standing sule. The first rigulation, reducing the salaries of missionaries from $\$ 900$ to $\$ 850$ and $\$ 800$, in the case of ministers of supplemented congregalions and missinnarics respectively, was disapproved of by the majurity if the missiomanies present. The folloaing resolution was moved by Kev. Mr. McKellar, seconded by Rev. Mr. Campbell, and carried. "That the alteration proposed in the first regulation adopled by the Home Missien Committee of the Gencral Assembly at its last mecting in Toronto in March last, and to be submitted to the Ceneral Assem'ly for lis approval, in reducing the salaries of ministers of supplemenied congregations and of mlssionarice in Manitobi, is not advisable." The opinions of those not missicnaries or ministers of supplemented congregations did not alingether agiee with those of the missionar $n$ in this reapert, and they refrained from voting, although they ciscussed the motion. The second regulation, making grants to rields instead of employing missionaries, is the Comminter, allowing all such to be employed by the Presbytery alter the expiration of the first three years of their appointment, was concurred in. The third regulation, doing away with all distinction be. iween married and unmarried missionaries in the matter of salaries, was approved of. A letter was rend from the Rev. John Ferris, of Edinkillie, Church of Scolland, asking to be received as a minister of sho Presbyierian Church in Canada. His papers -sere ordered to be sent to the General Assembiy with the request that power be given to the Presbytery so receive him.

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## INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

 LEBSON XXVI.
Goldzn Text-"They went forb and preached everywhere."-Mark xvi. 20.

## home readings.



 Sab. Acts ii. $36.43 \ldots, \ldots$. The blessing fultuled.

## hetps to srudy.

This lesson, as forming an appropria e sequel to the sally adopted to filt pa the u ual ulank left in the Iolerna. saly aliopred to it mp the uellal ulank iert in the laternas which we gire last wetk, ralher than =lter ; and $1 f$ any which we gire last we k, rahner then
choose wiace it so there is still time.
Afer the appearance of the then Savinur to the two dis. C'p'es on the way to Emmuus (see Lesson SXIV.). Ite made ten, fur Thumase manilet to the eleven-tr ratner to the doors were shut where the di-ciples were ascembled, fot feas of the Jews." This happente on the same evening on which lle diuappeared sos nuddenly frinn the slitht of Cleopas and his companion. Ilis o:her appearanoes previous th that reconiled $4^{n}$ the text of our present les-on were: to the ceven. Thomas being present; to seven disciples at the Lake of Tibeitas; to the apos les and above five handred brethren on a mountain in $G$ alilec ; to James aud thea to all the apostles.
We supply the lesson text acconding to the revised ression, lest by any possibility sernc one should mot jet have: cnpy al hand to cumpire alith the zuthorized version :
i4 And lie sid unto them. These are Afy worns which I
spike units 3 ou, while I was jet with you, how that all
things must neersis le fulfilled, which are wrikita in the law of Nosef, and the prophets, and the pialms, conceraing
 Itis witlen, that the Cnriot siduld suffer, 17 l.om the dead the shud days and that repentaser and remision of sins thewlil ve Heached in lis name unto 48 all the nuions, beginning from Jetualem. Ye are wito 49 neser of these thingh Aod Lecholit, $I$ send forth the prunize of Aly Fiather upan jou, bat sarry ge in tae so dind 110 led them out unil ther wen tigh.

s1 And in care to pass, while lle thended them, lie thens.
52 from theno and was cartiel ip inio heaven. And liey worshinped Itim, and returnel to lerusalem with great 53 yoy i ani wete cinlinual:y in the ternple, bhe. Ing gieat. II the rathin we are tuta that insictat of "repentance and remis fun of sino " (or ree 47) nome ancient autherfites reall "icipentance mine"" etc." that oume omits "and was cailied up intu lieaven ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ and that some leare out "worwipyel Him, and.

1. The following division, furnithed by the "S. S. Timee,"


 son lur minhisetp-and they. as weil as uher, prople, need lessung-but is is not for ninindets alone, unless the word ministers le laken in ling wide-t and most literal sense, a meaning serzunts. All-od or goung, leatned or un. leaind. in office or out of office-who have savingly tere veal Chr si's messige to thetr onr, mouls will find wome
 And He gaid unto them. Hy curnpating the rext with That ot the nther Evangelists. and with tie accuunt giren by this ia,te Erangeliti in his othe: Louk (the Acis of the
 ceed los siate merely the res' of the particular interview of Which he speaks in the bmmediately preceting context, but
 sum nit ilis o,gmanications lu lis dicipies, fom the lume of that interview illlilis acernition.

Alt thinga muat be fulmiled which were written fu'filled altealy. The Sew Teitaraent account of been fafilied alresaly. The New Teitaraent account of H1, cining, and the on eathth, ilis teachirg, Ilis suftering and kinguom, agrees in evesy particular with the Old Teata. kinguom, agress in cresy particular with the Old Testa.
ment puyphecues regarding llim. ine prophecies which
 Givel, and they thall ell, each in its own time lorgoteted of pilthed. "O iet a fitle while, and tie that thall come will come, ani will nut sarry." The command is still sounding come, and will nut tarry. The command is still sounding
in the eats of Chisis toliowers all over the world, of Waich, therefore ; for ge know not what hour yourd 'Lord doth come $:$ " and the pronise goes along with hi, " bleased is he that watcheth."
Thas repentance and remission of sina should be presched in His name. "It is quite ns ro.ch a duty," says the "S. S. Times." "to call sinners to repentance as it is to offer them salration. If a wan still lorea his sing, he does not want to gee ridd of them. If he has no desile for
their renuission, they will not be remilted. Firit repenlanre : men forgiveness. First a tecognillon of one's lost condution ; then an acceplance of frecly offered salvation. The preacher or the teacher who has nothing to say about sin has nothing worth hearing about sslvation. If your bearer is nut a sinner, lie will not be saved. If you want him to seck salvation shew him that he need. It. When he refents of his sins he may look to Jesus for teraiserion of his sins-not before."
11. The Power Prosised.-Ver. 49. God calls upon Ilis people to do diftulut thingo-things that liey would nut and could not do at anylody else's bidding; but the power goes along with the command, and where the one is accepted the other is received.
The promise of the Father. Comparing this with Loke's further account (Acts i, th) we find that the refer-
 29: cle.
But tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye ohall be endued whith pow. ${ }^{\text {from on bigh. See Acts it }}$, S. The tiace of the "S. S. Times" says:" No man is ready to do Goris work until God has filted him for it. The only powis which an enable him to use his uther powers is the - power from on hight:' If a man has not that power he ourht to avt for it; ask for it with the fecling that it is all-esumntial to his success: ask for it with cunfidence that God will not withbold it. Louking upwanl for power is the best way of leginnice preparation for any depantiment of God's work. Nu time is 101 which is passed in tarring at the mercy seal for a supply of strength and wisdom for the next step in Gon's s. vice. Prayer and pruvender hinder no man. It is well to wait on God for the blessiug which fie promises to thuse who feel their need of Ilis inspiralioa, and whu ask for it in faith."
III. Tils Blessisg Realized.-Vers. 50.53. The fol"E Erth bad Josis the "National S. S. Teacher: work: "e was dune. He IIe hand been altracted hese by the terrible dition of a race that was lost in sinse be had roade an ala mant for mankind, had preppared Ilis witnesses to go and make proclamation of the fact, -and now the greater altazetion was the busom of the Falher. But in koing awny if, teft a blexsing behind Him-whera before the chad bece a cursel In that bocssing all the world yet will share. throuph the luve and the becinnity that it sym-
bolizes, the Sun of God will win all mankind to fimelf Searcely was the ascending lord out of sight before ltere stood by the cazing diselples iwo angels, who assured there hat 'lhis sane Jisuls. which is taken up from you into heven, shall so come in like manner 25 ye have seen Him ph into heaven.' And hrace man was tanyht to look up to heaven once mare-not after an ascended but after a coming

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE EASTERN SEC. TION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.
As we are afraid many in the western parts of Cannda are not so familiar as they oughe to be with the Forelgin Mitssions which have leeen on long and so successfully carried on by whal is now the astern section nithe theshyterian Church in Canada, we cive, slighty abridged, the following Synod oi the Martime Provinces at its late meeting.

