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For the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. RELIANCE. BY W. F. M'KENZIE, B.A. Trust the Eternal—ever the same;

SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE SHORTER CATECHISM. BY REV. A. B. MACKAY, MONTREAL. LXXIX.

AHAB, the king of Israel, was very powerful, rich and prosperous, but also very wicked and very weak before the evil influence of his strong-willed queen.

This palace was Ahab's holiday resort, but it had one drawback; it had no kitchen garden. Walking on its walls magnificent views lay spread before Ahab.

His wife, finding him in bed, asked what was the matter, and when he told her, she laughed a scornful laugh and said if he would leave it to her she would soon make all straight.

But as they turn what makes the king start and then sink back in his chariot with cheeks of ashy paleness and with eyes that seem ready to start from their sockets?

The message was terrible and sank deep into the heart of Ahab. Slowly he went on to his ivory palace, when the long haired prophet ceased to bar the way, but nothing could give him

joy. The prophet's curse kept ringing in his ears; the smell of blood followed him everywhere. For a time he repented of his sins and walked softly, and found that God was very pitiful and very patient.

The ways of God are deep and solemn. After Elijah had been translated, after Ahab had been slain, and the dogs had lapped the crimson water of the pool in which his chariot had been washed.

The sin of Ahab, thus terribly punished, began with the breach of the tenth commandment. He coveted Naboth's vineyard and took Naboth's life.

SPURGEON'S PREACHING. FURTHER, in his way of preaching, Mr. Spurgeon is intensely practical. By that we do not mean that he indulges in "moral" preaching.

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see whether he has done much work, or has merely been at work. And if he finds that he has little to show for his working, it behooves him to learn how to work, in order that work may be the result of his own working.—S. S. Times.

Mission Work.

MISSIONARY LETTERS. BY FAVOUR OF REV. DR. WARDROP, Convener of F. M. Committee we are permitted to lay the following letters before the readers of the REVIEW:—

CÔTE'S AND KE-SE-KOO'S RESERVES. LETTER FROM REV. GEO. A. LAIRD.

MY DEAR SIR,—It is now some ten months since we commenced work on Côte's and Ke-Se-Koo's Reserves. During this period our work has been largely formative; we have been endeavouring to lay foundations on which to build in the future.

We are glad to be able to say, that the people are manifesting a good deal of interest in the various religious services, not only on the Sabbath, but on week evenings as well. The meetings are regularly attended; the people quiet and orderly, and many of them listen to the Word with a degree of intelligent appreciation.

In August last Chief Côté became a convert to Christianity, and was baptized. He has not yet become a member in full communion, but has signified his intention of doing so before long.

We have two services on Sabbath and two on week evenings. We have held two communion services. Nine new members have been added to the roll—eight on profession of faith and one by certificate. There have been fifteen baptized, one adult and fourteen children.

On Ke-se-koo's Reserve a number of the people are nominally Roman Catholics. With these we come more or less into contact. A few of them attend our services, and we are doing what we can to give them a clearer light.

I have had many personal interviews more especially with heathen Indians, but want of space will not permit of details. They have always been glad to listen, and some of them have thanked me warmly for telling them the Gospel story.

The school continues to prosper under Mr. McVicar. The total number enrolled for the last ten months is thirty, with a daily average for the whole time of twenty-one three quarters. Some of the children have made rapid progress, and all have done fairly well.

bread-making, etc., and in these branches a fair degree of progress has been made. The improvement of the people in personal neatness, and in the cleanliness of their homes, is also noticeable. We notice too some change in the manner in which the Sabbath is observed, although there is still much room for improvement in this respect.

It is scarcely necessary that I should speak of hindrances or discouragements. It could not be reasonably expected that in a field like this, these would be altogether absent. But while we have had some things to try our faith, so far we have met with no really insurmountable obstacles; and we have had so much for which to thank and praise our Heavenly Father, so many tokens of His kindness, so many blessed experiences in our work, that even to speak of difficulties would seem like ingratitude.

