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## GEALTH AND HOUSEHOLS RINTS.

Clothing should never be brushed in the house. Physicians distinctly assert that the dust of the street may and does contain the most daggerous germs of contrgious diseases, and the greatest care should be exercised that the dust is not scattered through the house, to find its way into the lungs, and possibly to be either shaken from a window or carried ipto the yard and beaten and brushed on a line.

A physician maintains that it is not poverty of diet so much as mnnolony of diet that exercises an unheaithy influence on the poor. As a matter of fact, they eat "stronger" food than the rich, more bread, meat and simple vegetables, but their cooking is rude, and they eat the same things the whole year through. People who are well to do, or who are better cooks, qet more variety with fewer shings and always have something to tempt the appetite. Soup can be made to resemble greasy dishwater, or it can be made a really savory and nutritious thing, and there are a hundred different ways of serving potatoes. The phy. se a first rate thing in tie ievement districts. be a first rate thi
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Simple things are often of much benefit, and lemons and common table salt have puch that is useful about them. Lemon juice and water without sugar will oftentimes relieve one of a sick headache in a short time, and a half gill of lemnn juice three times a day in a little water is said to be good for rheumatism. Nothing is so acceptable to a feverish person as lemonade, and for a ..ough that refuses to he quieled I have tried h. following prepara tion with success: Take the white of an egg beaten stiff; then add the juice of a lemon in which two or three lumps. of sugar have bee dissolved, and keeping it near at hand take a teaspoonful of it at a time until relieved. A very good way of preparing lemons when they are plenty is to put them in cold water, letting them boil until they are soft, then squecze the julce from them, getting more than in any other way, and adding the sugar to taste, or to every half pint put one pound of loaf sugar, and bottle Another comfortable use ior lemon is to bind a thin slice upon a corn that is troublesome at night and repeat once or Then if the bands are stained from medicine or any other cause, rubbing them with lemon after the juice is extracted will restore them.Good Housekeeping.

## FRITTERS

Put a cup of milk over the fire with two tablespononfuls of butter. When the mixture boils add half a cup of sifted frour and stit and when the batterbas cooled a little add the yollss of four egrs, and finally the whites of two egrs. The batter should be stiff enough to roll out on a board. Cut it in friens ing size of an English walnut and fry. They rise to an immense size, as they are merely shells. FRUIT FRITTERS.
Mix the yolks of two eggs with a table spoonful of sweet oil, an even saltspocnful of salt and a tablespoonful of leuion juice. Alter mixing thece ingredients add a cup of flour, afd little by little a gill of cold water. The batter may now be set aside or the whites of two eggs beatex to a stiff iroth may be stirred intu it at once. If it seems too thick add an other white of egg. it must be just the proper cousistency to cnat the fruit thoroughly. To make an apple fritter, cut the apple (peeled) in slices across the core about a quarter of an inch thick. Remove the core from the centre of each circle and dip the slices, one by one, in the batter, being careful that they are thoroughly coated. Lemon juice may be used with these fritters. Pineapple fritters are prepared in the same way with slices of the ploeapple, peeled and cored. Lemon juice is better for fiavorian the batter for pineapple fritters. With the lobes of oranges from which the seeds have been carefolly removed, orange fritters may be made. The yellow rind of balf an orange, grated, must be added with the lemon juice to flavor the fritter batter.

CUSTARD FRITTERS.
Measure out a cup of milk, add it.to half a cup of flour, pouring the milk over it very gradually to make a smooth batter. Then
add a well-beaten egg and cook the batter in a double boiler for twenty minutes. At the a doable boiler for twenty minutes. At the end of this time add two yolks of eggs, a pinch of salt and a tablespoonrul of sugar. Let tae mixture boil up over the stave for a minute or
two longer, beating it carefully to thoroughly two longer, beating it carefully to thoroughly
mix it. Pour it into a long greased pan of mix it, Pour it into a long greased pan of proper size to spread it to the deptas of one is just as well to stand over night. The next day cut it in long pieces, abont two inches by three ; dip it in beaten egg, then in fine bread crumbs, handling it very gently, as it is soft Fry it in hot fat until it is a delicate goiden brown, and serve at once. These aredelicious fritters when flavored with a verg little bitter almonds or some grated -orange' peel. They may bémade inio añ excellent savory frities

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of Scotch ontmeal anda spirit lamp.
M. Michel Deberioff, a:Russian-journalist, nd on uf Geqeral Dobernuff, who started some time ago on a. walking tour round tho word. already visited the nincipalicapitals of Eucopa.

# THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN. 

## Motes of the valeek.

An article in the new Cuntemporary on "Marriage in East London," gives a somewhat dismal picture of the social conditions prevailing there. The writer, after describing the scene near an East-end church on Bank Holiday, the wedding day for the East-end, says: "One wonders, watching them, at the light-hearted way in which they take this step. For the girls especially, it means burdens which seem almost too heavy to be borne. By the time they are twenty-five, all the elasticity and vigour of youth are crushed out of them, and those who maintain their self-respect have nothing to look forward to but drudgery. These early marriages are the curse of the poor, yet the causes which lead to them are often almost inconceivably slight-a fit of pique, a taunt from some companion, the desire for a lark, or a bet.

Mr. W. T. Stead, the well-known editor of the Revicio of Reviews, has been making a special study of Chicago, and he makes revelations which may well cause readers everywhere to open their eyes. "The sovereign people,"hesays,"may govern Chicago in theory; as a matter of fact, King Boodle is mainarch of all he surveys. His domination is pratically undisputed, and the recognition of its existence is the basis of the limitations which are placed upon the taxing powers of the City Council. It being expected as a fundamental principle that the aldermen will steal, the longer-headed, well-to-do citizens, acting under the guidance of Nir. Medill, the editor and proprietor of the Tribune, then Mayor of Cnicago, limited the taxing puwers of the city to two percent of the assessed value of realty and personalty of the city."

The summer school plan, which owes its origin to the United States, and of which our post-graduate course is a modification, has also taken root in the Old Country. It has been resolved by the Council of Mansfield College to have a second summer school in July of this year. From the circular there is every prospect that the scheme will prove as successful as when first devised and carricd out. It is to extend from the 16 th to the 28 th of the month, and the uniform charge will be $\$ 12$, which admits to all lectures and meetings, and dinner in hall, which will be provided daily at 7 p.m. Among the lecturers who are expected to take part are Dr. Fairbairn, Professor Ryle, Dr. George R. Smith, Dr. Sanday, Dr. Bruce, Dr. Orr, Dr. McKendrick, Canon Cheyne, and others, and the subjects chosen are admirably varied and well sclected.

The Established Church of Scotland has had a committee at work upon the important subject of public-worship. Of this the Belfast Tribune says that "in many parishes of Scotland, as well as in Ulster, it has become driech and dreary instead of being uplifting and refreshing. The recommendations of this committeé have been sent down to Presbyteries with the result that so far their voice may be said to be in favor of wise and useful reforms, and against needless change and innovation. The better conduct of praise and prayer, the more devout observance of the communion, a more reverent treatment of the house of God, and a general increase in the devotional spirit amongst the worshippers. Such are the chief points which have been approved, while the use of the so-called Apostles' creed and the inclusion of the Nicene creed appear to be rejected.

Chicago had the cyes of all the world turned upon it last summer; and great is Chicago was the proud boast not only of its citizens, but of vast numbers besides, who although they had heard much and expected much of it, had yet to confess that the half had not been told them. The eyes of the Eng-lish-speaking world at least are now by Mr . Stéad's book beingiturned to it under quite another aspect. In another chapter of the book we have referred to, he says:" "Leading citizens of Chicago have repeat:
edly assured me that there is no hope and no future for the city of Chisago under the system of popular government. To abolish the whole system of administration, stock, lock and barrel, and to place the city under a federal triumvirate, appointed from Washington, who would govern Chicago as Washington is governed, is one of the favorite specifics. To make the mayor a Democratic Casar is another proposal. Universal suffrage is roundly declared to be a failure, and the whole hope of improvement is said to be the abandonment of the Democratic principle and the adoption of some form or other of uneman power.'