> 1.-NBIV heuximes mission.

Rev. Joseph Annani, Anelcsuhat, Anciteum, -Teachers, 22, and schools, 22. Mr. and Mis. Annand's school, 54 ; Communicants, 215.
Kev. J. W. NicKenzie, Erakor, Efaté,-Filuers, 9 : Teachers, No. not given; Scholars, 50 . Mr. and Mrs. NicKer. zie's schnol. 80 : Communicants, 81
Kev. 11. A. Robertson, Dilln's Bay, Erromanga.-Stations, 2: Teachers and schools. 25 ; Communicants, 50.

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11 \text { - TRINIDAD MISSION. }
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Rev. Juhn Morton, Caroni Distuct.-Heacher, Bhukhan Aronca.
Rev. K. J. Grant, San F ernando District-Assistanis, Lal Behart, Geonie Sadayhal; Teacher in Man sehool,
Jacob Corshue; other helpers, thite teachers, besudes moni-

Rev. T. M. Chrisue, Couva District.-Teachers, bessdes moniorx, 3.
Rer. J. W. McLeod, Savannah Grande.-Assistan!, Joseph Annajee: Teacher of Main School, Miss Annie L.
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## rehort

The New Hebrides Mission has been conducted during the jear in the line or rormer operations and with a fair seasure of success, he herned as in years past, but sheivs grizaler vilality and prosecurec as in years pat, but sheirs freater vitality and being the nalural result of superiority of sace and of turbeing the nalurral result of supeniority of race and of cur-
zoindings. The one mission is directed to a healhen peopoundings. ple, of fared by pges of siviling influence of trade or of initercourse with civilized men. The other is ditecled to a people who have inherited some of the adrantages of an ancient civiliza. tion, who are living under the protection of British law, in the emplozment of Christian men; and when Christianized can tiake the position of free labourers, mechanics, clerks, alding the missinnaries in their wo themselves, and greatly progress enjoyed by the agents of the Church in the litter field are immense, ard shew themselves at every step in the narrative to be given.
1.-The new hebrides mission.

The work of Christian missions on the New Hebrides Islands is conducted by missionaries in connection with rait ous branches of the Presbyterian Church, as follows

## Aissionary.

 Rev. J. W. Mckemzic......18;2, Elate. Rev. loseph Annind, M.A.1873, Aneiteum.Rev. H. A. Robertson.....1572. Eromaga Rev. Ioseph Copelsad........8858, Foruang. Rev. Thomas Mcilyon.......1866, Tanna.
 Rev. J. MeDonald.. Mr. Peter Holk
Rev. Wm. Walt
Rev. Peter Milne.
Mr. Oscar Alichelson
ther give one- -welfh
least, the tenth of all:

## printing.

Mrr. Annand's woik in this department maj be given in his own words: "In addation to our own work 1 heve been enabled to give some ausistance to brothers McKenizie and Robertsun in the way of pnining. With the assistantec of a native (who, by the var lost his right hand the other day with a charge of dyna .ures, 1 printed a hyinn book or thity two pares in Eratese for Mr. MscKenzie, 500 coples, Also a small lible History in Erromangan for Mr. Robertson, $76 S$ conies. Alko almanacs for 1851 for the whole mission, 2,000 .opies. Then, for our own people I struck off four
hynna, which compleced the printing of the jear, being in hynins, which completed

## erakor, meatr.

Mr. Mckenzic reports childrein going several miles to schmol, and when he fell from indisposition called to con finc his own labours chiefly to Erakor, states the gratifying lact that the more advaneed natives from the other villages came to the centre to be instucted, that they fight carty hack for next Sabbath a poition for those for whom nothing otherwise was prepared.
Here also translation and printing are going on. They also have the Book of Genesis, Gospels of St. Mark, St. ing the jear thes ha and the Acts of the Arostees, and dur Ing the jear they have prepared three and a half casks ol
arrow-roo:, worth about $\mathcal{L} 35$ stg, to carry on the good work.
dillon's bat; erromanga.
Mr. Robertson is proving himself a worker of great energy and perseverance. Beides carrying on the usual work of preaching. visiting schools and other evangelistic work, the Collowing results have been developed durigg the year: the stone opening of Martyrs Church at in illon's bay, all mile hy the natives. They aliso assisted in ereeting the building, nnd buitt a stone wall five fect wide and (fec feet high around it. They cleared the ground around the church and in all, gave thiee moriths' work without piyment. Thic corner stone was laid by Usowo, the secônd son of Kowi owi, the murderer of Jobn Williams, and the building, $40 \times 20$ fett, was opened on the 13 th of. June, and filled. with an orderly and attentive people. some of whom came a long distance.
2. The Christians have cut a soad ien feet wide between the two coief stations, Dillon's Bay and Coopl's lay., Thas is seally a missionary road across the mountain, and occu pied the people seven weeks, the young men felling the large trees, the older men and boys cutting away the scrub, and eren the women doing their share, digging ap roots and clearing the road, and all without pay.
3. The antives have prepared 2,000 poinds of atrowroot for pasment of the Scriptures in their own language. It was pot up in calico bags of ten pounds each, and was shipped to Sydney. Mr. Rohertson hopes to realize $£ 75$ after coverng all expenses. The preparation and shapping of so much arrowroot devolved much lahour and care upon the missionary and bis wile. Three years ago a shipment which realized $\mathcal{f}=4$ sterling was sent off to pay for the "Acts of the Aposiles."
Mr Kolertson has now under his instruction twenty-five Christian teachers in as many districts, two principal stations, fify church members. and the oucleus of a Christian populatimn seattered orer' two thirds of the island. There are only three men in Dillon's Bay who bave not given up heathinism, and even they attend serviee and school, and are perficilly friendly. One of the three is Warei Tankau. the eldest son of the murderer of John Williams. Thitreen chiefs have gived up healhenim, twelve since Mr Robertson's settlement. Others are quite willing to receive teacherr. theigh nol yet converted. They also gladly receive the vist of the missionary. The heathen generally listen paliently to the Gospel story, and seldom venture now to say to the mussicnary's face that the Gospel is bad or that their own religion is good.
Shine siuch encouragefnenis cheer the missionarf, discourane ppecties the liguor trathc, which, however, has hindered han lens do government, indolence, contentment with their existing con-
dition, neglect of the simplest $l_{2 w s}$ of health, their degrading saperstitions and bad marriage customis
ing saperstitions ane bad marriage customs
The Daspind is empleyca curning on the work of the Mission, and is supporied by the annaal contribations Of the Sabbatha schools of the following Churches, viz: the
Presbyterian Church in Cainada, the Free Church of ScotPresbyterian Charch in Canada, the Free Church of Seor-
land, and the Prebbyteraan Churches of. New South Wales, hand, and the Presbytertan Churches of New South Vales, Vealard, and Otaro and Southland. The affiis of the vesZealard, and Otigo and Southland. The affairs of the ves-
sel'are managed by $a$ Board in Sydocy, appointed by the sel are managed by 2 Board in
New. Lebrides Missuon Synod.

## savanna grandf.

Respecting results in this mission, Mr. Morton srites: There has been no raind uhe peopic to our. serrices, jet theg have been well attended. Opposition there has beep, on the part of the Mohammedans, from 3 anary 10 December. No open freld altacks; but quiet, perastent eflorts to keep the childen froma oar schools and the adults from our infuence. Seventeen aduits and twentg chuldren har
With ine conearrence of his brethren, I Bforton spent 2 wionth in British Guianz, looking carefullp sato the morkcarred on by the Churchies of England and Scotland among the lmumigrants from India. In that part of the Sonth Amen. can contunent he found a wide freld, distant from Trinidad by steamer less than two days, and nol likely to be occupied fally by cay agency yet at work. Evidenidy Mr. Mortonand his brethren ate anxtous that ihe Cianadran. Church shorld pash forward and do somethung for the sixty or seventy phousand heathen who are there. Doubliess'there is a loud cill for $12 w_{0} u s e r s$ in the south Amenean conisaent, and if

most needy and iaviting field without crossing eilber Aliantic or Pacific.

