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綡he society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is the oldest of the great British associations which have done so much during the present century to advance the cause of Foreign Missions. Its origin may be traced as far back as 1644, when a petition was presented to Parliament by a clergyman of the Church of England, urging the duty of attempting to convert the natives of North America to Christianity. Four years later an ordinance was passed, by the Independents of the Commonwealih, establishing a "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England," which, as already mentioned, led to the formation of the S.P.G. Society, incorporated by Royal Charter, A.D., 1701, on the petition of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, since which time the successive Archbishops of Canterbury have been its presidents. All the Bishops of the Church of England, and of Ireland, and of the Scottish Episcopal Church, as well as all the Colonial and Missionary Bishops in communion with the Church of England, are vice-presidents. In addition to the ex officio members, the corporation embraces a great many members who are admitted by ballot. The former are required to subscribe not less than two guineas annually to the funds of the Society. The latter are elected from the subscribers of one guinea a year, or who contribute $£ 10$ in one sum. Clergymen subscribing half a guinea per annum are eligible for election. The total number of members at present is more than 4,500. In addition to fees, there is an annual grant from parliament, which, together with the subscription from some 8000 churches, pri-
vate donations, and legacies, swelled the tota revenue of 1880 to $\$ 691,440$. The distinctive aim of this Society at the first was " to provide for the relgious instruction of Queen Anne's subjects beyond the seas; for the maintenance of clergymen in the colonies of Great Britain, and for the propagation of the Gospel in those parts." The Society's firs missionary, the Rev. T. Moor, appears to have been sent to labour among the Mohawk Indians, in the neighbourhood of New York, in the year 1754. At the end of the year he re-embarked for England, but the ship foundered at sea, and he was never heard of more. A Mr. Andrews was sent out on the same errand in 1712, who, wough he made some progress at first, and translated portions of Scripture into the Mohawk language, found it necessary to abandon the enterprise in 1718. A third missionary, Mr. Barclay, revived the mission in 1736 , but he too, was obliged, "for want of pecuniary support"! to retire. Obviously the success attending these and subsequent efforts to convert the aborigines of N . America were attended with very limited success. They might have been more successful had the Roman Catholics not been already in the field. As time wore on, the S. P. G. Society widened its scope of operations. It commenced work among the negroes in the West Indies in 1710 . It took up Australia in 1795; Indis, in 1818 ; S. Africa, in 1820; New Zealand, in 1839, Ceylon, in 1840 ; Borneo, in 1849 ; British Coiembia, in 1858; Madagascar, in 1864 ; Burmah, in 1868 ; Japan, in 1873; China, in 1874, and Figi, in $1879 . "$ In those countries where the Society labours, and has laboured, including the American Church, there are now 138 Bishops, 5,000 clergy, and upwards of 2,000, 000 members of the communion. During the year 1880, it employed 586 missionaries, of whom 157 in Asia; 121 in Africa; 54 in Australasia and the Pacific; 253 in America and
the West Indies, and one in Europe. There were also in connection with the Society about 1,242 catechists and lay teachers, mostly natives in heathen countries, and about 250 students in colleges abroad, training for the work of the ministry in the lands which gave them birth.

The Baptist Missionary Society, next in the order of time, had its beginning at Kettering, in Northamptonshire, (Eng.), in October, 1792, when a few Baptist ministers united to institute a Society, "for the diffusion of the Knowledge of the religion of Jesus Christ throughout the whole world, beyond the British Isles, by the preaching of the Gospel, the translation and publication of the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of schools." The difficulties attending its inception were not few. First, and chiefly, was the difflculty of inducing the people of that time to give ear to the claims of Foreign Missions at all, while, as was alleged, "so much required to be done at home." Secondly, the few who favoured the project of converting the heathen, gravely doubted the propriety of any single denomination making such an attempt ; and, thirdly, the Baptists were by many accounted the least likely of any of the denominations to succeed. The beginning of this Society was humble enough. Its founder and first missionary was a shoemaker, who, while diligently plying his lowly avocation, had his mind meanwhile occupied with the grand idea of proclaiming the Gospel to heathen nations. Endowed with good natural abilities, William Carey employed his spare moments in preparing himself for future action, and by successive steps qualified himself for the office of the ministry. In the month of May, 1792, shortly after his appointment to a church in Leicester, he was called to preach before the Baptist association, when he delivered a thrilling discourse, from Isaiah 54 : I-3, emphasizing the twofold division of his subject,-" Expect great things from God ; and, attempt great things for God." So irresistible was his argument and so powcrful his appeal, the association then and there resolved upon instituting a Missionary Society, which was formally done in October following. Accompanied by Dr. Thomas, an enthusiastic medical man, in November, 1793, he sailed for India, where the remaining fifty-nine years of his life were spent in preparing the way for those who should follow him, by translating the Scriptures into the many tongues of that country, and by laying the foundation of a Christian literature, while as yet, owing to the tyranny of the East India Company, he was denied the privilege of preaching the Gospel. A mission to Jamaica was begun in 1814, which has since extended to other parts of the West Indies. Besides India and Ceylon, the Society has vigorous missions in Africa, China, Japan, and also in Norway and Italy. The
total number of missionaries and assistantmissionaries wholly supported by the Society is ninety-five. Eighteen are supported in part. There are sixty-one pastors of self-supporting churches, and 258 evangelists. The number of communicants reported for 1880 is 38,397 , of whom 26,712 are in Jamaica. The total receipts for the year were $\$ 257,295$. All Christian persons concurring in the objects of the Society, who are donors of ten pounds or upwards, or subscribers of ten shillings and sixpence annually to its funds, are entitled to membership. The number of life-members is upwards of one thousand.

The London Missionary Society was established in 1795 (see Record for Nov. '81, p. 282), upon an undenominational basis, appealing to Christians of all denominations to unite in sending "the glorious Gospel of the blessed Saviour to the heathen, leaving it to the minds of the persons whom God may call into the fellowship of his Son from among them to assume such form of Church government as to them shall appear most agreeable to the Word of God." It commenced under favourable auspices, and immediately began its operations with an enthusiasm that never afterwards flagged. We have already shewn that it selected the South Sea Islands as its first field, in 1796, when mo less than twenty-nine missionaries embarked in the "Duff" for Tahiti, and other groups in Polynesia. In 1798 it sent its first missionary to India,-the Revd. N. Forsyth. The same year it sent four missionaries to South Africa,-Vanderkemp, Edwards, Edmonds, and Kicherer. Under the auspices of this Society, Dr. Morrison had the honour of being the first Protestant missionary in China, in 1807 ; Robert Moffat entered upon his splendid career in South Africa in 1816 ; and his still more illustrious son-in-law, David Livingstone, began those researches in the centre of the Dark Continent which imparted imperishable lustre to his name. But the results of its mission to Madagascar is perhaps the grandest achievement of this or indeed of any other Missionary Society. The annual Report of the Society for 1881 contains a review of the progress made in its missions during the ten years preceding, and to this exceedingly interesting document we refer the reader for details of the work at present carried on in the countries mentioned, and also in the West Indies. The number of English missionaries employed is 139-a decrease of twenty-two, very satisfactorily accounted for by the fact, that a large number of its mission stations have become self-supporting congregations. It employs no less than 5,044 native ministers and preachers, of whom upwards of 4,000 are in Madagascar alone! It claims to have 92,474 communicants in its mission churches, 343,708 native adherents, and 77,956 scholars in its schools. The membership of
the Society consists of persons subscribing one guinea or more, annually, and of benefartur, mating a donation of ten pounds and upward, -of whom there are about 4.500 . The total receipts for the year 1880 were about $\$ 541,000$. We need only mention the names of the Rev Willam Ellis, the author of "Polynesian Researches," and Dr. Mullens, who died in Central Africa two years ago, in support of the statement that the London Missionary Society has been especially fortunate in its foreign secretariat. It may be atded that this Socieiy did not retain its cosmopolitan character very long. Owing to the formiation of other denominatonal associations it gradually became dependent for its support upon the Congregatoonal Church of England, which now, and with gooci reason claims this Society as its own.

The Church Missionary Society was instituted in London in 1799 . It differs in its zonstitution from the S. P. G. Society, in that while that Society was originally formed chiefly for the bencfit of British Colonists, the expressed aim of this was to reach the heathen in pagan lands. More recently, it has come to be ident:fied with the Evangelical party in the Church of Englanc, while the other is supposed to have the syr.apathy and support of the High Church party. That, however, is a mere acciden:. There does not appear to be any ungenerous rivalry betwixt the two kindred socicties, and both are doing a grand work. The first missionaries sent out by the Church Missionary Society were: Revs. Messrs. Renner and Hartwig, who commenced a mission at Sierra Leone in 1804 . Since that time the Society has gradually extended its operations to many lands. It has now five missions in Africa, one in Palestine, one in Persia, four in India, besides its missions in Cevlon, the Mauritius, China, Japan, New Zealand, the N.-W. Territories of Canada, and the Coasts of the North Pacific. In all, it occupies 200 stations. It has in its scrvice 211 European missionaries, 219 native clergymen, and 3,102 native Christian teachers. The number of native adherents is 158,835 , communicants 34,625 , and of scholars 63,738 . Nearly half of its whele foreign expenditure belongs to India, no less than $1 \approx 0$ European missionaries being maintained thore, and upwards of 2 thousand schools. In the Tinnivelly district there are fifty-seven native pastors, 647 native agents, 9,517 communicants, and 38,657 baptized Christians. The Sierra Leone Church has 18 native pastors, 5,351 communicants, and 15,782 adherents. The terms of membership are similar to those of the S.P.G. Society. The tutai receipts for 1800 , were $\$ 1,037,500-$ by far the largest amoint contributed by any Society in the world for missionary purposes.

The Wesleyan-Methodist Missionary Socie:iy. - The Church of the Weslegs had been long engaged in foreign missions before
this great Socicty was formally inaugurated. As early as 1769, two zealous preachers, Kichd. Boardman, and Joseph lilmoor, volunteercd their services as missionaries to America, and began a work which was destined in time to become a mighty power in the New Wor:d. While the hands of John Wesley were fully occupied in organizing the Church of wholh he was the founder in Enofland, another mas-ter-spirit appeared, in the person of Dr. Cokie, who, from his enthusiasm and fitness for the task, was charged with the general oversight of the foreign mission work thar had been undertaken by various local branches of the Methodist Church. In the year 1786, accompanicd by three other preachers, Messirs. Warrener, Clarke, and Hanmet, Dr. Coke sailed for Halifax, N.S., but ou: ng to a succession of storms their ship was driven from its courso and carried to the West Indies. They landed at Antigua, where they met with so favouralile 3 reception from the inhabitants that they resolved upon the establishment of a mission in the West Indies. Their influence soon extended to all the principal Islands. In many quarters they met with opposition, and were made to feel keenly the prejudices which existed against the new sect; but they 'aboured on with their characteristic zeal and perseverance. In the prosecution of his arduous duties Dr. Coke crossed the Atlantic eighteen times, and established a number of missions. For the support and enlargement of these and others which he had begun in India, the Methodist Missionary Socicty was instituted in 1817, at which time the Wesleyans had already upwards of one hundred missionaries employed in foreign fields of labour. The Society has its headquarters in London, and is managed by a committee of sixty members, of whom one half are clergymen, and the other half laymen. One half of the committee are clected from residents in the metropolis. The Methodist churches of America and Australia have now their own Missionary Societics. The British Conference has under its immediate direction extensive missions in Europe, India, China, South and West Africa, and the West Indies. In all, they have 535 missionaries and assistant-missionaries, 2,080 other paid agents, such as catechists and teachers, besides an army of 8,647 unpaid agents-local preachers and sabbath-school teachers; 93,162 churchmembers, and 96,223 scholars in their schools. If to these figures were added the statistics of the American and Australasian Churches, the numbers would require to be doubled. The total income of the British Society for 1880 was $\$ 650,465$-exclusive of the sums raised and expended in the mission fields, which are estimated at $\$ \mathbf{5 0 , 3 7 0}$.