As Canadians we are always glad to know of the discovery of hitherto undiscovercd sources of wealth in any part of the Dominion, and especially where their existence was hardly beheved possible. It turns out that inland, behind the bleak and barren coast of Labracior, there is a country which may yet become very valuable because of its great natural resources. Mr. A. P. Low, one of the most energetic engincers of the Geulogical Survey, has been exploring the interior of this country, and in a report very recently received from him he tells a story which will cause astonishment in scientific and geographical circles. It is to the effect that the climate in the interior, where there are many large sheltered valleys, is far milder than was supposed. The vast district, he says, is thickly wooded with spruce trees, interspersed with poplar. There are many thousand square miles of spruce trees, sufficient to last for many years, after other Canadian forests have been exhausted. Most of the spruce trees, he says, would make timber is inches square. Throughout the country, he says, there are indications of vast deposits of the richest iron ore.

In the report for the year 1829, the directors of the London Missionary Society had to announce a deficiency of nearly $£ 7.000$, un a total revenue of $£ 42,000$. Their conduct on this occasion may be followed by ourselves. In their report that year the directors said, "We beg most respectfully, but earnestly, to press on the attention of all the members of the society, viz., the necessity of fervent and importunate praver for the blessing of God on the great work in which they are engaged." The great obstacles in the way of our success are such as no measures, however wisely formed, can obviate, and no labors, however resulutely prosecuted, can subdue. These obstacles are to be found, not so much in the political circumstances of heathen countries, or in the diversified forms of idolatry, though in themscives powerful obstructions, as in the inveterate depravity of the human heart, and the power of the god of this world over that depravity. These nothing can subdue but the force of Divine truth, and the omnipotent influence of the Holy Spirit. This combined operation we know, both from scripture and experience, nothing can effectually resist. The next year's report showed a balance of $£ 10,000$ to the good.

At the annual meeting of the Belfast Branch of the Evangelical Alliance the report stated that, early in the year the community was much agitated, and the minds of many of God's people were filled with apprehension as to the probable results of threatened legislation for this country, Under these circumstances of disquiet and alarm, a suggestion was made during the week of prayer that the meetings for united prayer should be contiaued for some time. Accordingly from January until the end of June a weckly gathering took place under the auspices of the Alliance, at which earnest supplication was made that the Almighty would so guide and control national affairs that the interests of His kingdom would be advanced in Ireland, and that civil and religious liberty might be preserved in our midst. We believe these meetings did something to calm public fecling at what may felt to be a national crisis, and we.thank fully recognize how truly God has again proved Himself the Hearer and Answarer of prayer: The Dean of Connor, in moving the adoption of the report, said it appeared to him, that the Evangelical

Alliance met in a very efficient manner the great Alliance met in a very efficient manner the great
want of the age, which was the union of orthodox Christians for the purpose of meeting and overthrowing the efforts of those who attacked their common Christianity.

Senator Fryc, of Maine, has introduced in the United States Senate, and Mr. Morse, of Masswhusetts, in the House, a joint resolution proposing to insert in the preamble of the National Constitution, after the clause. "We the people of the United States," the following: "Devoutly acknowledging the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations, grateful to him for our civil and religious liberties, and encouraged by the assurance of his Word to invoke his guidance as a Christian nation, according to his appointed way by Jesus Christ our Lord." Mr. T. P. Stevenson, editor of the Christian State, Philadelphia, says in a circular just received:" The language of the proposed amendment is taken from the religious acknowledgments in State Constitutions, from the late decision of the Supreme Court "that this is a Christian nation," and from the Senate resolution of 1863 urging Precident Lincoln to proclaim a national fast. With regard to this movement the Pittsburg Messenger says: "Over 100 friends of the Christian amendment left this city and vicinity March 5 for Washington, D. C., to be present at the hearing to be given by the house judiciary committee, to which was referred the bill recently introduced by Mr. Morse, of Massachusetts, looking to a formal recognition of God and his authority in the federal Constitution. A similar hearing will be given to the friends of the bill on March ; by the sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee. The delegation included a large number of ladies."

This is certainly an age of conventions of all kinds, and it is gratifying to observe that not a few of them are held in immediate connection with Christian life, and for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. The one recently held in Detroit in connection with the students' volunteer movement appears to have been of remarkable interest and power. A contemporary, speaking of the Sabbath overnwhich it extended, says: "A peculiar and impressive solemnity attended all the Sabbath ineetings. The power of which some indications had been seen during the preceding days, was manifested in its fulness. Many who had formerly lived only a passive Christian life were brought to a deep realization of that fact, and led to see the need of and to express a desire for activity in the Master's service. At the consecration meeting at S. 45 Miss Guinness was the priricipal speaker. She drew a parallel, illustrating it from her own experience, between the steps taken by an unbeliever in accepting Christ as his Saviour and the believer in receiving the Holy Spirit for service. The best testimony to the reality of such a power was that of her own shining face and convincing words."