In conclusion, I would only add that the work among the Indians here is hopeful. If prosecuted with zeal, and dependence upon God for a blessing, the fruit in time will appear. The present is largely the time of sowing, but we have evidence even now that the good seed is taking root and springing up. We look for good results in connection with the school. It is most essential, that an efficient school should be maintained. It may be a difficult matter to elevate the present generation so that they will become intelligent Christians, but if the children are properly cared for, I see no reason why the rising generation should not become useful citizens, but take their place in the Church as enlightened and God-fearing men and women.

REV. DR. WARDROP, C.F.M.C. MY DEAR BROTHER,—To keep all things moving and growing, I suggested the idea of the younger preachers, especially Pi-po-hoan, going every Monday to drill with one of the older preachers who is in San-kiet-a-kol, the largest city in the plain, and returning on Saturday, each to his own station.

LORD BRASSEY ON MISSIONS. THIS chair at the annual meeting of the London Missionary Society held at Exeter Hall was taken by Lord Brassey, who said they were sometimes met with the objections of those who said that there were masses of people in our own country who stood in need of the Gospel, and even in greater need of it than those heathen people for whom they pleaded.

Sixteen years have rolled by since I began to teach the Bible to A. Hôa, and last night he sat with ten-fold more eagerness and amazement than ever. Every day makes it more precious. Every hour makes it more pressing. Every death makes it more urgent to teach the Bible above and beyond—infinitely beyond, anything else.

Before heaven and earth I declare this moment I have laboured to teach its truths, believing them all from Genesis I. to Revelation xii. 21, to be a revelation to man from the only living and true God. And I boldly and fearlessly declare my conviction, that the native young men here now (and others like them) are the best hope—the great hope of the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in North Formosa. Ever yours, G. L. MACKAY. TAMBU, April 7, 1888.

DEMERARA. LETTER FROM REV. JOHN G. USON.

THE following letter from Mr. Gibson, of Demerara, to the Presbytery of Toronto, in reply to the notification that he had been appointed a delegate to our General Assembly, will be found of interest:—

"I would indeed be glad if I could be present at the meeting of the General Assembly to be held in Halifax. There is, however, no probability of getting away from my work at present. I must forego the pleasure of meeting with old friends and seeing familiar faces until some future time. It would not take long to go and return, but the temptation to remain a few months in Canada, if I were once there, would be more than I could resist. If the habit of returning after twelve years' absence were more general it would not be an unmitigated evil. While it seems impossible for me to visit Canada, I cannot see any reason why some of the members of the Toronto Presbytery could not take a trip to Demerara. Ministers sometimes have holidays, and some of those who visit the Old Country might spend their time just as enjoyably, and perhaps as profitably, in a visit to a new country. A breath of our tropical atmosphere would be refreshing to those whose blood is constantly chilled by northern breezes. The reports you hear about the unhealthiness of our climate are often exaggerated, and there is among many persons an unreasonable fear of the Southern sun. There are occasional epidemics of malignant disease, which run their course so rapidly that medical skill is of little avail. By careful living and the use of a few simple medicines sickness can often be ward off. I have enjoyed excellent health, and have never been unfit for work a single Sabbath since leaving Toronto. He who appoints us our work will also give us the health and strength to perform it. The numbers of our converts is increasing slowly but steadily. The people move about from one part of the colony to another, in search of easier work and higher wages, and in this way our members are sometimes scattered. Those, however, who have been accustomed to worship with us always seem pleased to return and remain within reach of our services. You will be sorry to hear that our strongest supporter, the Hon. Wm. Russell, died on the 8th of March, the evening of our annual missionary meeting. When in Scotland last summer for a few months' vacation he represented the claims of our mission to his partner, and in July they sent us a donation of £100 sterling. He was a large-hearted and liberal friend, and we will feel the loss of his influence and contributions. The Canadian Church is so busily occupied with other objects that we can scarcely expect much further assistance. There is a wide field for labour on the coast, but the labourers are few."