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W相HE GOVERNOR of Hong Kong, a Roman Catholic, has intimated that there are fewer Christians in China now than were there a hundred years ago. Of course he means fewer Koman Catholics; and in this sense his assertion may be correct ; but a cerrtury ago there was not known a Chinese convert to evangelical Christianity; and there was not a single Protestant missionary in that vast Empire. There are now over 600 Christian missionaries, including missionaries' wives, and other ladies, and thirty-five thousand converts to Protestantism; and the number of Church members increases year by year with wonderful rapidity. Adam MacCall, the leader of the Congo mission, while eagerly pressing to reach Stanley Pool, was taken sick. He died at Madeira, where he had gone for medical aid. He was a man of rare energy and devotion, and his death is severely felt. Africa has been largely opened up to Mission enterterprise; but it is still "the dark continent," with millions of heathen who have not so much as heard that there is a Holy God, cr a divine Saviour. Oh, the tales of sorrow and woe unspeakable that come to us from heathen lands! Well may we pray with ever-increasing fervency, "Thy Kingdom Come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Two hundred girls slain that their blood may make mortar with which to repair a dusky nhonarch's shanty-palace! Is not this a call loud as a trumpet-peal for Christians to haste to the rescue? Men buried alive under the corpses of Chiefs-slaves sacrificed by scores 10 "follow" deceased masters,-these are still the common-place tragedies of African Heathenism. Two hundred and fifty-three millions of souls were counted in India at the last census. This is fully ten times the population of England; it is seven times the population of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. It is more than five times the population of the IUnited States; it is nearly fifty times the population of Canada. We have been aiding the evangelization of this vast country-to what extent? To what amount? We are represented in the field by Rev. Messrs. Douglas, Campbell, and Wilkie, and the Misses Rodger and McGregor. Great prosperity has attended the work of Missions in various parts of India; and it may well be hoped that in answer to the prayers of faith, good news will come to us from our own faithful men and women. Let it be remembered, however, that some of the missions that are now most prosperous were twenty years without gaining more than five or six converts! Chunder Sen, of whose reformation in India such high hopes were once entertained, proves himself a pretentious nullity. He claims to be more than
equal to the Lord Jesus; but in works he is a failure. Mr. Bergen, of the American Presbyterian Mission at Ambala, gives an account of a communion service held among the lepers at that station. The arrangements that were necessary in the service to avoid the contaminating touch of the lepers rendered the scene peculiar. There must needs be a cup for the missionary, another for an old and blind man, who, on account of his infirmities was obliged to live among the lepers, and another for a daughter of a leper, who, though now sound and well, is liable to have the disease break out in her at any time. Very few of these lepers have fingers with which to take the bread, and the missionary must place it so that they can reach it with their mouths. What a boon is the gospel of Christ's love to these poor people! The best news from Turkey is that Mohammedans in considerable numbers are becoming subject to the faith of Christ. Christian colleges and schools have done great things for Turkey, and are doing more and still more. The light is spreading over the "hills of darkness." It is the same in all places: the convert is exposed to scorn, hatred, and aetive persecution.

Concerning Missions in Japan, a missionary says:-" The Buddhist priests have shown of late an unusual activity. Perhaps they begin to think that the inertia of hugeness does not furnish a sufficient safeguard against the active and untiring attacks of the Christian missionaries. If so, they are not much mistaken. Their lazy existence, their perfunctory incantations and half-hearted homilies, furnish an unmistakably marked contrast tothe never-flagging industry and self-denying zeal of the western missionaries. Long and tolerably intimate intercourse with the Japanese enables us to say, that the pure upright lives and singleminded earnestness of our own missionaries have not less power of persuasion here than the doctrines they preach." The great theatre meetings held last summer in Kiyoto and Osaka, Japan, have roused not only the Shinto priests into holding great opposition meetings, but have compelled the newspapers to report as, items of news the growing power of "the Jesus Religion," as Christianity is termed. "Christianity appears to be spreading over the country with the rapidity of a rising tide," observes one paper. Another says-"The priests are desperately eager to stem the ra-pidly-advancing flood of Christianity, which threatens to drown them out at no distant day." The Osaka $\Lambda^{r} i \neq p o$, said to be the ablest paper in Southern Japan, is bold in its advocacy of "the Jesus Way," on the ground that no other religion has ever given liberty to any nation. The official organ of the Government, which stands at the head of the Press of Japan, recently had a remarkable editorial on "the folly of fighting the foreign religion."


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APRIL 9.

Mark vi: 14-29.
Golden Text, Psalms 37 : 12.
年OMPARE Matt. 14: 1-13; Luke 9: 7.10. Through all the Evangelis!s refer to John's imprisonment, the record of his minist:y is very im. periect, and even the account of his death is given only incidentally. He must have laboured some length of time in Galiee and attracted much notice, elise Iferod would not have paid him the respect referred to in v. 20 . It was only when the Baptist spoke faithfully to him about his adulterous marrage that I erod turned against him, and took the tyrannical means oí silencing him by shutting him up in the Castle of Macharus, on the shore of the Dead Sea, the ruins and even the dungeons of which still remain. Vs. 14-16. King HerodHerod Antipos, x son of II. the Great-the tetrarch or governor of Galilee, called king by courtesy. Heard of him-i. e. of Christ. He must have heard of him before, and no doubt smarting under the sting of a guilty conscience, he had studiously avoided personal intercourse with Jesus. But what he now hears of him, brings his sin vividly to remembrance. Could this be the man he murdered in cold blood and whose image had been haunting him ever since? $I t$ is fotn-answered his accusing conscience. V. 17. More than a year had clapsed since John's imprisonment, and probably six months at least since his execution. Here the ostensible reasons are given for both, namely, that he wanted to free himself fron John's remonstrances ; but political reasons may have been the main cause. The popular exitement caused by the new doctrines taught by lobn, and now more convincingly by Jesus, might end in a revolation and the overthrow of the government. V. 19. Herodias was not only the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living, but his own niece also, and a crafty unsccupulous woman, bent on John's destruction. Vs. 21, 22. A convenient day-for carrying out her design. His birth-day-in imitation of the Roman Emperors, was observed with feasting and reveiry. The daugher-by her former husband Fhilip, Salome by name Danced-The drinking and dancing on such festive occasions in the East were alike disgraceful and demoralizing. The King said to the damsel-doubtless under the exciting infuence of wine, he made a rash promise which he would not have done in his sober moments; yet, looking at the wh le transaction, the "instructions" of He rodias, the swearing, and the hasty manner in which the executioner was sent to do the dreadful deed, Herod must have been privy to it from the first. V. 26. Was exceceding sorry-but not after a godly sort, othervise he would have countermanded the order. It was remorse and chagrin, like that of Iudas, that troubled him. He knew he had dune wrong, but had not the manliness tof face the taunts and jeers of his boon companions by going back on his oalh. Such a false regard for public sentiment has ruined many 2 one besides Herod. When sinners eutice thee, consent thou not. There is no peace to the wicked. Isa. 48: 22. V. 29. Aiz diuciples-the disciples of John before his imprisonment, ch. 2: 18.

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April 16.
Mark vi: $\mathbf{3 0 - 4 4}$
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*OMPARE Matt. 14: 13-21; Luke o: 10-17; miracles related by all the Evangelists. On another o: asion He fed 4,000, Matt. 15: 38; Mark 8: 9. In terms of their commission the twelve went forth on their home mission tour, visiting the smaller towns and villages in Galilee while Jesus himself prenched in the cities, Matt. Ir: I. How long they were absent is uncertain, but their success must have been considerable, for now the name of Jesus was everywhere spoken of, V. 14. By arrangement, doubtless they met at Capernaum on hearing the news of John's death, to confer on the situation of affairs, and to decide on future movements. The whole country-side was excited. Besides, the pasaover was at hand, John 6: 4, and people were gathering in bands to go to Jerusalem. .v.' 30. Appetles -Cr for "sent forth," same meaning as "missionsionaries." Told him all thimgs-reported the reception they had met with, their encouragement and difficulties, Vs. 3I, 32. Rest awhile-Though He himself scarcely knew what rest was, Matt. 8; 29 he ever had compassion for his disciples, M. 26: 4I. A desert place-Luke says near Bethsaida, a small town on the N. E. shore of Galilec. Vs, 33, 34 Ran afoot-seeing the direction the boat had taken, they ran along the shore, reaching Bethsaida, about six miles, before the boat arrived. On landing and finding such a crowd, Jesus could not resist the opportunity of addressing them. Vs. 35-37. Far spent-early evening, Matt. 14: 15-about 3 p.m. Send them aroay-said in answer to a leading question put by jesus, to prove them, Jn. $6: 5,6$. "Nay," says Jesus, "Give ye them to cat"-"Imapossible for us," might they not reply! So we often argue, forgetting Mark 10: 27, and 9:23. Shalt we go buy? -"we cannot, for it would take more money than we have. Their pesition, like that of Moses, Num. 11: 13, 22. 200 penny-worth-noninally about $\$ 30$, but equal in value to at least $\$ 200$ at the present time, and even that would only parchase a morsel for each, Jn. 6: 7. V. 38. Pite coarse loaves and two small fishes was all they had brought for their own use. It was enough for his
 orderly arrangement, by companies, besides facilitating the distribution, gave the occasion the appearance of a social meal as they reclined on the green sward. V. 41. Blessed-As was customary with the Jews, I Sam. 9:13, and with our Lord, Matt. 26: 26. Brake the loayes-rather thin brittle cakes. Gave the disciples-this foreshadowed their ministernal office, and gave them consideration in the eyes of the people. Did all eat-God is a bountiful Giver, Ps. $23 ; 84$ : $11 ; 145,15$, 16. Were fii:ctl-a symbol of "The Bread of Life" with which Christ satisfies the spiritual necessities of his people. V. 43. Twelve baskets-It was customary fur Jews when going from home to take with them baskets to carry their provisions, that they might not be beholden to the Gentiles and so incur ceremonial pollution. It is probable that each of the disciples had one; hence the number mentioned.

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APRIL 23.
Mark vi: $45 \cdot 56$.
Golden Text, Isaiak 43: 2.

${ }^{8}$MPARE Matt. 14: 22-36; John 6: 15-24 V. 45. Straightway-immediately after the feeding of the five thousand. Constrained His dis-ciples-They would be unwilling to leave him, but, "He knows best." Bethsaida-There were two towns of this name, not far apart, one on either side of the Jordan, where it enters the sea of Galilee. The scone of the recent miracle was several miles south of Bethsaida-nearly opposite Capernaum. The order to preceed to Bethsaida implied that the boat should keep close to shore and touch at that point where Jesus would probably join them. He sent away the people-John describes the excitement of the people in consequence of the miracle, and how they began to think that this must be the Messiah the nation was looking for, at last come to restore the kingdom, and they even spoke of taking him by force and proclaiming him King in Jerusalem. This was far from our Lord's purpose, and that it go no further He sends them away. V. 46. He departed to pray-The strain upon his nervous system had, besides, rendered it necessary that he should have a few hours of rest and communion with His Father. For this purpose, indeed, he had left Capernaum the day before, v. 3I, but the crowd, anticipating his movements, had made rest impossible. Now that they have all gone, he prays that the blessing of God may follow his teachings, that he may receive strength for the conflict that lies before him-teaching us by his example a lesson of the greatest importance. V. 47, 48. Even After sun-down. Midst of the sea-The violence of the north wind had carried them out from the shore into the middle of the Lake; in spite of their most strenuous efforts they could not make Bethsaida. Fowth watch - as each watch was three hours, the fourth, counting from 6 p. m., Would be three o'clock in the morning, and by that time they would be thoroughly exhausted. Would have passed by them-so it seemed to them, but he Would have them, as he would have us, to ask the succour needed, Ezek. 36; 37. Vs. 49, 50. Suppased it had been a spirit-one of tbose evil spirits perhaps, to whose agency the superstition of the times attributed such storms as that they now enencountered. No wonder they were afraid at the apparition of a human form at that hour of the night 1 Be of good cheer-Believers have no cause of fear, Ps. 23:4; Isa. 43:2; Acts 23; 11 and 27: 22, 25. It is I-literally, I AM, Jn. 8: 58; Exo. 3: 14. V. 52 . They considered not-A very little reflection would have convinced them that He who had previously stilled the waves with a word could as easily walk on them. Vs. 53, 54. Gennes-seret-a fertile plain on the northeast coast of Galilee, in which is the supposed site of Capernaum. They knerw him-i. e. the people of that place knew him. V. 55. The news of his return spread far and near. 55 Matthew alone records the sug. gestive incident shewing Peter's temerity and timidity. V. 56. They were more desirous to be healed than to be taught. Men are often more anxious about their bodies than their souls.