The same contemporary gives an account of the farewell meeting of the convention, of which we can form so faint an idea as to make us say, "What must it have been to be there." The farewell meeting began at 7.30 . All available room was occupied. A classified report of the delegates present was read, showing that 35 institutions from Canada were represented, 72 from New England and the East, 41 from the South, and 146 from the West. Total, 294 The 1,187 stujents present added to 170 missionaries, secretaries and officers of other organizations made a total attendance of 1,357 at the convention. Then followed a number of brief addresses from various prominent speakers. A. cablegram from missionaries in India to the convention was read: "India needs now 1,000 Spirit-filled voluntcers." More than 52 delegates who expect to sail within a year stood up and gave their reasons for going to the foreign ficld. The sight made a profound impression. Over 3 I others arose who have said, since coming to the convention: "It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary.?

Qux Contrfbutors.

CONCERNING PREDICTIONS FUL<br>FILLED AND UNFULFILLED.

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How many of the predictions you have been hearing since you were a boy have been fulfilled? Not one in a thousand. Perhaps not one in ten thousand. Prophesying is as unsatisfactory as raising fall wheat at sixty cents a bushel.
One reason why the business is so unsatisfactory is because very few men of sense go into it. Sensible men know that the future is very uncertam and they are careful not to say positively what may happen ten or fifteen years hence, They lnow too, that the unexpected very often happens. One of the undoubted signs of a downright fool is the habit of speaking presumptuously and positively of coming events.
Do you remember the predictions that the old dominie used to make. The smart boy that be said would some day astonish the world, turned out, perhaps, a mule driver on the western prairies. The boy that he said would never amount to anything has been a prominent and influential man for twenty years. School predictions are often falsified. Once in a while a bright fellow fulfils the predi. toons made about him by his teachers and friends, but such cases are exceptional.
College predictions may come nearer the mark, but even the wisest of professors are olten mistaken when they undertake to predict the future of their students. It was understood that Priticipal Willis kept a private juurnal in which he wrote notes on all the students who attended his classes and made an estimate of their probable future. That journal, if it exists, would make interest. ing reading matter now. We heard the principal once say with great confidence that his "Young friend in Guelph has the brains to put himself in a first place." The "young friend in Guelph" has been principal of the Montreal College for over a quarter of a century. If all the predictions in the alleged journal turned out as well as that one, the principal was a long way above most of our moderu prophets. We rather suspect, however, that few of the estimates were so near the mark as the one made about the "young man in Cuelph." College predictions are not much safer than school predictions. You never can be sure of how anybody will turn out.
Political predictions are perhaps the most uncertain of all. Before any general election every corner grocery lounger and every talkative fellow on the back concessions can tell you just how it is going to be. Sir John Mc. Donald's overthrow was confidently predicted many a time, but during his long career be was badly beaten just once. Many phrases have beed coined to describe the manner in which Mowat was to be beaten during the last twenty years, but Sir Oliver is there yet, and more likelv than not to be there for some years to come. Several people have to be consulted before he retires.
It is sad to think that so many of the good things predicted about confederation have never taken place. Great statesmen who had grown old and weary in racial and sectarian war thought that when the young nation took a fresh start people would cease hating one another because they bowed at different altars. The statesmen who took this hopeful view were mistaken. Joe Howe used to say that "the smaller the pit the fiercer the rats fight." The pit was enlarged so as to extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but the rats fight more fiercely than ever. Sectarian strife is more intense now than it was twenty-five years ago. The separate school question is back again, and bactr to stay as long as money, or position, or votes can be made out of it.
McDonald, Brown, Tilley, Tupper Galt and others took the optumistic view at confederation. Dorion, Joly, Holton, and one or two more were the pessimists. It does sometimes secm ds if the pessimistic predictions were to be fulailed.
Ecclesiastical predictions of the blue ruin type are neariy always wrong. Just go back in memory to the days of your boyhood and
recall the number of time3 the ruin of the Presbyterian church in Canada, or of some of its parts, was predicted. The old Free church was to be ruined by the uninn with the U. P.'s in '61. Then all the churches were to be ruined by the union of '75. Presbyterianism was ruined when hymns ware introduced. ruined again when organs were allowed, and it would be ruined a third time if ministers were inducted for a term, a fourth time if a modified system of itinerancy were adopted. In fact, there is no saving how many umes a church may be ruined and still go on with its work.