SAN FEERṄANbO
Mir. Grantis vorke seemis to be continueilly expanding and Increasing, stalions and schools ruulliphying so that his is. exhmutin tor exhaustigg lor his strength to bear. He is ably assisted by artictrition The, anicepation. The new schools, three in number, in this dis A tict; suslained by the Government, have. proved a success A service bas been sustained at each of these regnlatly, "uth an average of thirty-two adults. In these districts in the woods, where immigrants have selleed, many are thus being
taught to read; in their own language, the message of taught to
salvation.
The English congregation in San Femando, gathered chictly from the school, has grown in numbers, in intelli. chietly from the school,
gence, and in self.reliance.
The results, as given by Mr. Grant, are thus summed up, achool roll shews 500 pupils, with a daily average of 339. Maptisms, twenty-seven: adults and fourteen children, at communion on the 1gith iost. Mr. Campell, teacher in Cours, wis over with four or Give of Mr. Christic's people. and Mr. Morton had a like number from Princestura About ninely persons surrounded the comionnion table above 200 persons were present. The work is idranciog wo have dally proof of it, and we rejioce that we have a part in it. Ten years ' abour burie our hearts deeper in missun work. We feel it to be a blesised enternise which will en. girge móre händs and more hearts until its triumiphs are complete."
couva.
Mr. Christie bas made changes in his schools which will add to their efficiency, but feels still, in superintendence, the loss of Benjamin Balaram, now Mir. Dóuglas's dssistant at Iidore, whose place has never been supplied.

The usual preaching services have been conducted, with an Eagish service part of the season for Sootchmen, which may not be permanent. Bible class at Mr. Burnitys estate altended by twenty-five.
Mr. Christie reports a large field around him, ten Coolte settements rrithin five miles, which he has not been able to plojed, and school bunldings provided, which means ex. plojed, and school bunldings provided, which
penditure ; for want of which progress is retarded.
It is expectid tha: Lal Behart and Joseph Annajee will be sicensed and or amined this year.

## WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETIES

Have zided ouf funds to a larger cxient than in any formes year, while some of them have encouraged the wives of the missionaries, 2
All our, missionarics hare been able to prosecute then work, God bas spired their lives and given them a mind to work for Him. Ari. Giant has taken a few weeks of a bsence for rest and change, but hastens back to his Joved mork. Mr. Mickenzie returns with bisifamily for longer rest and change, but in the hope of resuming bis work in due tume. They have not mérely been preserved, bút have been able to rejoice in the tokens of the Lord's presence in thert respective felds, and in some cases the adrance is vistble respect
The appeal made to the Church for the removal of the debt was heartily responided to by about one hundred congregalions, and urer finy individuals, who remitted contnos. trons varying from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 120$, making in all $\$ 3,4$ 2. 04. The debt on both accounts was thas extinguished, rin. $\$ 365.98$ on the first, and $\$ 1,995.92$ on the second, in all $\$ 2,301.90$, leaving $\$ 1,062.74$ to be applied to meet cxpend. paid to the credit of the first, or Foreiga Mission acculat proper.
In finsnce, some of the congregations bave done nobly, is hoved thave done well; we cana for their Lord wring do their part year. Oar Erromangan missionary is not in error when writing in his report, "1 belie ie there is some hing more than hard times keeping the churches back. If our young men and young women were found villing. in laree nunbers to co aryyofere to k . bjur for the glory of God and the solvaltion of the loss, the massionary spirit would soon draw farth the people's gold and silver to cirry ca the work, and, siving thet: money checrfutly, they would pray constantly for the oat. pounne of the Spict to water the many dry places of the earth. .May the glory of the latter day promised speedity ccrec!"
Tirz Czar is getting tired of bis imprisenment al Gatsehna, and contemplates making Pelethof his abode. Peterhof bus a small port at the mouth of the Neva, in urbich will be placed four Rusizá rair vesicls, and no olther will be permitted to approach. A gache will always be in reabiness to take the Cuar to and from. St. Petersbang under the escort of tho ironclads No one is now perraited to approach withis pistol shot of the Crár without being closely sedrched

Where we but see the darkness of the mine,
God sees the diamoad shise;
Where tre can caly clualering leares behold,
ile sees the bud they foid.
We only sec the rude and outé sutrife,
God knowis the iñiner life.
Aod those from whom; like Pharisees, we shriok
With Christ may eat and drink.
As that presoser :Whom the French Revolution liberated from the Basule, and who hang up his fetters in hus Englusb home', that lookiok on them, be night bless the belter ds. cipline that tanght hlim the sweetuess of liberty; cres is wh. lookins 'down and back on the guarriss whete' we mete hewn and semplured, will thank God for crery - woerd, and Fill bless Him foi the sharp rools and stern blows that cat oose from vis those coirse zod seifish incrustalions of the life of sease.

## ※\# Holge fitrerature.

## APPLE BLUSSOMS.

One Monday mumping in May when Mr. Lastor, of the law firm of Castor \& Brush, entered has office, he found on his desk a branch of frarrant white nowers with that deli.cate fic
tible. tible,
"Apple blissoms, sir," his clerk explained. "I spent Sunday in the country, and brought them down thinking jou might like to see some.
Mr. Caslor's preoccupied face lighted up with pleasure. Thank you, Mr. Clark." he said. "Gel sone water, will yout Johen? We must keep them as fresh as we can. I shall want to take some home to my wile to-mpht!. There; hat lnoks quite countre-like, doesn't it, Clark ?" arranging the blossoms to advantage against the law-books, and talling back alitte to look as the effect.
Clark smiled, and Mr. Castur went to work at the law cases. But something was the matter with him. Ilis thoughts would go wandeting of to the green meatow by the side of the river, where Clark told lum he had broken the fragrant branch.
I wonder," he soliloquized, "whether it is anything like that meadow where-pshaw 1 what am I thinking of ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ -just as the door was thrown violently upen, and John Ed. son, the most quarrelsome man in New York, as his friends and enemies both agreed, burst in.
or rising to offer his client a seat. tor, rising to offer his client a seat.
"Matter! Matter enough, sir! But if he thinks I'm going to submat to be sobbei by his banvery he'll hnd himself very much mistaken ! My brothes, sur, yes, my own brother-think of that, sir D-is tryang to cheat me out of my
share of out paternal property. 1 want you to take sieps share of out paternal pruperty. I want you to take steps
immediancly to stop his prowedurgs. He threatens to bung ingediately to stop his prowedngs. Hie threatens to bung in a bil aganst the estate that will swallow up every centBut what

Mr. Clask brought them down this morning. Siseet, thaugh, sather vut of place in a lawyer's office, don't you "I Ihink

Ion't know," said Mr. Edson, thoughtfully, taking up the tumbler and
did these grow?
"Up in a little country village in Connectucut. Clark is from the country, you know, and I think from bis descrip. tion it is quite a pretly place, with gricen meadows and siver. But what do you want me to do?
"ently "ait ainute, can't you?" ssid Mr. Edson inpatiently, "You lawjers are always in such a tearing
Mr. Castor raised his cyebrows, but made so verbal answer to this rather inconsistent remark, whate Mr. Edson leaned back in his chair and looked at the apple blossums. In a migute be started up and brushed has hand across his

"It makes me think of old times," he said. "I nearly broke my neck once climbing an old apple tree for bloss 3 ms fike that. I fell from the top branch, and my brotherHe was food to me all the long ume 1 was sick, too. I thiok bed have died for me then, and just to think that now ze should be quarrelang over, a few nundred doltars : Lascor, you neednt do anything about this matter -just yee, at least. 1-I guess 11 go and sec him. And say -rather those blossoms on it, could yon?'
Mr. Castor willingly hroke off a brancl. and handed it to him, but he watched Mr. Edson's departare with a comical smile on his countenance.
"Those apple blossoms are doing sad work in this office," he said laughingly to Clark. "I're lost one promising case through them nlready, and as for kecping my mind on anything legal, ats an utter impossibinty. The quite evident io gether. I think J'll take them home to my wife before they cho any more mischieE.
But as he iurned to go out of the office door, he saw the offee hoy ejeing has bunch wistitliy.
"Here, John, voould you like a spray ?" he asked kindls. and Hithout walling for the cagce answer he saw on the steps humming adain the fune that had haunied him that morning. He looked so pleasint as he stood on the street corner waitiog for his car that a ragged little girl who saw him rentured to ask :