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April 30.
Mark vil: $1-23$.

## Golden Text, Mark 7: 7.

fOMPARE Matt. $15:$ 1-20. The increasing fame of Jesus, heightened as it was by the notable miracles of feeding the 5,000 , and walking upon the waters had thoroughly aroused the animosities of the Pharisees all over the country. The Sanhedrim or supreme court of the Jews, was not only a court of appeal, but a legislative assembly, with unlimited jurisdiction except as to pronouncing the death penalty, Jn. 18: 3I. V. 1. The Pharises and Scribes here spoken of were sent by this Sanhedrim to the provinces for the double purpose of enquiring into the truth of the stories in circulation about Jesus, and also to ascertain how far His doctrines had influenced the recognized teachers in Galilee. This had been often done before, but now they were bent on his destruction, Jn. 7: I. V. 2. Unwashen hands-without going through the set form of ablutions to which they attached far more importance than saying grace. Except they washin the manner prescribed by the Rabbis. This was done by rubbing the closed fist of one hand in the hollow of the other; if before eating, the hands must be held upwards; if after, downwards. The vessel used must be held first in the right hand, then in the left ; the water must be poured first on the right, then on the left hand, and at every third time the words must be repeated,-"Blessed art thou who hast given us the command to wash." According to circumstances the ceremony was gone through with suitable variations, but all according to the tradition, i. e. the instructions handed down orally, not what was written in the law of Moses. Of the Elders-—presbyters or teachers who expounded both the written and oral law, the latter of which was afterwards reduced to writing in what is called the "Talmud," copies of which are still extant. V. 5. Why walk not thy disciples 9 -The common question of ecclesiasticism in every age, indicating a feeling of self-superiority which even the disciples were not free from, ch. 9: 38, 39. Vs. 6.9. You hypocrites / Some of you would die rather than omit one of your outward ceremonies; the words of Isaiah exactly describe your condition; mere professions are useless. It is heart-worship God seeks, Rom. 10: 10. Vs. $9 \cdot 13$. They perverted the law of Moses by saying, " $i t$ is Corban"-a gift dedicated to sacred uses. i. e. Under the pretext of offering an oblation to God they withheld even from their own parents the things which should have been given them for their comfort and relief. So thoroughly selfish and formal were the Pharisees they could not understand these plain practical lessons: even the disciples required to be thus reminded, for they too had been trained in the same school, and had still something of the national reverence for the Rabbis who were offended at the words of Jesus. V. 17. His disciples-the questioner was Peter, Matt. 15: 15. The parable-the words uttered in the hearing of the multitude and which had deeply offended the Pharisees, Matt. 15: 12. The most important lessons to be remembered are,-that outward forms will not save the soul: that the heart must be kept pure: that no service is acceptable to God that does not come from the heart.

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\%HE ANNOUNCEMENT, elsewhere made, that the General Assembly is to meet in St. John, N. B., on the 14th of June, is a fitting reminder to treasurers and managers of congregations that the time is short. The Books of the respective Agents for the Schemes of the Church will be closed promptly on the first of May; bence the necessity that all contributions which are intended to be redr ported to the General Assembly and to appear In the printed minutes, should be forwarded as soon as possible. It is gratifying to be able to state that all the missions of the Church which we are asked to aid by our contributions are in a prosperous condition. The contribuxions of the whole Church last year were largely in excess of the amount contributed in any previous year since the Union, and the receipts for the current year up to date are still larger than at the corresponding date of last year. The result of this is, that heavy debts have been removed, and obstacles to progress taken out of the way. But we must not forget that each year finds the fields of labour already entered upon widening, while new fields are opening up, imposing fresh responsibilities upon the Church. Last year we had between forty and fifty missionaries in Manitoba and the NorthWest; this year half as many more may be required. All the Foreign Mission Stations are under-manned, and urgent requests are coming to us from India, and China, from the New Hebrides, and Trinidad, for additional labourers. Would that every one of our people would read Mr. Annand's statcment respecting the progress, and the wants of the mission to the New Hebrides, and that they would ponder his closing words,-"Ot that the Christian Churches would rise in their strength to impart the Light of life to these poor ferishing New Hebrideans ere it be too late!"

Map and Blackboard are indispensable requisites of a well-furnished Sabbath-school. It is almost impossible to study either the Old or the New Testament intelligently without maps of the Bible lands. Certainly no school should be without, at least, a good map of Palestine. Upon the principle that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, we have done what we could to supply the want
by publishing in this number of the Record the best map of Palestine that we could procurea fuc-simile of the one prepared for Dr. Vincent's Lesson Commentary. Scholars will do well to keep it by them for reference.
Gleanings from Reports. Crescent Street Montreal: "On a rough calculation," say the Kirk-session, " five individuals connected with "this congregation (in addition to some very liberal donations for congregational purposes), devoted to educational, philanthropic, and missionary purposes, the sum of at least $\$ 300$, 00 ." For the Schemes of the Church, including annual subscriptions to the College Fund, \$6,761.77 ; towads the endowment of Montreal Coliege, 570,000 ; to the congregational Building Fund, $\$ 9.042$; for strictly congregational purposes, 48,21 . The total for congregationd, misionary, and benevolent purposes, is siated to be $\Phi, 9+474,58$, for the year 1881. St. Fanes, Syure, Toronto:-The number of communicants is now 508. The Missionary and Colle;iate collections for the year were $\$ j, 006$; For congregational purposes, \$o, $8 \pm 8$-total, $\$ 9.854$. The debt on the Church property is $\ddagger=0,000$. Fort Mfascey, Halifax:Total rontributions for the year, $\$ 8,022$, of which, $\$ 2,551$ for the Schemes of the Church, being at the rate, for the former, of $\$ 100$ a family, and for the int:er, of \$33 a family.
REV. DR. JENKINS, at the urgent request of the Convener of the Continental Committee of the Church of Scotland, has accepted the temporary Chaplaincy of the Church of Scotland in Rome. In a private letter, Dr. Jenkins thus alludes to the appointment,-"It is so strang: a mutation in our affairs that we can hardly resiize that we are here, only in the signs everywhere of the old landmarks of the grand capital of the world. Since I was last here, ecclesiastical matters have so far changed as that the Free Church have inducted a minister, Mr. Grey, formerly of Naples. Witb him I am associated in the work of the Chaplaincy. We preach alternately, and take the prayer-meeting turn about. We shall get on very well together. The work is not onerous, and the length of our stay, two months, will enable us to sen much of the city." Behold how good and now pleasant it is for brethrew to dwell together in unity !

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

Taylor Church : Montreal:-Rev. John S. Casey, formerly of Athelstan, was inducted on 16th of March.

Scarboro': Toronto:-Rev. Chas. A. Tanner was inducted on the 23 rd of March, to the charge of St. Andrew's congregation.

North Gower : Ottawa:-Mr. Robert McKibbin was ordained and inducted on the soth of January.

Carleton Place : Lanark and Renfrew: -Rev. Duncan McDonald, formerly of Creemore and Nottawasaga, was inducted to the charge of Beckwith and Carleton Place on the 16th of March.

UPPER MUSQUOBOBOIT: Halifax: Mr. John A. Cairns was ordained and inducted on the 7th of March.

Calls.-Rev. W. S. Whittier has accepted a call to Chalmers' Church, Halifax; Mr. John K. Henry, licentiate. to Angus, New Lowell and Bonnington-Barrie. Revd. F. R. Beattie, of Baltimore, has received a call from First Church, Brantford, and Rev. T. McAdam, from Scotland, to Strathroy, Londor.

Demissions.-Rev. W. T. Wilkins, of Belgrave, Maitland Rev. A. G. Forbes, of Kinloss and Bervie, Brucre. Rev. Alex. Mann, D.D., of Pakenham.-Rev. W. Robertson of Yarmouth, N. S.

NEW CHURCH.-A handsome church -difice erected for the use of the Central Presbyterian congregation, Galt, Ont., was opened for worship on Sabbath the 5 th of March. Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, conducted the morning services ; Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, preached in the evening. This is said to be one of the most beautiful churches in the country. Without the galleries, it will easily seat 700 persons. It cost about $\$ 30,000$.

## MANITOBA ITEMS.

As you have heard, the Revd. Dr. Black passed away on the IIth ult. He was a brother greatly beloved. His death leaves a great blank. We shall long miss his earnest selfdenying labours, and his wise counsels. A movement is on foot to crect a fitting monument to his memory in the Kildonan churchyard. Knox Church, Winnipeg, was sold on the 18th ult., realizing $\$ 126,100$. At a meeting of the congregation a few days later, it was agreed to add $\$ 15,000$ to the $\$ 10,000$ previously voted by the congregation to assist the new congregation of St. Andrew's in the erection of a place of worship. At the same meeting, the sum of $\$ 5,000$ was voted to the Presbytery's church and manse building fund, and the sum of $\$ 2,000$ was voted to the late pastor, the Rev. James Robertson, as a slight recognition of the many obligations under which the congregation lie to him. Church building is to be vigorously prosecuted next summer. St. Andrew's congregation have not yet finally adopted a plan for their new place of worship. They are likely to erect a building this year at a cost of from $\$ 35,00$ to $\$ 40,000$. Their lec-ture-room is to be ready early in June, and they will use this till their new church is erected. Knox Church people, too, are preparing to build. They have selected a site for a temporary church, to be used for a year or
two till a permanent one is built on a site neat the new Manitoba College. The Brandon congregation expect to be in their new church early in June. Our cause is prospering in the new city, under Mr. Farris' care. A similar report comes from Mr. Cameron's field-Turtle Mountain district-where a substantial frame building is to be erected for the ase of the congregation. In West Lynne, too, the Rev. John Scott's congregation will build immeriately. The Rev. P. S. Livingston, late of Russelltown, Quebec, has arrived in this province. We are glad to welcome him to his new field. Additional ministers are much required, and the need is daily growing greater. It is said that over a thousand people came into this province the past week, and the cry is, still they come. The real estate business is said to be dull at present in Winnipeg.
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Halifax : February 14:-A report on contributions to the College Endowment Fund was submitted, showing that Congregations within the Presbytery had subscribed $\$ 36,44$ I, and paid $\$ 28,345$,-leaving about $\$ 8,000$ to be collected. The largest individual subscription was $\$ 2,000$; the largest from one congregatior, $\$ 6,913$. Vigorous steps are to be taken to co'lect arrears. The following congregations are recommended for supplement:- Annapolis, Kempt and Walton, Richmond, Musquodoboit Harbour, Lawrencetown and Cow Bay. Dr. MacKnight was nominated moderator of General Assembly. Agreed to memorialize Parliament agains: retrogressive legislation regarding temperancc. Mr. Whittier intimated by telegraph his acceptance of the call of Chalmers' Church. Feb. 2I. The Presbytery met to hea:- trials for ordination of Mr. John A. Cairns, and sustained the same. March 7. Met at Upper Muscuodoboit and ordained and inducted Mr. Cairns into the pastoral charge of that congregation. A. SimpSon, Clk.
P. E. Island : February 1:-Rev. Kenneth McLennan, M.A., was unanimously nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly, and Rev. Dr. McKnight for that of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. The following brethren were chosen as Commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Archibald, Bayne, Stewart, Mcl.?nnan, McKay, Dr. Murray, ministers; Hon. Col. Gray, Lestock Anderson, Chas. Gregor, Wm. Wells, John Hyde, and Archibald Sinclair, elders.