## There is no individual congregation con-

 cerning which ruin was not predicted every time it took a step in advance.How would it do if we all candidly ad. mitted that we don't know anything about the future.
There is just one kind of a man rerre foolish than a modern prophet, and that is the man who pays any attention to his predictions.

FROM MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS.

## by rev. J. he dunoas:

The Home Mission Fund and all the other funds of the church will not receive the liberal support to which they are so well entulted untll all her miaisters throughout the whole church see to it that some form of missionary organization is put in operation in their congregations. In rural districts, villages, and in the larger towns, to trust to Sabbath collections is a delusion. The distance that many of our members and adherents have to travel. the badness of the roads at certan seasons of the badness of the roads at certan seasons of
the year, the inclemency of the weather, sickness and other causes render attendance at church very irregular. It may bappen-in fact it does frequently happen-that on the very days appointed for the taking up of the collections, not half, sometimes not one-third of the people are present. Even when the attendance is fairly good the offerings are not so liberal as they would been if monthly or quatterly calls were made from bouse to house by members of the Mission Band. There are many advantages connected with the adopthon of this or some such plan for rasisig necessary contributions. It is very important that our young people should become interested in the work of the church and have some share in furthering it. As giving is a siod babit that gathers strength by frequent exercise, it would prove highly beneficial to the givers themselves. In andouncing the monthly or quarterly calls the minister woula have a favorable opportunity for pressing upon the hearers the duty of giving systematically and freely in support of the gospel at bome and abroad. He would, moreover, feel it to be necessary to impart at suitable intervals information concerning the operations of the church in home and foreign fields. The spiritual tone of the congregation would be 1 m proved. That a special blessing would accompany and follow a datiful regard to God's will in the matter of giving is not open to doubt If wisely and kindly put before them as alike their duty and privilege to give, no minister need fear or sbould fear his people taking offence. Nor need he be at all apprehensive lest they should give tou largely, and he may keep his mind easy as to the question of his own support. It is not those congregations that give sparingly, but those that give bountifully that are most honorable in this particular. Perhaps, very likely indeed, the rich and well-to-do portion of our friends could and should do better-not in an emergency merely, but habitually-in the way of giving. Many such are open-handed and generous, it must be admitted, and so are deserving of just recognition. Too much dependence, however, should not be placed in this source of revenue. What is most urgently needed is the help of all the congregations all over the church in cities, towns, villages, country sections and mission stations. How this help is to be got-got from all our congregations regulasly, and in measure proportioned to their resources, except through the agency of some missionary association-I cannot understand. $I$ gad it d,fficult tobelieve that there are many, if any, of our ministers who do not know per-
fectly well that the paltry driblets of Sunday cellections will never-in the existing state of matters at least--meet the urgent requirements of the church's work. SENEX.

## FRAGMENTANY NOTES.

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Although the thermometer stood 22 below zero, it did rot in the least damp the fervour of Christian zeal which rose to fever heat during the stav of the Rev. Mr. Mills, the celebrated evangelist, who visited this city, and who had a most successful mission, if one could juage by the size and enthusiasm of the meetings, which were crowded to overflowing, hundreds having been turned away from every service.

It is not too much to say that Mr. Mills made a good impression by his visit, and by his powerful addresses and sermons not only awakened manv careless souls to a sense of their danger, but stirred up and strengthened many believers. Such a season of spiritual privilege will, no donbt, be a lasting benefit to a large city like Montreal ; and as usua!, under such circumstances, views have been expressed which will not always be endorsed bv all our intelligent peop'c, still the general effects must be good. Mr. Mills' assistant, Rev. Mr. Fleming, is still in the city, and continues to hold meetings, which are well attended. As a result of the visit of Mr. Mills, there will be large additions to the membership of the various churches, a thing gratifying to all Christian people.