## "Please, mister, w "Apple blossoms"

"Do they grow on the trees that have apples on?"
"Yas."
er, would you cire me a little?
it Mald you give me a tive? es. Here, child." breaking off anuther lillie branch ake off her old hat and stow away het treasure in that, and hen clasping it cluse to hes breast, sat off ua a sua down toward the lower part of the ci:y.
When he reached bis home and gave the branch to his wife, her faded, peevish face renaxed into 2 smile that was almost sweet as che took them trom h. 3 hand.
"Apple blossoms:" she said. "Hiow beausifal they are: Da you frimember, Danicl, the apple blossoms that we gathered thirty ycars she torelling old : times and associallons, until the jease ilat liy leetween their apple blossom itmes and une had dropped aviey, and the light and ginry of past daje once more shed itself upon the grey hairs of the hius. band rad the leded cheek of the rifte.
Tho ragged litlle gisl meanwhile ran on quite a litue way till she ceme. 20 one of those narrow, filhy rarits ciowded

ment houses, and ran lighty up the steps to her especial domain, a lithe room where, bestes herself only Biddy Ma carihy with her husbard and beby lived. Biddy was sit ang near the window and rocklug the baby in ner arm when the child entered

Whisht, Meg 1 The boy's awful seck !"
"Don't he get any bett. , Buddy?" asked Meg, creeping sonly to her side.
"No he dont
een fields of Oh. : I only had him home in the green fields of old Ireland, he'd be well entirely ; but how
an he breathe in this stiling room ?
ook of ter tive she whe got." And Meg took off her hat and shewed the precious spray of apple
blossoms. "Do you think that came from the green fields blossoms. "ou spoke about?"
Biddy gazed at it in wonder and delight. "Oh, the pretly thugs 1," she exulaimed. "It's just the picture of huse I've seen many's the time growing in the orcnasds in the old country. Le' me take it, Mes.
she held it cluse to hei face, and drank in the fresh swee perlume cagerly. Then she put it down to the baby, and
"See!" cried biddy. "he knows the swate things ! He'll get better now. Take it away and pat it into water, Mef, and set it where he can see it."
Meg ran off and soon returned with an oid blacking bottle full of water, into which she stuck the precious twig. Then the sat down to louk at it and listen to miday's ould country." till night came, and she had to go to bed, but she s
ure was.
Mr. Edson, for his part, went down to his brother's office and entered with a little liesitation. The brother, a man older thana Edsun, with one of those stern self-repressed faces which say as pianaly as words could, "I're had a hard life, and I dun't care a cent about you; I'll have what I can tet, whether you suffet o: not," statted as Edson came in this ejes rested an histart longingly on the apple hlussoms; but the next mumeni he diew Lack, asking cold!y, "Do you wish to see me?"
 awkwardy; it came to see about the matter-lhat-propc:ty. It's a pity we should quarrel about it and-well, I hoc always, and I guess likely there was fully my share apent on me when 1 was in college; and see here, old fellow, indo what you say if you speak to your lawyer and send thim up to my office."
There was a moment's silence, and the younger Edson, lowking down, saw his brother pul his hand to his throat as if he were choking. The next monent the elder spoke almost as awkwardly as his brother had done.
It wasn't the money I cared for, but-but I wanted the old place. I-well, 1 had some associations with it."
The jounger brother started. Assxiatioas? What assocations of r !easure could George bave with the old place? There were none. there could be none except those wih Lucy band, who had been for one shont year bis own wale, now land away in Greenwood. He sprang forward. if you had tried and you knew it. She cared for mefirst
 gave up the chance of winning her for me?
Fot a minute of tho the Edsons might as well bave been a couple of frenchmen meeting afier a long separaion. The elder was the first to recover himself.
"There, there, Jobn," he said, in exactly the same way as he used to speah when they were boys together, "I've been hard; but you see I never had a wife to sofen me, and I inienjed tu pay you for yuur share in the property at first, bi -well, it's no use talking it over. Of course you didn't know, but I kept thinking you might have known if you wanted to. But there, never mind that now. Did you
know that Midjand bonds are going up? l'll make a good thing out of them yet.
"I can'tstay; "answered Edson, opening the door, " but I'll see you agaia. Come up to dinner with me, won't you?
"I will," answered the brother, heartily, and with a cordial hand shake they parted.
The younger brother went straight home and put the precious branch of apple hlossoms, which had been a divining rod to hum, shewng him where the nehest treasure of a brother s love lay hudden, 1 nio 2 glass, and set tt where be could see $1 t$ often. The elder, as he tumed to his desk agan, saw three poials lying on the floor. He hesuated a moment, zien sto ped and quackly gatheting them up, haid them reverenlly in his pocket book.

TuE spread of the Gospel is aluays an important and in ierestugg theme, and some frutes fron2 a respectable source, of the growth of difietent religions may prove of adiantage trustworthy data of the world's population. At the berinning of this century it was placed at 620, 000.000 , and fifty years agy the estimate had increated to, 737,000,000. In iS50 at was reckoned at one billivo. I'rufess it Schem's esumate mahes the present population $1,437,000,000$. The nominal Chistans in the world in the thard century of the Charsian c. 2 numbered $5.000,000$, up to the eighth century they had inereased to thisty mullions; in the tenth century, $50,000,000$, in the filieenth eeniury, $100,000,000$; in the tast $j 00$ years th increace has been as much as in the pre vious blicen centuries, viza, $200,000.000$ souls, fot apcording to a decture delivered last : weci in Buston by Rev. Dis. Dot chestict on "The Progress of I'ppal and Froiessiant Chistianity," there were, in ${ }^{1850}$, not less than 410.900 .000 no:nitaal Christians in the world. In the year 1500 there were $50,000.000$ Catholic, $20,000.000$ Greek Chrastan:, and no Protestants. In 1530 the figures hand increased to 116,000,000 Roman Cathol:cc, $00,000,000$ Grech Christians, and 42,000.000 Proicitants. And in 2S80 the respective numbers. Wrere $209,200,000,85,000,000$, and $113,300,000$, shewing an increase of cighly per cult. among the Roman
ists, twenty six per cent. in the Greck Church, and 176 per ceni. among the Protestants.