Lunenburg and Yarmouth: February 14:-The work of the Presbytery had been deranged and delayed by very anrmy weather. The following commissioners to the Genera!

Assembly were appointed: Revs. John Cameron, E. D. Millar, and A. Brown, ministers; and Messrs. Eisenhaur, McEwan, and Calder, elders. The remit on Sustentation and Supplement was laid over till next meeting. Rev. W. Robertson, Yarmouth, tendered his resignation. The conference on Sabbath-schools was postponed for a month. D.S. Fraser, Clk.

Pictou: March 7 :-The Presbytery agreed unanimously to express a preference in the eircumstances of the Church for a Supplementing Fund over a Sustentation Fund. The proposed Supplementing Fund was remitted to a Committee to report upon. Principal MacKnight was nominated moderator of General Assembly. A resolution was passed deprecating His Excellency the Governor-General's travelling on the Lord's Day on his way to Ottawa a few weeks ago. E. A. McCURDy, Clk.

Lanark and Renfrew : February 28 :The Home Mission report was read and discussed. Gratifying progress has been made in the consolidation of the mission work of the Presbytery. Arrangements were made for the supply of the mission fields. Reports were given in on Sabbath-schools, The State of Religion, and Temperance, and an interesting conference was held on the first two subjects -to be resumed at next meeting. Revd. K. MacLennan, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly. Commissioners were appointed as tollows:-Messrs. Mylne, McKillop, Mackenzie, M. H. Scott, Crombie, Campbell, and McGillivray, ministers. Messrs. Bell, Clark, Frost, Dodds, Bryson, Cram, and Wallace, elders. Leave was granted to Rev. Dr. Mann, of Pakenham, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Leave of absence for three months was granted to Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Balderson, on account of ill-health. J. CromBIE, Clk.

Lindsay: February 28th :-The claims of supplemented congregations were considered and determined. Reports were read on the State of Religion, Sabbath-schools, and Temperance, and handed over to committees, each consisting of a minister and his elder, with instructions to report at next meeting. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly. Commissioners were appointed as follows: Messrs. A. Ross, E. Cockburn, J. Hastie, J. Acheson, ministers. Messrs. J. Leask, D. Grant, J Matthie, and J. Michael, elders. The Assembly's remits were taken up. The changes in that anent "Standing Orders" were approved. A Sustentation Fund was recommended, and the rates for Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund agreed to with modifications. J. R. Scotr, Clk.

Torowto: March $7:-$ Rev. J. M. Cameron was appointed moderator for next twelve
months. A committee was appointed to draft a petition to the Dominion Parliament, praying for the amendment of the Act respecting the Temporalities Fund, Widows' Fund, and Queen's College. A minute was adopted anent the late Rev. Dr. Robb. A call from St. Andrew's Church,Scarboro', to Rev.C. A. Tanner, was sustained, and by telegram accepted by Mr. T. Parties were heard anent the call from Cobourg to Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Knox Church, Scarboro' ; and it was resolved to retain him in his present charge. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.: Ministers by rotation, Revs. J. Carmichael, of Markham, J. M. Cameron, R. Pettegrew, D. Mackintosh, James Bain, A. Dobson; by ballot, Revs. Dr. Caven, P. Macleod, J. M. King, professor McLaren, D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. Reid, Dr. Fraser ; and elders by ballot, Hon. J. McMurrich, Hon. A. Morris; Messrs. T. W. Taylor, J. Maclennan, Q.C., W. B. McMurrich, Mortimer Clark, W. Alexander, W. Mitchell, W. Rennie, J. Milne, J. Stirling, A. Gordon, and Peter Crann. Rev. $\mathrm{J} \rightarrow \mathrm{M}$. King was nominated as moderator of Assembly. A report was adopted anent the organization of a new congregation at Deer Park, and an interim Session was appointed. A report was adopted anent the more effective supervision of congregations within the bounds; and a committee was appointed to frame a set of questions to office-bearers in pursuance of a purpose of future visitation. An interesting report was read and adopted, on the State of Religion; and it was resolved to hold a conference on said subject, in the town of Brampton, and on the 22nd of May. An application was read from certain members worshipping at present in Temperance Hall, Toronto, and praying to be organized as a separate congregation. On a vote taken, it was agreed to organize them ; but not to proceed further thereanent until neighbouring Sessions have been heard from. An overture to the Assembly from Rev. P. M. Macleod and others, respecting the Sustentation and Supplementing Schemes, was ordered to be transmitted. An appeal from the Session of Cooke's Church, Toronto, another from the Session of Brampton, and a petition anent certain action of latter Session, were all considered and dismissed, the first appeal occupying several hours. In addition to the foregoing, a large amount of minor matters was taken up and disposed of, the Presbytery having sat altogether nearly sixteen hours. R. Monteith, Clk.

PARIS: February 28 :-The first day was devoted to a conference on the state of religion, in which all elders within the bounds were invited to take part. Messrs. Alexander, Martin, Cochrane, McMullen, and Ballantine, ministers; and Messrs. F. Anderson, John Harvie, Seth Charlton, R. Turnbull, and M. McKenzie, elders, were appointed Commis-
sioners to the General Assembly. By a vote of 14 to II, the Supplemental Scheme was preferred. An overture to the Synod arent putting the Bible into the Putlic Schools of Ontario, was adopted, and Missrs. McMullen and inglis were appointed 'o support the same at the Synod. A call v as submitted from First Church, Brantford, in javour of Rev. F. R. Beattie, of Baltimore and Coldsprings, which was sustained, and the usua' steps taken. A motion was ar.opted in favour of the legislation being cought by the Temporalities Board, and copies were ordered to be sent to $0 t+\cdots \cdots 2$ W. T. McMullen, Clk.

LONDON : 14th March:-The Home Missian report was discussed at length and such arrangements were made as seemed best adapted to meet the wants of the various stations and supplemented congregations. It was unanimously agreed to transmit a petition to the Dominion Parliament in support of the legislation asked for by the Temporalities Board and other corporations of the Church. Mr. Fraser read a paper on "the use of unfermented wine in celebrating the Lord's Supper." The Rev. Dr. Proudfoot was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. The following were appointed commissioners. Dr. Proudfoot, Messrs. Ballantyne, Urquhart, Paradis, Henderson, McKinnon, and Milloyministers; Messrs. Mackenzie, Gordon, Murray, Steveley, Cheeseborough, Rev. Dr. Kemp, of Ottawa, and Mr. Murchmore. G. SutherLAND, Clk.

Bruce: March 7:-Dr. Cochrane was nominated moderator of the next General Assembly. There was read a circular-lette: from the Presbytery of Toronto, stating that at next meeting of Assembly they would ask leave to receive Rev. W. H. Jamieson, M. A. formerly 2 minister of the Canada Methodist Church, as a minister of this Church. At the request of Rev. H. McKay, the calls addressed to him from Manitoulin Island were allowed to lie on the table. The following Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly: Minisster-Messrs. Straith, Moffat, and Blain, by rotation; and Mr. John Ferguson, by election. Mr. Moffat having declined going, Mr. Eadie was appointed in his stead. The following elders were appointed, viz: Messrs. J. G. Forbes and Matthew Lindsay, of St. John, New Brunswick. The appointment of the other two elders was postponed untll the next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Forbes having tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge of Kinloss and Bervie, it was agreed to allow the resignation to lie on the table in the meantime. The report on the State of Religion was read, when it was resolved to receive the report, thank the convener (Mr. Scott). and instruct the finance committee to get 1000 copies of it printed to be distributed among the congregations of the bounds. Mr. Forbes
read the report on Sabbath-scheol work, which was received and ordered to be forwarded to the convener of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath-school work. Revd. W. Gallagher tendered his resignation of the charge of the congregation at Sault Ste. Marie. A. G. Forbes, Clk.

Huron : 14th March.-The following Commissioners were appointed to the Assembly, viz. : Dr. Ure, Messrs. Barr, Paterson, Thomson and Fletcher, Ministers; and Messrs. McCurdy, Millar, Scot, Wilson, Elders. It was agreed to petition the Dominion Parliament respecting the "Temporalities Fund."A. MCI EAN, Clk.

## (0)bituary.

Angus MacKenzie, a pious and faithful elder of the Church at Thamesford, Ontario, died a short time ago in the 76th year of his age. He was a native of Sutheriandshire.

Farquhar Macdonald, a respected elder in the congregation of Lingwi=k, Quebec, died on the 19th of January, in the 77 th year of his age. He was a native of Uig in the Island of Lewis, Scotland.
alexander Mackay, an elder of the McGillivray congregation, departed this life on the Ist of March. He was a native of Caithness, and was highly respected.

Mrs Rebecca Bell, widow of the late Rev. William Bell, of North Easthope, died at Stratford, Ont, on the 12 th of February.

Mrs. S. J. Haig, widow of late Rev. Thos. Haig, of Beauharnois, Que., died at Helensburgh, Scotland, on the $13^{\text {th }}$ of February.

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気HE Supreme Courts of the British Presbyterian Churches are appointed to meet as follows,-The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on the 25 th of May; that of the Free Church, on the 18th of May; the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, on the 8th of May-in Edinburgh. Th ? Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England meets in London-(the usual time is the end of April). The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, meets at Belfast on the 5 thof June. The Rev. Dr. Robertson, of New Greyfriars, died recently at Cannes, whither he had gone on account of his health. Dr. Kennedy, of Dingwall, the acknowledged leader of "the Highland Host," i.e. the adkerents of the Free Church in the North of Scotland, is opposed to the present discstablishment movement, and intimates to his friends that the time h.is come when the Free Church people in the Highlands should claim a share of the revenues of the Establistment for them-
selves. Dr. Donald Fraser, of London, from quite a different standpoint, has given bis opinion that the movement is utterly unworthy of the Free Church. The Belfast Witness, speaking for the majority, probably, of Irish Presbyterians, expresses regret to see the turn things have taken as against "the Old Kirk, the head and front of whose offending seems to be that she has progressed and improved so much of late, and whose faults are unfortunate faults for which her assailants cannot throw the first stone at her." The Dundee Presbytery of the Free Church have decided by a majority of one against the use of instrumental music in the ordinary services of the Church. The University of Oxford, which will not confer its degree of $D$. D. upon any, however distinguished, in a non-prelaticChurch, has recently bestowed the degree on the Archbishop of Corfu, a dignitary of the Greek Church! thus shewing the importance which it attaches to Episcopal ordination. Revd. David and Mrs. Scott and Dr., and Mrs. Dean, have arrived safely at Blantyre, S. Africa, to take charge of the Church of Scotland Mission. The ladies, it seems, endured the discomforts and trials of the journey more successfully than their busbands, who were both prostrated by fever en route. A vigorous effort is being made by deputations and otherwise, throughout the Presbyteries of the Church, to awaken a deeper interest in foreign mission work Dr. Fleming Stevenson's lectures on Foreign Missions in Edinburgh and Glasgow have been very largely attended, aiad highly appreciated, and large offerings have been made in connection with them for missions. "Never before, in consecutive order, has the general public had placed before it, with such eloquent fervour and culture, the helplessness and hopelessness of the heathen world, the duty of the Church of God, and the course of apostolic, middle age, and modern missions." The well-known American lecturer, $J$ Joseph Cook, has been delivering his lectures in India to overflowing audiences. The Boinbay papers declare, "that no such effect has ever before been produced by a public speaker in India, and anticipate much good fruit from this noble defence and exposition of Christ's teaching in the face of the false philosophies and faiths of the East. Rev. John Inglis, of New Hebrides fame, has completed his Aneityumese Dictionary, which will form a volume of between two hundred and three hundred pages. A friendly alliance has been formed among the professors and students of the leading Theological Seminaries in the United States, for the purpose of developingothe Missionary spirit among students. A Convention of members of this Alliance was recently held at Alleghany, in the church of which Dr. Swift, the founder of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, was long pastor. Two hundred
and forty yourg men were present. Various subjects of great interest in connection with Missions were discussed with ability and power. Delegates from all parts of the United States and from nearly ali bodies of Evangelical Christians were present and took part in the proceedings. All dwelt together in unity, with no sign of misunderstanding, ill-will, jea: lousy, or disaffection. No "shibboleths" could be detected. The result of this conference is, that a larger number of young men in the States have cxpressed a desire and readiness to enter upon foreign mission work than in any previous year.