Montreal may properly be called the city of "brotherly love." I hardly think there is a town or city in Canada where the Protestant denominations work and coonperate more cordially than in Montreal ; and why should they not? Protestants are in a minnority, and by the judicious effints' of the French Evangelization Society, of which the Rev. J. S. Tavlor is secretary, are steadily gaining ground, and are winning many over from the Romish faith.

## oUR home mission.

This mission has a strong advocate in the Rev Dr. R,bertson, the superiatendent, who would seem to be the most ubiquitous of men, as he is always turning up; but he is a!ways welcome to the pulpits of our church and to the homes of our ministers. He is an indefatigable worker, and from personal conversations which I have had with missionaries in the Northwest, and on the Pacific coast, he is doing a grand work for our church, and it will only be when the history of Presbyterianism in the Northwest and British Columbia is written, that his herculean labours will be thoroughly understood.

Dr. Robertson arrived here on Saturday evening and preached in St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning, and in Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, in the evening. The latter is one of the rising corgregations of Montreal, and the esteemed pastor, the Rev. John McGillivray, is making his influence felt on all sides. The present church, which is not only a new church but a bandsome one, is already $t 00$ small, and in the near future must be enlarged. Mr. McGillivray is well known in the west ; he is brother of Rev. Donald McGillivray, the missionary in China, in whom the congregation of St. James Square Church, Tornnto, takea such a friendly interest. Mrs. McGillivray is also from St. James Square congregation, and ably seconds his efforts in the important work which lies before him in Monireal.
the american presbyterian church is a prosperous congregation; the building, which is situate on the corner of Dorchester and Drummond Streets, is among the finest church edifices in Montreal. The congregation is thoroughly united and harmonious, and ander the leadership of their new and youthful pastor, has before it a bright future.

The pastor is the Rev. T. S. McWillams, M.A., who has recently entered on the werk here, and judging from the congregation present, the new pastor thas every reason to be encouraged. The large church was filled in every part, and the service was such as to edify and strengthen the large audience. The occaston was the ordination of three new
elders which made the apostolic number twelve in the congregation; and the ninis. ter praved "that there might not ba a Judas in the twelve." The Rev. Professor Ross, $r$ the Presbyterian College, gave the charg: to the onngresation, which was replefe vion wise counsel and instruction. The speaker insist: ed on three points: Honor, obedience, and encouragement, all of which he enforced in simple but beautiful language.

The communion was dispensed at the close and from the statements of the pastor. I con. cluded that the congregation had benefitted largely from the revival services which had been held, as there were nearly 100 had ap. plien to he received into membership.

The Rev. Mr. McWilliams is a native of the United States, has a youthful appearance, but a grave and impressive manner, and evi. dently understands the polity of the Presby. terian church, and although he admitted that differences nf npinion existed as to the Confession of Faith, yet he stood up for the Confession as a whole.

Professor Ross will be a source of great strength to the teaching staff of the Presbyterian Coilegr. He is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, and held a charge in Perth, Ontario. He is yet onlv in middle life; and has, to all appearance, many years of usefulness before him.

## Montreal, March, 1894.

## THE HYMNAL AND PSALTER:*

The service of praise in public worship is one well worthy of the earnest consideration of Presbytery. It has a most important bearing on the future of the church. The present discussions in Presbyteries, puiding the decision of the General Assemhly, will determine largely the character of the book soon to be issued; therefore the question deserves our best attention. There are some principles which, if adopted at the outset, will make the course of Presbytery clearer.