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The Mr, mon nilssionaries who have been trying to make proselytes in Germany are to be expelled from the country. Prince Bismarch's health is again giving way. His
physicians have adviecd him to go to Kisingen and temain physicians have advised him to go to Kissingen and iemain
there. here.
Midizat Pasifa declares the story of the murder of Aldiul Aziz a tissue of falschoods. ITe says Abdul Aziz committed suicide.
I'He friends of the late Rev. James W. Dale, D.D., pronose to ere
Tut Chinese are pouring into Australia at the rate of $500^{-}$ 000 a year,
emigralion.
An English gerileman offers $\$ 35,000$ for the establish. ment of a miscion in Joudan, a wide region of Central ment of a misuion in Joudan, a wide region of Central
Afica, provided American Baptisis wall raisc $\$ 15,000$ for the same oblject.
Mr. Glabit jae has announced the withdrawal by the Guvernment of the proposution for licensung the sale of drink in raliway carriages.
Sir EDWard Thornton, Bitish Minister at Washington, has been gazelted Ambassador to St. Petersburg in place of Lord Dufferin.
As Oran, Alpiere, despateh says: In the macsacre of M. Bringard and his escort, eight petsons wete killed, not wenty-six, as reported.
Tus Madtid Government has been invited to come to an understanding with the othet powers with the view to assur. ing the neutrality of the Panama canal.
Tue receipts for Forcign Missiuns in the Southern Presbyterian Church of the Cinted States for the yeir are $\$ 59$. 215, an increase of $\$ 10,737$ ovet last year. The contubat. ing churches number 1,258 , an increase of sixiy-eight. The Ladies' M
thity
-four.
Two missionaries sent out from Mir. Guiness's Tramang Institute, in London, have begun Christian labours among whe Portuguese in the Cape de Verd Island. The people, come the truth of Christ, but the priests bitterly opposie its introdection.
A CORrespondent in Kansas says of the prohibitory law of that state: " The law is now being enlorced in a large pill it went into edect on May 1st, and this city (Lasirence), with neally 9,000 inhabitants, there is this city (Latirence), with reall
not a drinking salion running."
The "Times" says that Mr. Gladstone's speech, when he brought forward his Land Bill, deserves to be numbered amongst the greatest of his oratorical achievements. The tions of valuers and purchasers to the same body. The tentions of valuers and purchasers to the same body. The ten-
ants and their sympathizers commend the Bill and the Gov. ants and their sympathisers
ernment that intuoduces it.
Tue Czar is reported as completely broken down from dread of the Nihilists, aud is apprehensive of a cural wat and the overthrow of his dynasty. Rusvia has proposed to the powers that attempts on the lives of sovereigns be visited with extradition. A.St. Petersburg despatch says. In conseguence of the reign of terrus throughout Russia the coro-
nation of Alexander III. has been defetred. The nation of Alexander Ill. has been deferted. The mistrast
extends to all classes. The Imperial Guard is suspected of dislojalty.
A rublisher lately sent out specimen pages of the stylez in which he proposed to publish the revised New Testament, the tex: being taken, as he took pains to say, from our pres thesersion. ©ne of our cily dallies received in, imapiaed exiracts, sugecsting that the readers would hare pibies (h) editorial offee erideally had none), and miche make com editorial ofmee cridently had none), and might make com fine writer or poet, but he does not know his Bible. - Nes Jork Paper.

It is rather an old story now, but $2 s$ it is going the round of the papers, we willingly give it the benefit of out columns The Rev. A. W. Marling, son of A. S. Marling, Esq., of Toronto, and Miss Janet 13. Cameron, two American mis sionaries of the Gaboon mission, had quite a romantic mas riage. Gaboon is unacr Freoch lak, which requites ibe docunentary consent of the parents, a condition that would have postponed the wedding four munths. Therefore a steamer was taken, and when three miles from shore, and therefore no longer under the dominion of France, Rev. W Walker, the senior in the American. Presbyterian Mission, performed ithe ceremony. The ying for
made of African'gold by a native jeweller.

AnO:G the delegates from foreign churches to the Asesm bly of the Kirk of Scotland, was A. Lorriaux, who made a interestions stalement respecting the National Fefurmed Church of France IIc said the Gaurch had gained more more liberty in the last few months than in the last three centaries. There tretic now laws being framed which would secure to them full liberty of public meeting and of ascocia. lion; and the mayors were fayourable to the constituting o Yrotestant vorship within their jurisdictions. Ale must also report prosiess in the French National Church. They hat now practically secured the synodal ongaňzision, of which they had been tieprived for threc centapies. Their diffenl ties came from the liberal paisy among them. In that pary there were very respectable and cren believing people, who werc, by a sott of misunderstanding, connected ccelesiasti cilly with that par'y, but in doctrane connected rith the Esangelical pargy; but they zoliced with a kind of salisfac tion that the chiefs of the radical ponion of that party gave up the ministry and become somicthing elss, so that that party had properly no chief just now, although there nere
some caod man in it."

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(Continucd from page 375)
2. That the Christian yuung men and young women also of our respective congregations should be encouraged to form themselves into bands to go out and try to invite the young who do not go to church to go with them to Sabbath school and to the Lord's house, and that office bearers be urged to countenance and assist them in the work.
3 That elders in visiting their distructs, and hinisters in their ordinary vistation, be urged to talk in a familiar and friendly manner with heads of familhes in regard to fanity religion, and espectally bible reading and instruction in the family circles.
4. That brethren be enjoined to assist each other in special services on all opportunc occasions so as 10 promote a healihy and lively spiritual nierest in all the congregations of the Church, and if possible to make inroads ox the careless and ungodly arcunc.
5. That all the Presbyteries be recommended to hold conferences on the state of religion and to see that sessions within their bounds send in reports in due time.
6. That all the office-bearers and members of the Church be earnestly exhorted to discountenance the evils complained of, so that those things which are pure and lovely, and of good report may prevail.
Kev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, moved :
That the report be received and adopted; that at the same time the Gencral Assembly expresses satisfaction at the evidence given in the seport of steady progress in the different departments of Christian life and work, especially as regards the continuance of and interest in the public services, family worship, greater missionary zeal, and the increase of Christian liberality. Still in the wide prevalence of Jukewarmness and worldly formality, in the tendency to substitute the form for the power of godliness, in the attention they feel in not a few cases in a diminishing degree to certain practical evils which ever provide formidable obstacles to the rise and progress of religion in the soul and in society, the General Assembly fiud abundant ground for humiliation before God. In adopting the recommendations of the Committee, the General Assembly remit them to Synods, Presbyteries, and sessions with the hope that they may be faithfully carried out to the end, that our beloved Zion may be blessed yet more and more with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.
Senator Vidal seconded the motion, but the vote was not taken when the A ssembly adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE Ioth.
After routine business was gone through, a Judicial Committee was appointed to consider several appeals from decisions of Synods.
The reports of Colleges were then taken up. The first of these was that from Halifax, which was read by Dr. Burns. It shewed that 170 students had been in autendance, and that gratifying progress has been made by them generally. For burearies $\$ 803$ had beea received, but the expenditure had been larger by S103. The financial report shewed receipts to the amount of $\$ 7,509$, and expendture, $\$ 7,857$. The receipts for the endowment up to date were $\$ 62,154$, but as the time for receiving the whole of the \$100;$\infty \infty$ had more than expired, the College Board had agreed to ask the Maritime Synod to appoint delegates to visit the churches in order to collect subscriptions and obtain the aid of congregations.

The report was received, and the following motion anent its reques:s and recummendatons was adopied :
"That the leave craved by the Board to apply to the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the power of cor:ferring degrees in thenlogy be granted. The Assembly expresses its satisfaction that the Bursary Commullee has been so materially aided in its work of assisting deservirg students for the ministry by the beneficence of a liberal member of james congregation, Ner Glasgow ; that in view of the increasing financtal responsibilutes assumed by the Board, all coneregations within the bounds of the Synod of that Province be urged to contribute liberally to the ordinary college fund, and that a sirenuous effort be made by deputation os otherwise to solicit the sub. scriptions already due on the endomment \{und, and generally to commend the College to the sympathy and support of the Church."

The following ss the summary of the report on Mrmin Coilege rexd by Profe sor Weir:
dbout filty siude.its a::ended the arts couss: ; only
three with the intention of entering the ministry: The want of funds has been to some extent met by the gift by one church of a sum equal to $\$ 1,=00$ a year. The whole will be devoted to founding scholarships. Special scholarships have been founded for proficiency in the French language and in knowledge of the Roman Catholic controversy. .Chairs have been added to the Theological Faculty, filled respectively by Rev. Dr. Mathews and Rev. W. B. Clark, bath of Queber. Up to the present time, notwithstanding its services, Morrin College has received from the Church no financial support, and the Governors now respectfully suggest that the Assenbly assign the teritery occupied by the Presbytery of Quebec to the Collgge situated within its bounds.