Ireland. -The Queen's Uriversity, after an existence of a little over thirty years, has by Act of Parliament, ceased to exist. It embraced the Queen's Colleges of Belfast, Cork and Galway, and did a noble work for the country. A large number of the existing ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland were educated in these Colleges, most of them of course in Belfast. The last meeting to confer degrees was held the other day. On that occasion more honorary degrees were given than perhaps in all its previcus existence. Presbyterians generally were opposed very strongly to the change, but it was sacrificed at last with the object of allaying sectarian feeling. At an early day in their history they were dubbed "Godless Colleges" by the hierarchy of the Church of Rome, and Episcopalians in some instances joined in the cry. What is called the Royal University, has been created instead, on somewhat the same platform as that of the London University, and to it all Colleges throughout the country may be affiliated. The organ controversy goes on with unabated ardour. The anti-rrganists have 2 monthly periodical, called the "Christian Banner," and the advocates of liberty bave another, called the "Presbyterian Churchman," while the "Witness," a weekly newspaper, opens its columns to both sides. Dr. Watts reply to Robertson Smith, has already been issued in a second edition, and is spoken of with great praise on both sides of the Atlantic. Representatives $\mathrm{o}^{\boldsymbol{f}}$ the three leading Scottish Churches, the Kirk, the Free and the U. P., have invited the Rev. Dr. W. F. Stevenson, of Dublin, moderator of the Assembly for the year, to deliver a course of lectures in Edinburgh and Glasgow, on "Missions." There is no higher authority on the subject.

FRANCE-Mr. and Mrs. J. spent their summer holidays in 1881 at Cloyes, a couple of hours ride by rail, south-east from Paris. "We took witu us fifty Bibles, and nearly one nundred Testamerts, but we cuuld not resist the pleading eamestness of many who longed to possess Goc's Word; and we sent subsequently for one hundred and twenty-five more.

It was soon known that they had arrived. In one day all were gone; and, oh, how disappointed the people looked, when we said there were no more! So nuch so, that, since then, we have sent thirty to those who seemed specially athirst for God's Word. We feel very grateful to Mr. Macall's Mission for brantinis us, frec of any charge, fifty hymn-bocks, about fifteen hundred tracts, and a great many portions of the gospels." They held meetings in the surroundang villages, and at Cluyes. Here there was some disturbance at first, but the disturbers gradually became thoughtful listeners. One man who was converted, wrote them of it. He had first heard of the Gospel through some old soldier-comrades who had been at the Macall Mission Halls in Paris. One woman said: "I have lived twelve years in Paris, and have tried all kinds of thiness, but I ne:er found anything to satisfy me, till I spent those two evenings with you." A poor old man remarked: "There's no chance for me; I've neglected my religion too long; there may still be some hope for my wife. She's not neglected it as I have." Mrs. A. replied: "Weil, if you really think there is ro hope in yourseif, you are the very one, who may taike hope, for Jes. 1 : came to save simners." "Oh! then," he said, "you really think there is still hope for me? But whiy did nor the priest tell me so ? No one ever told me before that God loved us. Then l'll take courage." Another poor old man said to Mrs. A., "Oh! prayers are becoming dear. Once for a little libéra, (a short prayer said by the priests), one used only to pay fure cents, and now one has to pay ten. Indeed it's becoming a serious matter !"

These poor people have never heard of a Gospel, whose unspeakable blessings are "without money, and without price," and seem unable to understand why Christian people should spend time and money for them, receiving nothing in return. Two men were discussing the motives of these Christian people, when one said: "Oh! they're a set of Charlatans travelling about." The other answered: "No, they can't be that; for one thing, they give to us instead of taking money from us; and, besides, I like them, and I like what they say, and they speak as if they did it, because they loved somebody very much !" The reason that Mr. and Mrs. I. were disturbed at first at Clojes, was, because the people imagined they had come from the priests and nuns. "The doctrine of man's utter ruin, of God's free grace, and wonderfui love, and the possibility of assurance, even now, of salvation, filled them with astonishment!" May the Lord of the harvest scatter labourers over that whole land, which, though so fair and, outwardly, prosperous, dwelleth yet largely in the region and shadow of death!
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## THE MARCH OF CHRISTIANITY.

Compare the progress made by Protestantism with that made by Roman Catholicism and by the Greek Church. In the year 1500 we find no Protestantism whatever. And the number of Christians not included under the heads Greeks and Roman Catholics was indeed small. At this date the Greek Governments controlled 20,000,000 and the Roman Catholic $80,000,000$. Two centuries later, in 1700 , the $80,00,000$ of Roman Catholics had risen to $90,000,000$; the $20,000,04$ ) of belicvers in the Greek faith had become $33,000,000$; while from almost nonc:he Protestants had increased to 3:,000,000. In 1880 there were under Roman Catholic Governments 134,000,000; under Greek, $60,000,000$; ard under Protestant, 194,on,mo. That is, Protestan: rule, at the opening $0^{-}$this century, equalled that of both the Grec': ard Roman Churches combined, while, one bundred years earlier, she could claim but 26 per cent. as much as they. If now we go on seventy-six years, we shall find, under the diminion of the Roman Catholic Church, 18 I ,000,000 ; under the Greek, $96,000,0 \infty$, and other Protestant rule, $40 \$, 000.000$. Or, in other words, the gain of Protestant rule over the combined Koman and Greek in seventy-six years was $131,000,000$ or above 47 per cent.

Dr. Dorchester, therefore, affirms that, notwithstanding the remarkable growh of Roman Catiolicism, Protestant ascendancy in America is fixed beyond a doubt. Again, he predicts that the world's progress is secured against any possible combination of Papal States. "The irreversible drift of the world is in the direction of popular freedom." To prove this, he showed how rapidiy Protestant and large English-speaking peoples were gaining control of the choice portions of the earth.

Ninety years ago it was a common saying that in two generations Christianity would be blotted out. Two generations have passed, and Christianity is making progress as never before. Such encouraging statistics as these call for thankfulness to Almighty God, who is causing His name to be honoured and loved among all the children of men. They should serve to quicken Christian zeal, and to arouse a decper sense of union and brotherly love among good men.

Japan.-The success of Christian Missions in Japan has aroused the Buddhisis to unwonted exertions. They are holding protracted mectings all over the land. The press and the Government seem to be rommitted to toleration and fair play, and ready to allow "the survival of the fittest." That is all that can be asked of them. Mr. Davis estimates the baptized Christizns in Japan at 5,00a

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## MEETING OF MARITIME COMMITTEE

W Unirep CHURCH, New Glasgow, and pondence was read with the Mission Synod of New Hebrides, respecting the removal of one of the missionaries on Aneityum to a heathen island, also with the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland on the same subject; but owing to difference of opinion on the wisdom of the measure, it is probable that nothing will be done in that direction during uie present year. It appeared that Mr. McKenzie (New Hebrides missiczary), had visited a large number of Congregations; also that he had addressed public meetings in Montreal, resulting in awakening a lively interest in the mission, and in his receiving substantial aid in prosecuting his work of training teachers in Efate. Mr. McKenzie intends to leave this country for his field of labour early in May. Letters were read from Dr. Steele, from Rev. Mr. Annand, and from Rev. Mr. Robertson. The request of the latter for leave to return home in the end of 1882 , for change and especially on account of Mrs. Robertson's state of health was, after full consideration, granted.
Full reports from all the missionaries in Trinidad were read, with reports also from Mr. J. Corsbie, and from Miss Blackadder, to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Halifax, all of which were approved. The estimates sanctioned by the Mission Council were next read, and atter careful consideration, passed, with instructions to the Secretary to explain to the Church the reason for the increase in che estimates of the year, consequent upon the expansion of the Mission. When the estimates for 188 I were prepared by the Mission Council, they did not know that the fourth missionary had been appointed, and consequently no expenditure for his salary or field was included. The actual expenditure for 188 I , therefore, as a matter of course, excecded the estimate, by something over $£ 300$ stg., viz: $\approx 200$, being $2 / 3$ of salary, and above \& 100 for building, rent, and other requireinents. A new building, a house for Mr. Morton, and school accommodation, has decn erceted, on which 'here is a balance of $£ 448$ 3s. stg. due.
Doubtess this could be raised by a special appc.al ; but it might succeed, with some loss to the general fund, and it has thercfore been considered preferable, to spread the money over several years, so that the annual increase fur the new field, for some time, cannot be less than f. 300 st . Though no special call is to he made for the Tenapuna buildn's, donations will be very thankfully reccived. One of a handr...i dollars has aircady come in from a

Lady-member of United Church, NewGlasgow. Others, it is hoped, will follow. Mr. Christie's district requires an addition of $£ 12$ los. Mr. Grant's Band of young Orientals, at San Fernando, will pay for $1882, £ 25 \mathrm{stg}$. additional, that is $£ 125$ stg. of his salary. Grateful acknowled gments were recorded for the preservation of the lives and working power of the missionaries and teachers, during a year of great sickness; for the liberal aid offered by generous proprietors and agents of Estates; for the aid afforded by church friends on Port-ofSpain and elsewhere; and for the liberality being developed among the immigrants who have embraced Christianity, and who are shewing in the most significant way their appreciation of its doctrines and precepts.
P. G. McGregor, Secy.

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notes of a volage in the "day spring" MISSION VESSEL, BY REV. JOSEPH ANNAND.
(i)UR home, Anelgaubat, Aneityum, is on the south side of the most southerly istand of the group ; hence as we go northward we shall have an opportunity of visiting all the stations occupied by the missionarics, and we shall gain a connected view of the field and the work of evangelization in the New Hebrides. On Sabbath morning, 18th September, the "Day Spring" arrived from Melbourne and anchored in our harbour opposite our house and a quarter of a mile from it. On Tuesday she was ready again for sea, having landed stores for us and taken in water for her northern voyage. The wind detained us till Wednesday yorning. The ship's company consists of the captain and his wife, two mates, a cook, steward, four seamen, and a boat's crew of five natives. The passengers were Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Annand and myself. Sailing out of the harbour at sunrise, we had a splendid view of the station, so long occupied by the late Dr. Geddie. For over thirtythree years this spot has been sne of deep interest to our churches. From this station came news of the battles fought and victories won for our King. For many years songs of praise have ascended from these beautiful hills and dales, until now a generation has grown up under the influence of Christianits. In the afternoun we reached Aname, on the same island, the station occupied by the Rev. John Ingles for twenty-four years, and now occupied by Mr. Laurie. We found the missionary, his wife and child well, and ti:c work making progress. Anciryum is about cleven miles wide, and 32 in circumferenc. The two stations are fourteen milcs apart by water. By land, a mourtain 2,788 feet lizh rises between the stations, and the road is well nigh impassable. Thirty years ajo the popu-
tation was 3,500. It is now scarcely 1,100 . There are 100 adult church members. There are 45 morning schools which the people, old and young, attend. In eight ditferent places there is public worship every Lord's day, and prayer meetings every Wednesday aftemoon.