WOMAN'S WORK. FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA. ANOTHER LETTER FROM PUNDITA RAMABAI. A MEMBER of the recently formed "Ran-bai Circle," in this city, not being quite clear in his own mind as to the status of the widows of India when educated, and the kind of work open to them, wrote to Pundita Ramabai regarding this matter, and has received a reply from which we are permitted to make some extracts:— "Your question in regard to the widows who are despised, is a seemingly difficult one to answer. They cannot be expected to become popular even if they are educated; but I think that when they have some skill to do things for themselves, they will find that they are regarded in a different light by those very people who used to despise them. A well educated woman will know how to make her own way in society. Although our men are very much prejudiced against female education, they are certain enough to give honour to whom it is due. "I do not think there will be much active opposition to women who want to do something. Our women are already accustomed to work. What they need is a judicious training for qualifying themselves for certain industries. They can do fine manual work without exposing themselves to public indignities as the reformers have to do. They will be acceptable as trained nurses and medical women in respectable families when they are prepared for filling these posts. They will be employed as private teachers for their wives and daughters by men who are not courageous enough to take a bold step in sending the women to public schools, but will be glad enough to give them some educational advantages in their secluded homes. "What I meant to say in my letter to you was just this: That the Missionary Societies might profitably establish schools for training these widows and give them a thorough knowledge of either religion, medicine, literature or industrial arts. The last, in my opinion, is the most helpful to women at present. It will help them to earn their own living without exposing themselves, and without being compelled to become Bible women or missionaries, whether they are called to these duties or no. The only way of making an honest living that is opened to a woman convert under the missionary agencies is to be a Bible woman or a teacher in a mission school. "Any intelligent person can understand that all women converts are neither called to be nor are fit to be teachers or Bible women. There may be some who are, but those who cannot take up that work have nothing to depend on but the charity of the missionaries and native Christians. Some missionaries have come to realize this difficulty. The Cowley Fathers who work in Poona have opened an industrial school for boys, where they teach carpentry, printing and such other things. The Wantage Sisters, who work in the same city, have also opened a home where they take women of the lower classes and train them to be washerwomen. "But we want things provided for high caste women suitable to their social standing and tastes. They cannot work in laundries and such other places. They lose everything by becoming the members of a Christian Church; the Church must therefore see to it that they have something at least which will help them to lead a respectable life, owing nothing to any one but Christian love. The Church must not force every one of its women converts into the class of Bible women, preachers and teachers. It must also take care to prepare teachers from among these women who will do credit to their profession."

MR. MORTON, of Caterham, who recently made the English Presbyterian Church the channel through which his missionary benevolence should flow, has made somewhat similar offers to two Presbyterian churches in Scotland. He undertakes to pay the salary of a medical missionary and two native assistants for three years in any part of India, on condition that the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church take up a new station where these are to be employed, thus starting a new mission centre. This offer has been thankfully accepted by the Free Church; so, also, has a similar offer made to the United Presbyterian Church. It will be remembered that Mr. Morton has made a similar offer to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and that Rev. Professor MacLaren, who is now in England, was delegated by the F. M. Committee to thank him for his generous offer.

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THE AMERICAN ASSEMBLIES.

OUR American exchanges have been filled of late with the Assemblies, Northern and Southern, whose meetings at Philadelphia and Baltimore respectively have just closed.

In the Northern Assembly the report on the effort to raise one million dollars for Ministerial Relief, caused some disappointment. But \$419,000 of cash received, with subscriptions bring the total up to \$559,000, is no mean beginning.

A committee of three, Drs. John Hall and Francis L. Patton, and George Junkin, elder, was appointed to draw up a plan for the systematic instruction and training of young persons and others, with a view to their admission to the Lord's Table.

reunion, was the case of Dr. Woodrow, with his peculiar view in regard to the body of Adam as probably produced by evolution from that of the lower animals.