This report was re'erred to a commiltee, with instructions to confer with the representatives of 'the College.
The report on Montreal College was read by the Kev. Mr. Warden, and gave the following particulars :

The number of students during the year was sixtyone, of whom thirty-three were in the theological and twenty-eight in the literary classes. Besides the scholarships already held, nthers were given by generous donors in connection with the new degree-conferring power, and in connection with it a past graduate course has been established. Valuable additions have been made to the library, including 218 volumes and a copy of the Codex Alexandrinus. The Board notes with unfeigned pleasure the donation of new buildings erected at his own expense by Mr. David Morrice, also the endowment to the Mackay Chair by Mr. Edvard Mackay, and of a $\$ 20,000$ gift by Mrs. Redpath to endow the John Redpath Chair in memory of her late husband. The debt of $\$ 6,00$ resiing on the ordinary fund of the College has been removed by special donations. The debt on the building fund, it is hopel, will soon be removed. The financial statement shews a balance on hand on account of the endowment fund of $\$ 40,476$. The ordinary fund receipts were $\$ 14366$, and the balance on hand after all disbursements $\$ 64$. The balance to the debit of the building fund is $\$ 21,746$. The in vestment funds in all are $\$ 28,491$.
After considerable discussion and many very cordial expressions of commendation for the great zeal and liberality displayed by the friends and supForters of this College, the following moticn was proposed and unanimously adopted:
"That the report be received, and that the Assembly adopt its recommendations and express its satisfartion with the evidence which the report affiords of the increased efficiency and extended oferations of the institution ; also that the General Assembly put on record the great satisfaction which this Assembly has at the information of the liberality of several warm friends of the College by which the Board has been enabled to dischane the indebtedness on the ordinary income, and of the munificent donations which have given to the Church an addition to the College building and a library so valuable, and have secured the endowment for two Chairs, which bear the names of tried friends of the Church, and further to express the hope that the College may continue to grow in resources and power, and thus be enabled to trorthily uphold the special interest committed to the large and important centre of infiuence in which it is situated."

The next report presented was that on Queen's College, Kingston, which was read by Principal Grant. It stated shat the students in arts, law, and theology were 170, of whom seventy-four were registered as students for the ministry. In 1876 the total number of students was sixty-nine. The new building was opened on the $16: \mathrm{h}$ of October last, amid great enthu sinsm. After referring to the difierent funds of the College, and giving in detail the accounts of each, the report proceeded to announce a deficit of $\$ 1,489$, referring to which it says: "We would always have had to report a considerable annual deticit had we kept up the expenditure for the Faculty of Theology. At the Union it was stated that in the circumsta...ces of the Coliere at that date, an annual contrihution from the Church of 52,450 was sequired to maintain the theological department. In no year has this amouns been received in full, in consequence of the inadequacy of the College Fund. In fact, this year less than half the a nount has been remitted to the treasurer, Again, since the Union the theological departaicat has lost in diferent ways, much of what was considered in 1875 permanent revenuec, and the loss has only been
partially met by the endowment fund, which is now being raised. While this fact was explained in 1879 to the committee on support of theological colleges (western section), Knox College reported that it would therenfier require murh less than it had tequired in 1875. The General Assembly, however, look no special action on the report of the committec, and in consequence no change has been made in the distribution of the Fund. We, therefore, respectfully request the Assembly to direct that the College Fund be divided accrisding to the altered reguirements of the Colleges. In bringing this matler under the attention of the Assembly, we also think it our duty to submit that the College Fund should be augmented to such a sum as would enable the absolute requirements of the Theological Faculty of the University and of Knox College, in the maintenance of their existing stafis, to be fully met." Principal Grant said that he opposed the idea which seemed to prevail that there werntoo many colleges. They had not enough, and as to the cost of Queen's College to the Church, had the full requirements been met, it would have cost the Church $\$ 2,400$ a year, but as a matter of fact it cost only $\$ 1,5003$ year, that being the share it received each year of the College Fund. One of the many rich men in the Church could pay the amount himself. Owing to the withdrawal by the Colonial Committee of the Church in Scotland of their grant in the College and other causes, the sum of $\$ 3,500$ annually would be required. He had endeavoured to secure aid to the endowment fund by asking for subscriptions in Ontario and Quebec, but before he had completed the work the state of his health became such as to prevent him from going further with it. He trusted he would be able to resume it this summer. He was glad the Scotch grant mas being withdrawn. If an institution like Queen's College had not, in the thirty years of its existence, secured the confidence and love of the people so as to ensure their support of it, then let it go down.
As to the over-supply of preachers, the Principal had no fear. There was room for all they could turn out for twenty years to come. As to the financial aspect of matters, he felt that they should deal frankly. with the people, making them ully acquainted with the necessities of the case, and the result of such frankness would, he was persuaded, be satisfactory. The Rev. Dr. Ure, seconded by Rev. Mr. Gray, of Orillia, moved that the report be received, and that the request made in it for a change in the apportionment of the fund for the support of Knox College and of the Theological Faculty of Queen's College to meet the altered circumstances of the institutions be referred to a committee that shall take into consideration the whole guestion as to the best method of supperting the various colleges, and report to the Assembly not later than Tuesdas afternoon sederunt.

This, after some semarks from Dr. Reid and Mr. King, Toronte, mas agreed to.
Rev. Dr. Reid read the report of Knox College. The folloring is a summary :
The work of the College during the year has been carried on with efficiency and success. The degreeconferring power has been secured from the Ontario Legislative Assembly. Forty-six students in theology attended last year. With a vier to securing a high standard of education in the ministry, they had passed a series of resolutions to the effect that while they would not abolish the existing system, they held that at no distant day it will be expedient to require theological students to take a full course in arts, and that belore any student can take the preparatory course in Knox College, it shall be necessary for him to obtain the special permission of the Presbytery to which he belongs. The consent of the Assembly is asied to the latter. The Buard learns with pleasure of the determination of the alumni to raise $\$ 12,000$ for the extension and maintenance of the library. The report proceeds to say that the toial amount received from congregations during the past year for the ordinary fund has been $\$ 7,253$ 16, as against 57,18042 oblained from the same source during last year. The ordinary expenditure has, for the same period, $b=t n \$ 12, S 49$ and the total receipts from all sources have been $\$ 15,587$ 16, shering a deficit of $\$ 1.262$ The total debt on the ordinary fusd, includiag the deficit for last year, amounts to $\mathrm{S}_{10} 263$, being $\$ 5=2$ Joss than at the date of last report. This balance against the ordinary fund forms a continuad subject of concern to the Board, and imperatively calls for increased liberality throughout the constitaency of the College, and renewed effort on the part of thic office-
bearers to briug the claims of the College more prominently. before the members of the Church. The endowment fund now amounts to $\$ 51992$. The receipis for the bursiry fund amount to $\$ 1,576$, includ. ing a balance of $\$ 12$ from last year. Of this sum, $\$ 1,570$ havo been applied in payment of scholarships and bursarifs. During the year subscriptions to the amount of $\$ 3.405$ have been paid to the building lund. The debt has now been consolidated in one morigage for $\$ 27,500$, at six per cent. per anrum. The interest being reduced to this rate, the change on the funds on this account will consequently be cons derably lessened. A large sum still remains outstanding for unpaid subscriptions. The Board cannot expect to oblain payment of a great part of these moneys, but have made arrangements for securing as much as possible of the amounts, and for prosecuing a reesh canvass for new subscriptions. The Roard bespeak the cordial co-operation of the office-bearers of the Church in this effurt. The ieport of the Senate gives a full account of the scholastic working of the College. The contributions to the library have not been so large as in former years. The Senate has resolved to attempt the endowment of a Gaelic scholarship in the theological course.

The Rev. Priscipal Caven spoke at considerable length on the financial position of the Colleges, agreeing with Dr. Grant, that it was matter for the earnest consideration of the Assembly, and concluding wath the following motion :
"That the report be received, and that the Assembly express satisfaction at the large number of young men who are offering themselves as candidates for the ministry, as also with the efforts which the College is making to raise the standard of theological educa. tion, and in accordance with the recomnendition of the report, express their satisfaction with the effint which is being made on behalf of the libraty of Knox College, and in view of the inadequacy of the revenue of the College instruct the Board to use their best endeavours to develop the liberality of the College constituenry, and especially to take steps towards preparing for a large and generous measure of endowment."
After some remarks from Drs. Burns, Reid, and Gresg, the zesolution of Principal Caven was agreed 10.