We pass Futuna, which lies north-east from Aname. There is now no missionary on this island, Mr. Copeland having retired from the field. His wife's remains lie here-his wife well remembered by many in Nova Scotia. Futuna has a population of 500. About 150 attend worship, the service being led by a native teacher. Westward from Futuna thirtyseven miles lies Tanna, which we reached on the 22nd. The name of the station is Kwamera, and Mr. Wati is the missionary. There is no harbour, and the sea is usually rough, driven in by the S. E. trade wind. Mr. Watt is meeting with encouragement in his work on his dark isle. Six adults and three children have been baptized, and a church formed and the Lord's supper dispensed. This is after twelve years' labour by the present missionary and his wife. Over 100 attend the services and many are learning to read. There is another station, Port Resolution, on Tanna. Here Mir. Neilson labours. We landed here on the 23 rd and found all well and the work progressing. No church is yet formed here, though Mr. N. has been among them thirteen years; but about fifty attend the services pretty regularly now. The two stations on Tanna are about 13 miles apart. There is need for two more missionaries on poor, dark, degraded Tanna. It was here that the messengers of the gospel first set foot in the New Hebrides. John Williams settled a teacher here the day before his martyrdom on Erromanga. Messrs. Turner and Nisbet were settled here six years before Dr. Geddie landed on Aneityum; but they had to flee for their lives. Here, too, are the graves of our own S. F. Johnston, and the first Mrs. Paton and her child. But the day is breaking at last.

North-east from Tanna, fourteen miles, is Aniwa, for fifteen years the scene of Mr. Paton's labours. An Aneityum teacher is in ch: re: of the station. The people are Christian. he population is small and decreasing. Arter a brief visit to this isle we steered for Dillon's Day, Eromanga, the station of Mr. Robertson, where we arrived on the 24th. We anchored about a quarter of a mile from Mr. Robertson's hcuse, and had quict rest till Monday afternoon. We found the mission family well A daughter had been born to Mr. Robertson nine days before, and mother and child were doing well. The gospel is advancing here, but every step is contevied by Satan and his servants. A Christian had oeen shot dead shortly before our visit, out of
sheer hatred to his religion. The Christians of Dillon's Bay have erected a fine schoolhouse ncar the memorial church. They have raised 0 acr 200 lbs . of arrowroot to aid gospel work. Twenty-three teachers are cmployed, and one-third of the population attend worship. Fifty-nine adult church members are in grood standing. Thus the work goes steadily onward. After landing stores we sailed on Monday for Erakor, on Efate, seventy-three miles north-west. The place seemed lonely. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie are at present in Nova Scotia. The natives gathered around us; and a man and his wife from Eratap offered to go with us and settle as teachers on Api. These people were in the darkness of heathenism eight years ago. The return of Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie is longed for. There are eighty church members in good standing at Pango, Erakor and Eratap. The gospel is preached at three other villages. On Wednesday we reached Havannah Harbour, where Mr. Macdonald's station is. The work here is steadily advancing. There are forty-three adult church members and from 200 to 300 who hear the gospel more or less regularly. Mr. Macdonald joined me, and we sailed for Tongoa On our way is Nguna, Mr. Milne's station. The missionary is on furlough in Scotland. The ishand has 1,000 people. Near it is Pele, and a little farther north, Matoso, two islands wrought by teachers. In the three isles a church of foriy adult members has been formed, and from 400 to 500 hear the gospel. From the deck of a vessel on a clear day we can at the same time see thirteen inhabited islands, including the large one of Efate and Api. We reached Tongoa on Saturday, but found that the missionary, Mr. Michelsen had removed to the other end of the island, seven or eight miles away. The harbour is exceedingly bad, and quite unfit to land in. Mr. M. is meeting with much success- 300 out of a population of 1000 atterd services. A few Sabbaths ago a chief took his wife and a friend or two with him, and having dressed himself in a fine red coat, given him by the missionary, he took his hymn-book in his hand, walked quietly to Pele, the chief villige in his enemy's land, and in the public square, said, "Here I am, come to you io-day ammed with this book. Shoot me if you will!" His enemies seeing him unarmed, threw down their arms and gathered around to hear what he had to say. Pulling off his gay coat he gave it to the chief who had been his enemy, and then preached the Cospel to them!

We were detained at this station till Thursday morning. Tongoa is at present our most distant station. Both Sanio and Api had been occupicd for some time; but as no trace remans of prowoas work we consider these blands as virgin soil. The Efatese language
i spoken on a part of Api, and here the people listened to Mr. Macdonald with much attention. Here the dress of the women is a mat three fect long by one foot wide. Give a man a belt, a string, and a piece of calico as large as his two hands, and his toilet will quickly be complete. In some places dress is still more scant. On Ambryin the women wear a skirt of six or eight successive tiers of belts made of grass, each six inches wide. Beads and armlets are in demand. We skirted Api along the south and west, and had a splendid view of this most lovely island. It is a thoroughly tropical isle. The vegetation is dense; the cocoanut, and breadnut, and other nuts are abundant. We had an Api man with us who had been four years from home; when we found his home for him he seemed unwilling in leave us. We reached Bririmba where Mr. Holt was settled hast year, and the people were disappointed that we had no missionary to leave in his place. They cheerfully received the teacher whom we had taken from Eratap. This is a most promising station. The anchorage is good; and we remained till Monday. Three other vessels anchored alongside of us on Sabbath evening, all looking for labourers for Queensland. One recruited nine on Sabbath. The Api people carry firearms, some breech-loadlng Snider riflles! In the hands of one we saw a "six-shonter." The captains of these vessels buy the "labourers" from their friends, givirg rifles for them. Then the labourers who return bring rifles with them. I knew a captain to give two rifles for three men. Still this is not a slave trade, we are told! Many murders and outrages occur among these islands and in other groups traceable to the wicked "labour" traffic.
On October toth, we left Boga Bay, Api, and crossed towards Paama, in full sight of Lopevi, an active volcano rising, cone-shaped, 5,000 feet from the sea. This was the Dayspring's first visit to Paama, and we knew little about the people. We found them very friendly. The population is dense and the people industrious. We spent nearly the whole of next day among the people. They are willing to receive a missionary: who will come to bear the light to them? We left Paama 12th October, and sailed for the north end of Ambrym, where there is good anchorage and where the Daijspring had been before. In the interior of this lovely island the great volcano was sending up clouds of smoke and ashes, extending some twenty miles. The whole of Thursday we spent among the people of Ambrym, whom we found very friendly and ready to receive a missionary. The ishand is sixty miles in circumference, and is well settled. The women are shy, but the men and boys are forward enough. They gathered around us, examined us, handled us all over
to make sure of our shape; measured Mr. Macdonald's height (he is over six feet), and measured my nose which is supposed to be a intle longer than is orthodox, and greatly interested themselves with my beard. On the 14th, we reached Mallicollo, the people in numbers swimming out to our vessel, half a mile from shore. We spent the greater part of two days among the people, visiting their villages and becoming acquainted worh their ways. About eighty men visited the Dayspring. A missionary would be welcomed here. On the 18 th, we visited Mato, where also a missionary is wanted. We intended visiting Santo, but were becalmed till our time was up, and we had to turn homewards. We reached Ancityum, seven weeks after we had left it. We encountered two severe thunder storms, in one of which we lost two sails, and were rourhly towsed about; but there was no loss of life or limb.

Oh that the Christian Churches woild arise in their strength to impart the Light of liie to these poor perishing New Hebrideans e:e it be too late! Let each one who reads these lines ask,-" Am 1 dong my whole duty towards the benighted heathen?"

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LETTER FROM REV. T. M. CHRISTIE
Couva, r3th February, 1882.
W CCORDING to an arrangement made this month, ourselves, 1 am to write to you going on inthe Trinidad mission field. This is the reaping time on the estates, and there is a prospect of a favourable return from sugar. That will have a good effect on every branch of work Since the first of January it has been magnificent crop weather-cicar and dry, with only an occasional shower. Everything is rushing. The steam whistle on the estate nearest us, sounds about $3 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., to rouse the labourers and begin another day, and many a poor fellow it is to be feared, has scarcely got fiairly in bed. The West Indies get the name of being easy-going places, but I know of nothing in fast Ancrica which can equal the driving on stigar estates during the the months of crop time. In the old Spanish times, I believe they used to stop work for a few hours in the heat of the day and take a sicsta, but the Anglo-Saxon has changed all that. As may be expected, the subject of relision has less chance of gaining attention at this time, and in some ways our work is restricted in the dry season, as there is very little opportunity of holding any mectings on estates except with the sick in hospitals, and on the Sabbath. The schools, however, usually do well at this time,
and I hear favourable reports from different directions. There is a great improvement to be noted in the villages on the Sabbath day since the beginning of this year, as a law has come in force prohibiting the keeping open of shops after 9 a.m. Before this year they were allowed to be open as on other days, and in consequence the afternoons and evenings were rendered hideous by drunkenness and rioting. I do not know that the change has iad any very marked effect on the attendance at our services; but it will help us by raising the moral tone of the people and showing to the heathen that Christians do have some little respect for the Ten Commandments.

I have nothing special to report as regards my own field. Everything is going on smoothly and some measure of fruit appearing. I am not yet able to undertake my full work. As some of your readers will have heard, about the beginning of December I was ordered by the doctor to take complete rest, as my strength had become greatly exhausted. I took perfect rest for a month, and felt so much stronger that I have been doing a good part of my Sab-bath-work since, and also what seemed absolutely necessary of my week-day work. Last year as you all beard was a very trying year. We have all been graciously spared, but every one felt anxious. The weather here at any time is trying to one's constitution. You at home feel the heat severely for a few weeks in summer, but the cold weather braces you up again, but nature never lets up on us here. It is a steady drain on the European constitution, much like living in a vapour-bath, so that we feel chilled and fairly shiver these mornings, although the thermometer will show little below $65^{\circ}$. It is not to be wondered at that we feel weak sometimes. So far as I remember, however, I have not missed my Sabbath-work from sickness for at least five years until the present. The call for labour in Trinidad is daily becoming more urgent. Four ships have arrived from Calcutta this season, bringing more than 2,000 people. This is equal to the average congregations at home. More than 50,000 Hindus and Mohammedans are now here-one-third of the population; more than 20,000 in Mr. Grant's and Mr. Mcleod's fields; 7,000 at least in this field, and 12,000 or more in Mr. Morton's district.

If you cannot send us more European missionaries, you can surely send us more money to employ native agents. We like ill to wait for a deteriorating process in religion, and even immorality is rapidly going on among them, brought about, we grieve to say, by their intercourse with the so-called Christians of Trinidad. We wish to give them the Gospel while there is still some religion in them to lose, that when they are forced to the conclusion that Hinduism is false chere maybe an aching void left thet may crave the love of Jesus.

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## LETTER FROM REV. JOHN WILKIE.