It is the judgment of the General Assembly that Adam's body was directly fashioned by the Almighty God out of the dust of the ground without any natural animal parentage of any kind.

In both Assemblies the question of organic reunion was discussed with intense earnestness. There were inflammable elements in the Southern body which a little thing would have kindled into a great flame.

I am here to greet the delegates of the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church. One is called 'North' and the other 'South.'

The President who, by the way, is a son of the manse, and has an ardent Presbyterian wife, made a good point for the Shorter Catechism; and for the careful Sabbath training of boys.

The attendance upon church service three times each Sunday, and upon Sabbath-school during the noon intermission, may be irksome enough to a boy of ten or twelve years of age.

Both in the separate Assemblies and at the union meetings, Missions were assigned a prominent position. Calvinism magnifies the sovereignty of God. All the more does it thereby call out activity on the part of God's children in their Lord's work.

The two bodies represented here had last year 847,165 members, and they gave, from 1881 to 1887, more than \$4,800,000 for this cause of home missions.

The women were accorded their full share of the honours. Well do they deserve it! In the Northern Church, while in 1875 the Women's Societies raised but \$5,000 in all, during the year just closed their contributions showed the magnificent sum of \$220,092.

As was to have been expected, the Centennial gathering was made the occasion for emphatic enunciation of Presbyterian principles. Dr. Cuyler described "hard-headed, long-winded, stout-hearted Presbyterianism as marching down through the centuries, into these times with cunning in its ten fingers and strength in its right arm."

"No one present could doubt that the overwhelming sentiment of the multitude of hearers was with the strongest statements of doctrine in regard to inspiration, the atonement and every other fundamental and distinctive doctrine of the Presbyterian system.

Presbyterianism in the United States is, as it has need to be in these times, sound and true. It is broad and liberal as well, ready to join forces with all true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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been made for an order of deaconesses "to minister to the poor, visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the sorrowing, save the sinning, and, relinquishing wholly all other pursuits, devote themselves in a general way to such form of Christian labour as may be suited to their abilities."

The publishing interests of the Methodist Church are large. Methodists have recognized, as perhaps no other denomination, the power of the press. In the American Church (North)—for Methodism, like Presbyterianism, is still divided in the United States into North and South—no less than eight weekly papers are under direct control of the Conference, one of them with a circulation of 56,000 copies.

Five new bishops, or "general superintendents," were elected, besides a missionary bishop, Dr. Thoburn, for India. Bishops Joyce, Newman and Goodsell have been called directly from the pastorate, while Bishop Vincent who has been long the agent of the Church's Sunday School-Union, and Bishop Fitzgerald has been in the Mission-rooms.

WE use the word "spectacular" in a wide sense, to cover everything that appeals to the senses, and seeks to make an impression without convincing the understanding and conscience.

THE SPECTACULAR IN RELIGION.

THE presence of many of our ministers and elders in Great Britain this year in view of the Missionary Conference and the Pan-Presbyterian Council meetings cannot but have a good reflex influence upon the Church at large.

Our readers, we hope, will not fail to notice Mr. Findlay's appeal for assistance to two worthy objects in his district.

On several occasions he has used the columns of the REVIEW for the promotion of benevolent objects, with very gratifying results; and we trust the present will be no exception.

My DEAR EDITOR:—When we came West seven years ago we lived the first two years in Manitoba, and I, with the help of a young man, started a Sunday school. We had no books, and a great many of the settlers had not even a Bible to bring.

THE attention of our readers is directed to the circular letter in another column from the ministers of the town and village of Niagara Falls, respecting Sabbath desecration in that locality.

among the undergraduates of our educational institutions have called forth a good degree of interest, and of purpose on the part of hundreds to carry forward these good impulses until they shall ripen into a firm conviction of duty and a definite proffer of service to the various missionary boards and societies.

Into the unsavoury case that has recently disturbed the Methodist Church courts we have no desire to enter, further than to express regret that any minister of the Gospel should require to be disciplined for a serious breach of the moral as well as the social code.