Prof. Bryce submitted the report of Manitoba College for its tenth session as follows :
The old building being insufficient for the purpose, appeals were made to the citizens for help to erect a new building, and were cordally responded to. In a short time the subscription list was $\$ 11,000$, which, with amount received by the sale of old property, made the whole amount $\$ 20,000$. A lot has been secured for $\$ 6,000$ in what promises to be the best part of the city. About sixty students attended last year, and the bare accommodation for the number will cost $\$ 23,000$. The total cust, including heating, etc, will be $\$ 33,000$.
The Board asks that on the first Sabbath in December a special collecion among congregations be taken up in aid of the College If a sum of 560,000 could be raised, the Church would be relieved of the necessity of paying the salaries of professors. The report also suggested that the Churches in Britain should ie asked to subscribe.
Rev. Prof. Hart read the report of the Senate of the Colliege.
The report of College and Senate together with overture selating to theological education in the North-West was, on motion of Mr. Pitblado, referred to the committee appointed to deal with the other College reports.
Votes of thanks were duly movea and seconded, to Mir. David Morrice, for his handsome gift to Mon. treal College; to Mr. Edward Mackay, for his endowment of the Mackay Chair, and to Mrs. John Redpath for her gift of 520,000 to endow the John Redpath Chair in the Montreal Presbyterian College in memory of her lase lusband; and the munificent example of those friends was commended to the notice and imitation of oither members of the Church. This closed the business of the afternoon sederunt of Friday.

EVENING SEDERUNT, FRIDAY, $10 T H$.
The Assembly met according to appointment in St. Andrew's Church. Befure proceeding to the proper business for the evening the foliowing resolution was moved by Mr. Robert Mírray, of Halhfax, seconded by Rev. Dr. MacCrae, and unanimously carried:
"Tha! !he General Assembly of the Presb)!eriap

Church in Canada, now in session at Kingston, express decp sympathy with the citizens of Quebec under the severe loss which they have sustained by fire, and tecommend to the people under their charge to extend such add to the sufferers as orcasion mav require. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Worship the Mayor of Qiebec."

The reports of the Home Mission Committee were then submited.
Rev. Dr Cochrane, Convener of the Home Mission Commitice of the West, submitted the report of that Commitec, and moved its adoption. He spoke at some length upon some of the prominent points of the report as given below. He spoke enthusiastically of the proaress of the work in the North.West, and urged connnued effort, so that those l'resbyterians going into that country might not have the temptation to join other Churches, or perhaps to drift into infidelity utself. Hie closed by urging the importance of this Home Mission woik, claiming that unless it wasi supported no other scheme of the Church coald prosper.
The following is a summary of the report :
The Committee first expressed great gratitude at the progress made during the year, particularly in outlying fields. A missionary who had been appointed to labour among the men working on the Canada Paciric Ralway reports that by all classes there, whether Protestants or Roman Catholics, he was kindly treated, and services held in the shanties were well attended. The expenses of this missionary were padd in full by the men.
Permisitun is asked to appoint a superintendent of missions for Manmoba and the Nurth West, and in accordance wit the request of the Presbytery of Manioba, the uistinction hitherto existing between married and single missionaries as to salary is abolished. Being convinced wat the Church in Canada cannot overt...ke the work in the North-West, the Comnittee ask leave to make an appeal to Great Brtain for assistance. The establishment of a fund for the erection of churches in the North-West is recommended to the best consideration of the Assembly. The tatal contributions to the several misstons were $\$ 37,233$, but the Committee have to report a deficit of $\$ 852$, notwithstanding the most rigid economy.
Rev. Mr. Bruce, of S. Catharines, seconded the motion.

Rev. Mr. Pitblado, Convetier of the Committee of the Martume Provinces, then submitted the seports of the two Home Mission schemes in those Prov-irces-the Home Missions proper and the supplementing scheme. He moved the reception of the report, a summary of which is as follows:
The work has been conducted with considerable spirit so far as the Commince and their missionaries are concerned-hampered, however, by a lack of funds. Forty-five agents alogether were emplojed, including four ordained mansters. The condensed statistical reports given shew at a glance many details which are not usually clearly stated. The preaching stations number moety-three, at which there is a total average attendance of 6,512 . The stations have contributed $\$ 2,384$, and have received from the Committe $\$ 1,171$. The work in the different districts is given in detail, the work in the lumber camps being perhaps the most interesting. Missionaries report that everyuhere they are well received, and that the med attended the services with manifest interest. A deficit in the Home Mission accounts of $\$ 653$ is reported.
The Committee on Supplements devote their report almost entizely to the financial difficulties in which they are placed, a deficit standing aganst them of \$2,121. They ask leave of the Assembly to carry this debt for a time, and submit a scheme of supplements to be collected in the Maritume Provinces.

This was seconded by Dr. Niathews, of Quebec; in a speech of considerable length.
In response to the special call of the Moderator, Kev. Dr. Black, of Kildonan, Manitoba, who bad beca in that country for thity years, came forward amid applause. After referring to the progress of the Church in that country, he urged on the Assembly. 10 do all in their power to keep pace with the pregress of the country there. He expressed thankfulness for the interest tatien by ithe Assembly in that country, and trusted that they would appoint the Supertntendent as asked for, as the wori could not be done without such an offices.

Dr. Cochrane moved that tho new regulations recommended by the Commitice of the Western Section be adopted. This was agreed to.

Rev Dr. Mi Gregor moved the following resolution wh regurd to the report of the Eistern Section:
"That the report from the Martime Provinces on the subject of Home Missions be received ; that the Assembly rejoices in the work accomplished under the charge of both Committees; that they grant the request of the Committee for temporary delay in the payment of debt unavotdably incurred, but instruct both Coinmittecs to arrange for removing the debt at the earliest day practicable, and call for the liber ality of zongrecations in the Martime Provinces so as to become self supporting so far as pnssible ; and further, that they instruct the Statistical Commutee to open a column for the contributions of congregations in the Maritime Provinces." Carried.
(To be confinucd.)
Acknowledgments.-Rev. Dr. Reid has received the undermentuoned sums for schemes of the Church, etc. : A Friend, St. Paul's Church, Montreal, for Home Mission, $\$ 25$; A Friend, Hullett, for French Evangelization, $\$ 50$; Executors of the estate of the late W'm. Halbert, Alsa Crang, for Home Mission, $\$ 7166$; also for Foreign Mission. $\$ 7166$ : A Friend, Toronto, fir Waldensian Pastors' Fund, \$2.

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We are pleased to learn that Mir. T. J. McClelland, a cuizen of Toronto, who has been studying for the Gospel ministry, has successfully completed his studies in Philadelphia, and accepted a unanimnus call to the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Idaville, Indiana.
The Presbyterians of Wingham have purchased from Mir. T. Gregory, a lot on Main street, adjoining the residence of ex-Mayor Wilson, on which they will erect a church. The site is a very desirable one, price $\$ 1300$. Bulling operations will begin at once.
We regrei to learn that the R.v. C. Fietcher, pastor of the Presbyterian congreg uion, thames road, who, about a month ago, was sfficied with a severe attack of that very prevalent disease, inflammation, but who uas slowly recovering, has taken a relapse, and is again in a very low condition.
IT has been considerej for some time back that the increase of St. Andrew's congregation, Berlin, required inore accommodation, and at a meeting held on Tues. day evening last, a committee was formed to ascertain the amount that would be required io enlarge the church and otherwise improve $1 t$, and to submit the matler to a vote of the congregation at a future day. Arrangemerts have also been made to supply the members and adherents of this church in Waterloo with one service every Sabbath afternoon, instead of once a fortnight as heretofore. The congregation is to be congratulated on the success which attends the able and fathful ministrations of theit pastor, the Rev. Mr. Tait.
The Rev. Mr. McN uughton, of Wal:on, being absent on his holidays, the manse there is now vacant. Taking advantage of this fact, some evil-disposed rascals secured an entrance, ransacked the drawers, and turned everything in the house upside down. They also entered the celliar, and evidently made a good square meal of preserves and other savoury articles, but the worst of all was a dastardly attempt to fire the house. In one of the upstairs bedrooms, the loose end of one of the pillow cases on a bed had been sct fire to and left, evidently with the inention of burning down the house. Furtunately, however, the fire, after burning into the feathers of the pillow, went out of itself, not doing any further harm than slighaly injuring the pillow and burning a hole in the quilt. No arrects have been made.