For the Recond.
$\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Canadian Mission, Indore, } \\ \text { Fanuary soth, } 1882 .\end{array}\right.$
Thanks for your kind reminder in the last number of the Record, whose welcome face we so regularly see and as eagerly scan every month. We shall try to write more frequently about this very large and interesting field-a field containing over $9,000,000$ souls, which are entirely dependent on the efforts put forth by the Canadian church for any knowledge of Christianity-in the hopes that more may be done. What are three men for $9,000,000$, fully twice the population of the Dominion? Need you wonder that there are multitudes everywhere who have never even heard of the name of Jesus. For the past six months we have been in almost continual conflict with the authorities of Indore who have been trying to heep out Christianity altogether. You may remember that in May $1880, \mathrm{Mr}$. Douglas' school in the city was closed because he would give no written guarantee that no Christianity would be taught. About the same time, I believe, an order was issued forbidding all Christian work. Feeling that if such an order had any meaning and power we must seek some other field of labour, we were led last February to put the matter to the test by openly preaching in the city-especially as we believed we had "law and right" on our side. Of this you have already heard. On our return from the Hills, in July last, again we began work, and then met with real and determined opposition. Scarcely had we gathered an interesting crowd of listeners than up came four or five of Holkar's impudent policemen, who ordered us to stop and go with them to prison. On our refusing to obey, they having received more recruits, at once by their sticks and threats drove the people off, and then in the most impudent way ordered us to go to the magistrate. On our representing the case to the Agent of the Governor-General, he gave the Maharajah to understand that such things could not be allowed, and so we began again. We foand, however, that as soon as we appeared word was sent to the police station, and cight men were stationed along the road in front of our hou e, about twenty yards apart, who forbade ev"ry one going near or listening to us under pu alty of being put in prison. In vain did we s.ng our hymns or try to spcak. We had before us none but the laughing inpudent police. On our soing to the magistrate we succecded in getting this also stopped; but only to have a fresh difficulty. They said "we cannot hinder you doing what you like in your own house"-we had now a Sabbath.:
school and Miss McGregor had a day-school in it-"nor can we hinder the people listening to you. You must not, however, block up the road-way." And at once an imaginary line was laid down, beyond which the people must not stand-a line, which was broad or narrow according to the zeal of the policeman then on duty. We therefore time and again when enjoying our talk to an interested crowd, would be interrupted by one of these impudent fellows crying out, "You are blocking the road -Get out of this or we will put you in prison," and in an instant almost our fine congregation would be gone. At first we reasoned with them, trying to show them their folly-but to no purnose. So one night when the policeman came up to repeat his old work, I caught him by the arm, walked him out of the crowd and ordered him not to come near us at his own risk. A magistrate next came and began to order the people off, when I told him he was breaking the laws, and would not be ahowed to do it without our bringing him to justice. He then sought to influence the people against us, when I again reminded him that it was against the law to disturb all religious meetings. Another policeman, encouraged by the action of the magistrate, began to drive the people away, when I walked him also out of the crowd. They then quietly left us alone with the crowd, now grown to unusual proportions. Several times since then we have had to repeat it, but not for several weeks. Whereas before they could close up Mr. Douglas' school and largely stop all Christian work in the city, now we can have as many schools as we can keep up, and have our right to preach recognized, even though occasionally interfered with. So far, we are encouraged. We shall, however, have to fight every inch of ground, as the Maharajal, being entirely under the influence of the Brahmins in this matter, is determined to hinder us in every way. Now, we have the opposition from the authorities. Since they have been defeated, they will seek to set up opposition through the people themselves, and in a way that justice cannot reach them. We can rejoice, however, that our God is none other than the Almighty Jehovah, who rules even in the councils of kings. Pray for us, that all opposition may be removed, and that the hearts of the people may be prepared to receive the good seed.

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REV. JOHN MORTON'S
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.
Last ycar's report formally closed my connection with Savannah Grande, and although
practically, I had somewhat to do with that field during the early part of the year, I shall confine my report to the work in the district, merely expressing my satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Macleod has carried forward the work in my old field, and the progress he has made in acquiring the language. We rented a house in Tunapuna to survey this district, and after mature consideration, concludpd that that village was the best place for our centre of operations. Our census, since taken, shews that it stands next to San Fernando in population, that is, it is the largest village in the Island. It is healthy and central, and while I write I hear the whistle of a large new factory, whose vacuum pans are this week discharging their first fruits, so that its population is likely to grow. Four out-stations were almost immediately taken up, namely, Aronca, four miles east of this; Orange Grove, half way between this and Aronca; Curepe, two miles from this, on the way to Frederick; and Frederick Estate, now better known as The Caroni, situated on the Couva railway, distant in an air line two miles, but by road five.

The Caroni:-Service at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Sabbath. Here we met in various places during the dry weather, but settled down to the hospital in the wet season. At this station some progress has been made in gaining the confidence of the people, and preparing the way for future work. Latterly, they have made offers of help tuward a school-house, the value of which will be tested as soon as the dry season sets in, when their collection will be taken up and the building proceeded with. For this object I have in hand £37, 9s., partly contributed, and partly collected, by James R. Craig, Esq., of Glasgow, Scotland. I found on this Estate one of my earliest scholars, and in August 1 had him removed to Tunapuna to teach there under my eye, and be drilled for The Caroni school. Gladly would I have hastened in this matter, but our rainy season-unusual feverand general press of work urged delay.

Turapura:-Services: Sunday-school at 10 a.m. ; Church at 11 a.m. ; Prayer-meeting at 7 p.m., Fridays. School opened August Ist, Allah Du'a, teacher. Meetings held at Grst in our dwelling-house-since July in our new premises. At this station the attendance at our services has been comparatively regular, and a number who only knew the name of Christ now know of his work and salvation. A good teacher is greatly needed here, as the school ought to be a large one. There is a Roman Catholic Church at St. Joseph, two miles below this, and an English Church at Tacarigua, two miles above; but this village $h^{\text {as never had a Church or resident minister. }}$

Aronca:-Sunday-school at I p.m. ; Church at $21 / 2$ p.m., in Presbyterian Clurch. School opened March 1st, in an unused school-room, for both of which we are indebted to the kindness of Rev. Wm. F. Dickson. At this station the attendance has fluctuated very much. It was at ore time so large as to excite much notice and opposition. I wish I could say that Brahmans were the only ones who exerted themselves against us. A reaction was produced, which would have been more trying to us had we not been to some extent prepared for it. The tide has, 1 hope, turned, and the scheol work has been most encouraging, both in the progress and conduct of the children.
Orarge Grove:-Service at $41 / 2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , on Sunday, in the Estate school-room, and in rainy weather in the Hospital. Singers: Geoffroy Subaran, and Allah Du'a. The attendance at this station has been large, a considerable proportion being from the Hospital. The attention and apparent ability to understand the truth have greatly improved, and the interruptions and objections to which we were at first exposed, have ceased. This remark, indeed, applies to all the stations.

Curepe:-Weekly service at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. School opened May 1st. Teacher: Albbar Ali. Teacher and children and some adults attend Sunday-school and Service at Tunapuna on Sundays. This village is small but densely populated. The Coolies rent the land, which is owned by a few Creoles, and will probably in time be bought up and absorbed in the adjoining estates. The poople raised the rent of the school-room five dollars per month. The school has done good work, and the service has been well attended.

The attendance at school has been as fol-lows:-

> On Roll. Daily Average.

| Aronca . . . . . . | 40 | 25 |
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| Curepe . . . . . | 38 | 25 |
| Tunapuna . . . . 42 | 26 |  |
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Ten Hospitals have been more or less regularly visited, and services conducted with the patients:-

Baptisms . . . . 3 adults and 4 children. Married . . . . . 1 couple.

I have to acknowledge with pleasure the uniform kindness of proprietors and manarers of estates, and of the merchants with whom our work brought me into contact. Keport of buildings with accounts for 188 I , and estimates for 1882, are herewith submitted in separate form.

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象HE STATEMENT concerning the Juvenile Mission Scheme which appeared in the Chart of our Missions in the March number, was not revised to date, and therefore gave an incorrect account of the present work of this Scheme. No orphans are now supported by it at Indore, because the Orphanage at Indore was closed some time aso, and has not been re-opened. But several day$s$ hools are now supported there, as well as at Calcutta, of which the foliowing letter from Miss McGregor will give some idea. Two bible-women are also still supported at Indore, and a very few orphans at Calcutta still remain on the list. Miss McGregor, writing to the Secretary of the Juvenile Mission Scheme, concerning da -schools at Indore, says,-"I think if our little friends will but have patience, (not easy for children) we will find ways for them to dispose of their funds, and now I am going to tell you how. I think : informed you in a recent letter that I had opened a Marathi girls'school in the city of Indore, which promises to be very prosperous indeed. Two teachers are at present employed, and if we carry out our plans, we shall require one, and perhaps two more. This evening, a genileman from the city, who is very much interested in the school, told me that a Hindi school is very much required, and I propose connecting it with the other, having a teacher for that vernacular. Of course, additional expense will be incurred in many ways, as there must be, according to custim here, a woman to go round and call the children to school in the morning, then bring them back to their homes. There will also be books, slates, \&c., as if we do not provide them, they will bring heather, books or none at all. We think if the Hindi girls are brought, that the attendance will nuriber one hundred before the end of the year. There is also now, another day-schnol amongst low-caste children in a poor neighbourhood, so that you will see the children at home will havi enough to interest them. I may also state tha: we superintend the education of the boys, in Holkars Foundling's Home, in the city. At present there are nine, and one girl. Balaram, Mr. Douglas' catechist, has a very nice wife and little baby-rirl,-wee Effie. If you could hear her tell the suffcrings she endured, while she was suppnsed to be a widow (according to the cruel c.stoms of Hindoos), it wou!d make your heart ache. Balaram was ten years in Trinidact, and all that time his wife was cruelly treated, being allowed to eat only twice or three times a week, lying all night in wet clothes, and many other like hardships. The
baying of the pariah dogs, the queer bark of the jackal, and occasionally the low monotonous song of a native, are all the sounds to be heard in the direction of the Bazaar. It will soon be io p.m., and must bid you good night."

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解EV. K. J. Grant: San Fernando, Trin-idad:-Anajee and Lal-Behari were recently examined by Presbytery on the Gospels. A new book on this theme recently came into my hands. It was published in June of this ycar. Title: "Thoughts on the Holy Gospels." Author: Francis W. Upham, L L.D. Publishers: Phillips \& Hunt, New York. Some of the questions dealt with, are: How did the four Gospels come to be in manner and form as they are? Did only two of the twelve bear witness? Why have three of the Evangelists passed over the ministry of our Lord in Jordan until the week of His passing? The above are specimens.