WE have much pleasure in commending to the notice of all interested in temperance work the International Good Templar, edited by the Literature Committee of the Grand Lodge, the chairman of which is Dr. Oranhyatekha, of London.

Literary Notices.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES: THEIR STATE AND PROSPECTS. By J. Murray Mitchell, M.A., LL.D. 1888. Toronto: The Willard Tract Depository.

PRINCETONIANA. Charles and A. A. Hodge, with CLASS and TABLE TALK of Hodge the Younger, by a Scottish Princetonian (Rev. C. A. Salmond, M.A.) 1888. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier.

The "Scottish Princetonian" has given us a delightful book, which the publishers present in fine readable type spreading over 239 pages.

British and Foreign.

ANOTHER effort is to be made to amalgamate the original seceders and the remnant of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

THE subject of the last sermon Matthew Arnold listened to, preached in Sefton Park Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph Watson, was "The Shadow of the Cross."

ALTHOUGH they have been subsidized by liberal State grants from the German treasury, and have had the great advantage of the prestige connected with such names as that of Dr. Dollinger, the statistics of the old Catholics on the continent go to prove incontestably that the movement is declining.

REV. ADAM MONTGOMERY, clerk of the Belfast Presbytery, and minister of Ballycain, has just died at his residence, Glencvale, Drumbo, in his eighty-third year.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM F. SHERWIN died at Dorchester, Mass., April 14th, aged sixty-two years. He was widely known as a leader of Sunday-school conventions and editor of several Church and Sunday-school music books.

THE valedictory meeting of students and ex-students of the Established Assembly's institution at Calcutta, to bid farewell to Mr. James Wilson, previously to his retirement from service in India, was crowded, and the proceedings truly memorable.

DR. ALEXIS MUSTON, author of the most complete history of the Waldenses, has died in his 78th year. It was during his pastorate at Rodoretto, in the Waldensian valley, that he published the first volume of his history, which was at once put on the "Index," and he had to flee for his life, taking refuge in Switzerland.

DELIVERING to his congregation his "Monthly Review of Religious Intelligence," the Rev. Norman L. Walker, of the Free Church, Dysart, referred to the work Scotland was doing in the mission field.

REV. JAMES KERR, in his address as Moderator of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod at Glasgow, reviewed the changes that have taken place in the State's relationship to Protestantism during the last two hundred years.

WE give a few items of interest from the proceeding of the General Assembly of the United States (North), which began its deliberations in Philadelphia May 24th.

Rev. J. T. Smith, D.D., of Baltimore. The report respecting the consolidated magazine, The Church at Home and Abroad, gave much satisfaction. It has now reached a circulation of 30,000 copies monthly.

THE report of the Home Mission Committee stated that there had been organized, during the year, 170 new churches and 371 new Sabbath Schools, 119 new church buildings had been erected, and that there have been added, on profession, 10,182 new members, and 3,651 by certificate.

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St. Matthew's Church, in Berlin, has received a legacy of \$50,000 in real estate and bonds.

BISHOP KEANE, of Richmond, has raised \$80,000 for the Roman Catholic University in Philadelphia.

A SEVERE TRIAL. FRANCES S. SMITH, of Emerald, Muskoka, writes: "I was troubled with vomiting for two years and I have vomited as often as five times a day."

DR. LYMAN ABBOTT has announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

MONSIEUR PERSSICO, having concluded his work in Ireland; is about to be transferred to Scotland to enquire into matters affecting the diocese of Dunkeld.

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THE North Carolina Lutheran Synod at its late session at Concord, N.C., adopted a resolution requesting all the ministers in the Synod to wear the gown in all public services wherever practicable.

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY. F. P. TANNER, of Needing, Ont., says he has not only found B. B. B. a sure cure for Dyspepsia, but he has also found it to be the best medicine for regulating and invigorating the system that he has ever taken.

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