Experience is the Lord's school, and they who are laught by Him usually leara by the mistakes they make thas they have no wisdom, and by the slips and falls they meet with shat they have no strengthFoiks Aceutors.

IN: the election of a Professor for the Chair of Systemane Theology in the Glasgove Free Church Collage. Professor Watis, of Belfast, received 200 votes, and Dr. Laidlam, of Aberdeen, 364 The resulf was received with vehement cheers from the studeats' sallery.

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## BED.TIAE AGAIN.

Two llttio girls in thair night gown As whilo ns tho nowest mown. And Ted in his littlo gannol suit Liko a fur.olad lisquimnu-
Beg just for a ainglo atory Before thaypreep to bod.
So, whilo tho room is sumner warm And the ocal grato oherry-red,

I hudde them close and cozy As a litile dock of sheep. Which I thair shephend strove to lead Into tho fold of sleep-
And tell them about the daughter 01 Pharaola tho king,
Who weat to batho at thotifer side And saw such a ourious thing
'Mong the wator flage half-hiddon And just at the brink afont;
It ras noither drilting trunk nor bough, Nor get was an anchored boat.

Oatsido, with pitch well guardod Insido, a soll greon braid;
'Twas a cradlo moren of bulrushes, In which tho babo was laid.

Then the princess eont her maidons To fetch it to her side,
And when she openod the little ark Behold! the baby cried.
"This in one of tho Hubrerr's children," With pitying roico ohe said,
And perhaps a tonder tear was droppod Upon hial little heal.

And than came the baby's sistor, Who had waitod near to see,
That harm came not, and aho trombling asted, "Shall I bring a nurse for theo?"
"Yes, bring a nurse "-and the mother Was brought-the very one
Who hed made the cradlo o! bulraghes To save her litto son.
And the princess called him Moses. God saved him thas to bless
His chosen pooplo, as their guide Oat of the wilderness.

For when ho had grown to manhood And sam their wrongs and wocs, Fillea with the coarago of the Lord His mighty spirit roso-

And with faith and lore and patienco And power to commana,
He plsced their humeless, weary feet At last in the promised land.

## HOME TALKS.

IAMI grong to preach a little sermun tw the boys to-day. A preacher always takes a text, and of course I must have one. My text is "don't" The old-feshioned preachers always had several heads in their sermons, and I will give you several heads.
I. Don't smoke. The habit is filthy. It is injurious. It makes a boy look like an idiot. I suppose he thinks it helps to make a man of him, but it dues not. I cannot think of any sight more disgusting than a buy with a cigar in his mouth. Nut long since I knew of one boy who came in before tea, his breath defiled with tobacco stnoke. He had been having lis first puffs at the ens of a cigarette. The first result at home was that no one of the family could hiss him, the uext was that his mouth had to be thoroughly washed with sosp and water. He says hais not going to smoke any more-that jt docs not pay. (It
might be well for boys' mothers to mako a noto of this cure.) So this is tho first head of my sermon-Don't smoke.
II. Don't loaf. This word is not very clegant, but I think you will undorstand it. Don't lounge about stores or shops or streot comers. Nothing good ever comes out of it, but any amount of harm. The first evil in it is idleness. No noblo boy over wants to bo idlo for an honr. Time is too precious to be squandered when there are so many grand things to be done-far more than enough to fill every minute of time. The next ovil in it is that it puts you in bad company-among those who have all kinds of bad habits. If you want to see what effect this will certainly have on you, take a dozen rotten decaying apples, and then take one bright, good apple and lay it among them, and leave it there for a fow days to see what will become of it. That is you if you loaf. Don't louf. The lonfer's school is where all sorts of worthless characters and all manner of criminals are trained.
III. Don't kcep your hands $2 n$ your pockets. In the first place, it tears out your pockets. Ask your mother about this. In the neat place, it looks bad. It makes you appear awkward and ungainly. It seems as if your hands wore useless appendages and you did not know what to du with them. In the next place, it looks lazy. Hands are made to work with, and not to be stowed away idly in the bottom of your pockets. Keep them out and keep them busy. There are plenty of things to do. If you ever make anything of yourself, you must use your hands. Always try to keep them clean, but don't be too anxious to have them soft and white. A horny and sunburnt hand is often a guod deal better mark of a man than pale, dolicate fingers. Let me whispur a secret, buys, into your ears. There is a splendid fortunctin your two hands if you know how to get it out. But yourcannot hatch it out by keeping them warm in your pockets.
IV. Don't dilly-lully. Whatever you have to do, do it-do it promptly, do it with energy, do it well. Don't mope over your lessons. Don't loiter on the way when.you are going anywhere. Don't play ball as if you had the rheumatism in all your joints. When you have 'essons to get, give your whole attention to them, and anster them if il krepa you up half the nioht. When you are walk. ing, walk luriskly, there is a great deal of claracter in a person's walk When you are playing, play with all your might. A stupid, moping boy never amounts to anything of a man. Put juur bust eneryy into everything you do. Don't dilly-dally.
F. Dunit use slany. It is luw and vulgar. It is the language of the strect-corners and the salvons. It trains you in habits of rude ness in spuecch. It makes yuu buorish. Next to a clean heari keep a clean tongue. The docturs look at your tongue to'see if you are sick or well. A bad tongas shicws sickneos: So the speech of the tongue tells what you are morally inside. A refined nature is alwags refined in speech. A-onthtle spirit always speaks gently. A rude manuer of speech tells of rudeness within. Never use any coarse or vulgar language. Never utter a slang word.

Kcep your speoch clean and rofinced. It will be a fortune to you all your life if you form the habit now: Don't use slang.
VI. Don't lat your Bible gather clust. 'Tho best way to make yourself a grand and noblo man is to get a great denl of tho Bible into your heart when you aro young. I know some boys make sport of the Bible, but nover mind that; thoy will not come to anything really great unless thoy learn better. Besides, thay will want tho Bible some day. They will have trouble some time, and then thoy will try to get help out of the dear old book. When they como to die, they will be sure to hunt up the Bible or send for some good man to read it to them, hoping to be saved by it. No matter how they make fun of it, do you stick to it, and read it every day, and guide your life by it. A good many people let their Bibles gather dust. Now, dust spoils a book, and besides, it tells a tale, for when wo see it we know that the book is not used very often. Be sure you have a Bible of your own, and do not be like the man the colporteur found. He was a rough backwoodsman, and when the colporteur asked him if he had a Bible in his house, he rumaged through some old shelves, and at last found a few torn leaves of a New 'lestament. "I declare, stranger," saint he, "I do need some more Bible; I did not know we were so near out." It is a bad thing to be "out of Bible." Be sure that you have one, and that it does not get dusty.

Now, my part of the sermon is done, and your part is to begin. My part is tho preaching, your part is the practicing.-Sunulay. School Visitor.

## HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR ROOM?

ALOOK into the chamber of a boy or girl will give one an idea what kind of man or woman he or she will probably become. A boy who keens his clothes hung up neatly, or a girl whose room is clean always, will bo very apt to make a successful man or woman. Order and neatness are essential to our comfort as well as to that of others about us. A boy who throws down his cap or boots anywhere will never keep his accounts in shape, will do thir:gs in a slovenly, careless way, and not be long wanted in any position, A girl who does not make her bed till after dinner -and she should always wake it herself rather than have a sel vant du it-and thruws her dress us bunnet duwn un a chair, will make a poor wife in nine cases uut of ten.

To le placed in the stocks is a very uncon. frotable punishment. With the ankles shut in vetween two planks, and no way to rise, or walk, or sit, or stand, or do anything but lic flat on the back, surely this must l" cnuugh to discuurage almost any onc. An.i yet I have heard of two persons who were so happy with their fect fast in the stocks that thes lrayed and sans praises to God at mid. night, in an inner prison. A religion that whll make a man sing when in prison, with his feet fist in the stocks, must surelob bo worth ha: ing. Those who wish to read more about it will find somethiug intoresting on the six. teenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles,

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