Taziya Day.-On the 3rd December, the annual Mohammedan Fête was observed. Hasan and Husain, grand-sons of Mohammed, in a struggle with a rival family for the succession, were slain. If not deified, they have been canonized by those who supported their claim. With the new moon which brings round the anniversary of their death, their spirits, I believe, are supposed to visit the earth and to abide with the people for ten days, and on the tenth day, the day of their departure, models of their tomb, pagodas-like, which have been several days in course of preparation, are carried from the several estates into and through the town to the wharf and cast into the sea. Some of these are thirty, forty, and even fifty feet in length, all constructed of the bamboo, and covered with tissue paper of various colours-cost ranging from forty to fifty dollars. In some we see exhibited an ingenuity in design, and skill in execution, which is quite surprising. There are usually from sixty to seventy of these which pass cur door, and the display is quite imposing. The conduct of the people is usually good-Hindoos as well as Mohammedans join in what is to them a pleasant pastime, and every year shows an increasing number of Creoles. Thousands go shouting and dancing along the street, each armed with a stick about five feet long, but the people of each estate are attached to their own Taziya, the manager and overseers usually riding in their midst. Unfortunately two Sirdars got into a dispute, and one, an old man, a Brahmin, respected by his people and possessed of property, was killed; the one who is said to have inflicted the blow is in custody awaiting his trial. This murder will probably lead the Government to impose checks. Many of the more
sober-minded would gladly see the whole thing abolished. After returning from America in June, there were indications that led me to think that it was my duty to open an afternoon school in two places. 1 proposed the matter and met with every encouragement. The estates belonged to Mr. Tennant, who contributes $£ 100$ stg. to our Mission funds. Mr. White, the attomey, at once provided a room in a barrack, and nis sister, Miss White, less than a year nere from England, of an earnest firm spirit, was most hearty. The schools have done very well, but I was somewhat concerned as to the permanence of the work, as I had no salary provided. To my surprise and delight, Mr. White informed me on Saturday, that he had written to Mr. Tenriant of our work, and that a reply had been received instructing him to add, from the beginning of 1882, $£_{5} 50$ to the grant-in all, $£_{1} 150$ stg. ; and in addition gave $£ 50$ for the erection of a school-house on one of the estates. With us, I know you will thank God for these tokens of His goodness. In ways that we know not God provides. We deeply regretted Mr. Frost's removal, but 'ther friends are raised up. Let the Lord be praised.
Rev. J. W. McLeod: Princestown, Trini-dad:-It has been raining almost incessantly for the last two weeks. The roads are in a bad state, and the ungravelled places almost impassable. The weather is much cooler than for some time, and on rainy, windy days, 2 checrful fire would not be uncomfortable. The malarial fever has almost, if not wholly, disappcared. Our health has been wonderfully grod, for new comers. Miss Blackadder is also well. She had seve:al attacks of fever and one of jaundice, but is happily better than before. We were up at the Morton's some time ago. They are well now, although the boys were ill. They have a comfortable house, after the plan of this one, three schools in operation, and one at least in present contemplation. Mr. Morton has made over as a gift to the mission here, a lot of land in Princestown as a site for a church, and two acres in Piparo, under and around the mission buildings there. I am still studying as well as trying to talk Hindi. I now venture to conduct meetings without interpreters, although "at sea" sometimes. By way of composition, I write a religious address in it every week. I am also reading Indian schooi books, and other publications, besides the Scriptures.
Rev. Hugh A. Robertson: Erromanga, New Hebrides:-1 cannot write to-day, and the ship is just off, but I will write next week, and wait a chance to send by New Caledonia or Qucensland. We are all well, and our work never more encouraging. We prepared 2,400 lbs. of excellent arrew:ont this year, and to-day it has been shippod, namely, ten casks and two cases. Please deduct zos. stg. from my
salary for the Halifax city mission. It is the gift of one of Dr. Geddie's natives, who came with me from New Caledonia nine yeirs ago, and is a member of our Church here nom; and is married to an Erromanga Christian woman. He gave the pound, as he said, to carry the Gospel to those who are still heathen in Nova Scotia,-Cast thy bread upon the waters, etc. In nine years he has given me £ 10 sterling for various objects, and he never had more than $£_{7}$ a-year with me, and now only $£_{3}$ ios. as be oniy looks after and milks the cattle, and has the rest of his time with bis family and work. We are all very well ; our eldest daughter gocs up to Sydney to-day, to Miss Ella's school, and our yourgest daughter is just $21 / 2$ months oid. Many thanks for your prompt and kind reply to my letter, asking a visit bome. I have full faith in the goodness and consideration of my Church. Mrs. Robertson greatly uects a change for a complete rest. As for myself, I never was stronger and am never ill. Just comple'ed a fine successful voyage round this I sland in the Dayspring, and visited every district where I have teachers. Ylease mention thanks to my dear Pictou friends of the Church of Scotland for their handsorie gift.

## BLINDNESS IN FORMOSA.

There are a great many blind people. The conditions under which the poorer classes live-having too little food, working hard every day of the week under the glare of a tropical sun, and with a not over attention to personal cleanliness-all tend to weaken, and at last to distroy their eyesight.

Outside the Mission House there is occasionally to be seen an affecting sight-six blind men in procession, each with a long walking-stick in one hand, and the other placed on the shoulder of the one going immediately before; whilst a friend blessed with the use of his eycs leads them, acting as guide to the party. How thankful we should be for sig't, and how we should pity those who have thus "knowledge from one entrance quite shut out," and to whom the world is all a blank!

And should we not pray for the poor blind people of Formosa and throughout China, that thoust they may not again look upon thes fait world and its beauty with the natural eje, liud may bless the efforts which here and there are being made to cause the Light of the Cospel to shine into their hearts, and that by His Holy Spirit he may so teach and incline them as that they shall truly "feel after Him and find Him ?"

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out ; so where there is 1.0 tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth.-Prov. 26-20.

## A GOOD EXAMPLE.

A few days ago a man was buried in New York so modestly that nobody but his pastor and relatives were at the funeral. He requested this unostentatious service from his dying bed. Yet if all the mission-church members, and orphans, and hospital patients, and others who have been blessed by his generous bounties could have come to pay their tributes, no five churches would have held the crowds that would throng to the funeral of James Lenox. He probably gave more money to religious and useful objects than any other man who ever lived in America. One of his relatives estimates the total amount of his donations at about secen millions! Thirty years ago he gave systematically at the rate of $\$ 100,000$ per annum. Durinir the last five years he gave away over two millions of doliars! He built five churches in New lork city, and helped to build many hundreds of them elsewhere. So modeatly did he give that his name seldom appears in connection with the donation. Mr. Lenoa's determination-when he was a young nan-was to be his own almoner for his Lord, and to give during his life-time, instead of accumulating a vast fortune, then bequeathing it to charities (to be wrangled over in surrogate': courts by contestants). He was the prince of systematic givers and from a consecrated purse Who will rise up to imitate him, and win his crown?

## THE FIELD.

Our field is the world: whether sowing on reaping,
Or gleaning the handfuls that others have passed,
Or waiting the growth of the seed that with weeping
On rocky and desolate plains we have cast ; Yet each for his toiling, and each for his mourning,
Shall some time rejoice when the harvest is won,
And know, in the flush of eternity's moming,
That the toil, the reward, and the glory are one.

A Christian Church has been built with stones from the ruins of a heathen temple, by the native converts connected with the Madura Mission of the American Presbyterian Board.

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## Eqiteraturt.

MANITOBA : Its infancy, growth and present condition; by Rev. Professor Bryce, M.A., LL.B. London, Sampson, Low \& Co. ; Wm. Drysdale \& Co., Montreal. Price \$2.50. The object of this work is to collect together various recollections connected with the settlement of that part of the great North-West of Canada now known as the Province of Manitoba, as well as the territories to the North and West, formerly known as the Hudson Bay Territory and Rupert's Land. So far as we know, this is the first systematic effort to preserve a consecutive history of the colonization of these remote regions which are now attracting so much attention, and, as such, it is an extremely valuable contribution to Canadian literature. It is largely occupicd with a vindication of the character and the honesty of purpose of the Earl of Selhirk, to whose sagacity and indomitable perseverance we owe the foundation of an industrial colony in spite of determined opposition from the powerful monopolies of the Hudron's Bay and North-West Fur Companies. The strusestes of the early settlers with difficulties that ofien appeared to be insurmountable are described with graphic effect. The book is well written,
and the information contained in the closing chapters cannot fail to be useful to intending immigrants.

The Treasury of David, by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon; Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls, New York. The work before us is Vol. I. of Mr. Spurgeon's commentary on the Psalms, published some years ago, and now reproduced at the very low price of $\$ 2$ per volume. This large octavo volume reaches as far as the 2Gth psalm. The other volumes will follow at intervals of about two months. The value of the work cannot be exaggerated.

## Official 2lyotices.

The eighth Session of the General Assembly is appointed to meet in the City of St. John, N.B., and within St. Andrew's church there, on Wednesday the 14th of June next, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. Lists of Commissioners, and all other official documents, should be sent by the clerks of Presbyteries to the clerks of Asscmbly at least eight days before the meeting.

## MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

Toronto and Kingston : in St. Paul's church, Peterborough, on the 2nd of May at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

The Maritime Provinces : in St. James' church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 3oth of May, at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Montreal and Ottawa : in Stanley Stree: church, on the 9 th of May, at 7.30 p.m.

Hamilton and London : in Knox church, Ingersoll, on the roth of April, at 7.30 p.m.
N. B.-All documents intended for presentation to the Synods should be in the hands of the respective clerks at least one week before the date of the meeting.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Montreal, at St. Paul's Church, 4th Lpril, 11 a.m.
Whitby, at Oshawa, 18th April, 11 a.m.
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Lindsay, at Woodville, 30th May, 11 s.m.
London, at London, 9th May.
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Bruce, at Paisles. Mi:h April. 2 v.m.
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## BEWARE OF THE SNAKE.

You have heard of "the snake in the grass," my boy,
Of the terrible snake in the grass;
But now you must know Man's deadliest foe
Is a snake of a different class. Alas !
'Tis the venomous snake in the Glass.
The Bible Puzzle No. II.-To accommodate our young friends living at a distance, answers will be rectived up to the tenth of this monsth

## RULES FOR ACQUIRING WEALTH.

Be honest. If Satan tempts you to defraud your neighbour, it is only that he may rob you of your ill-gotten gain in the end.

Be temperate. Liquor has made more paupers than all other vices combined.
Be industrious. Indolence, debt and disease are brothers.
Let your word be your bond. Good credit is a fortune to begin with.
Limit your expenses by necessity and comfort, leaving a good balance for margin saved.

Invest your funds carefully and intelligently. Beware of the brilliant bubbles that are blown up to tempt ingenious speculators.
Give your personal attention to your business. To do this, keep brain and body healthsul.

## THIRTEEN WAYS OF BEING HAPPY.

Happy is the man whom God corrected; for He maketh sore and bindeth up.
Happy is that people whose God is the Lord.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help.

Happy is the man that feareth always.
Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.
If ye suffer tor righteousness' sake, happy are ye.
If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye.
Behold, we count them happy which endure.
If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

> MISSIONARY PENNIES.

Children should be taught to give money
for the cause of Jesus Christ. We are all creatures of habit; and in this particular the carlier the habits are fastened the better it will be.

Those who are familiar with Pilgrim's Progress wili recall that, when the little company under the lead of Greatheart were entertained at the house of Gaius there was a good deal of innocent hilarity at the dinner-table. The travellers were tired and their appetites were keen. And so much comfort and so much rest coming at once put them in the best of spirits. After a few old-fashioned jokes and sage attempts at pleasantry, pious Mr. Honest gravely announced his intention of propounding a riddle. He gave it thus:

## " A man there was, though some did count him mad. The more he cast amay, the more he had."

Their most respected host understood instantly that the puzzle was aimed at him, and that everybody lingered anxiously for an impromptu reply. He paused awhile, however; but whether to guess the answer, or frame the couplet into which he wished to put it at his best, we are not informed. It is not every man in this world, even amongst those who keep hotels, that can make poetry to order. But Gaius finally offered this solution in comfortable rhyme:

## " He who bestowe his coodu apon the poor, Shall have as much again, and ton timen more."

At this juncture one of Christiana's boys impulsively broke in: "I dare say, sir, I did not thirk you could have found it out." The genial old gentleman answered:-"I have been trained up in this way a great while; nothing teaches like experience; 1 have leamed of my Lord to be kind, and have ever found that I gained thereby."

Then he went on to clinch his remark with an apposite verse from Scripture: "There is that scattereth, yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more thanis meet, but it tendeth to poverty. There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches," And then (so continues the narrator) Samuel whispered to his mother: This is a very good nan's house, let us stay here a great while."

We need not expect to succeed in anything all at once. One does not become wise or good in a day. The seed put in the ground does not produce its fruit all at once. It takes weeks and months for it to produce its harvest ; but, if the seed is sowed the harvest is all the time approaching. Let a boy begin by sowing good sced, by faithful study and work, and the fruit will come surely, in the end, in a successful, honourable life, very different from the fruit of laziness and vice.

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