1. The book of praise should be adapted for the use of the entire congregation, both as to words and music ; hymns should be clothed in such simple language that the sentiment can be clearly understood by the average worshipper; the spirit of devotion should pervade it. It may contain lofty thoughts, ex. alted conceptions of God expressive of adoration, thanktulness or pettion, yet the language be simple.
2. Our hymnal should contan the best of the hymns of the past, but at the same time there should be an effort to supply such hymns as will express the devotional spirit ot our own ume. There is no doubt the work of the church in connection with special services, arded by what seems to be'a tendency of our age. have formed a taste for warmer expressions of devotion, and more exuberance of thankfulness and joy; more pressidg invitations to the unsaved, and tender pleading for their salvatron, than are to be found in the stately class1cal hymns of our collection. It will be observed that about ninety per cent. of the hymas sent down for consideration are of the stately class, and these united to the very large number of the present book will give an overwhelming preponderance to this high class of hymns. This is, perhaps, as it should be. The adeal hymns should give tone to the book, in time their educative influence will raise the popular conception of praise. Nevertheless the church will be wise if she incorporates a very considerable number of the best of these so-called evangelistic hymns. It will probably deter pastors occasioually at Sabbath evening meetings, and in special services from abandoning our hymnal and using Saakey's 750 Sacred Songs and Solos. Besides there are a great many devoted servants of Jesus who love to sing these hymas, their tastes and feelings shoold find expression in the new hymaal as well as the tastes of others. The Geaeral Assembly's commit. tee only recommends one additional hymn of this class. No. 113, in the list of proposed new bymas. Quite a number will, of course, be transferred from the children's hymnal to the church hymnal, but we think there should have been more effort to meet.the reasonable
e difficulties in the way with copyrights, et , but these can probably be overcome. I Wou, recommend that Nos. 115,198 of the Hemnal and Nos. 91, 135. 198, and 210 from the Children's Hymnal be retained and hymns such as the following from Sacred Songs and Solos, 750 pieces, be added: No. 123. "The light of the world is Jesus;" 168 , "Now just a word for Jesus ;" 236, "Only a step:" 297, "! Why not ;" 458," Softly and
tenderly Jesus is calling ;" 48r, "Jesus my tenderly Jesus is calling ;" 48 r, "Jesus my
Saviour "Firmly stand ;" 573 . "Only a beam of sunshive;" and also the following from "Songs of Calvary:" 8 , "I gave my heart to Jesus ;",
14, "Ye dying come ;" 28 ," Was it for me ;" 98, "Come away to Jesus now ;" 114, "Seek Me early." The characteristics of these will maicate what is suggested. these hymns are given, not to intimate that they have an exceptional superiority over devotionat as samples of a class of hymns more time than I har. It would take much expert investigation of many books to sug. gest a complete list; I think, however, a fuller collection of this class of hymns is necessary to make the hymnal complete and satisfactory to the church.
3. The tunes and harmonies should be such that the average choir can learn the parts with fair practice. The harmonies should be as simple as is consistent, with an elevated standard of melodious, solemn or joyful praise. In many of the tunes the harmony is needlessly complicated, as in Melita No. 43 .
This remark is true of many other hymns. This remark is true of many other hymns.
The comfort of a choir is often completely destroyed because they fail to render correctly some of the difficult intervals. There is another danger, if a choir finds the harmony a little too hard thev may try to aoopt the simple tunes of the American Singing School books to our hymns, and thus produce confusion and introduce tunes unsuitable in other respects. Old tunes which have won for themselves a place in the affections of the church should not be arbitrarily altered. Better leave them out altogether than do this. If retained, they should be left with the No reviser of harmon made them popllar. to mutilate "Peterborough," as is done in Doxology 4th, "Evan," "Jackson," and other old tunes are not improved by revision, while those who loved them as they were sung for generations, are offended at the changes. I have heard a choir attempt to ender "excelsior," "Nearer my God to Thee," No. 174, as it is written in the hymnal, but he people having the usual popular air in way ; the result was a sort of tug of war between choir and people, in which neither party came out victorious. The same is true of "Even me," No. 140. It is better to take a new tune altogether than make serious alterations in a popular air.
4. We now come to consider the psalter. The Book of Psalms has a place in the Presbyterian worship that it has, perhaps, in to other. Not only in abodes of worship in many lands in peaceful days such as these, but in earlier times on the hill-side, in mountain glen, when pickets had to be stationed to guard the persecuted congregation from sudden incursions of soldiers, these solemn stanzas in weird melodies were poured forth, the tribute of praise of godly men and women their Creator, and the aspiration of many hearts ascending upwards for restful peace and dauntless courage in perilous times. The Psalms are hallowed to us, not only by associations of joy, but by the affl ctions of centuries; they should therefore have a byterian congregation worship of every PresThe congregation.
The question betore us is not the use or desire of the Psalms, but whether the use of selections shall be permitted to those who do tyranny to say to congregations, "You will Psalms." permitted to use only portions of the salms." Let congregations have freedom much the whole psalter and in the version so this matter at There should be no change in many congregations that do not use the whole psalter, and which would be better satisfied
with selections from the Psalms with tunes set to them as to the hymns and included in the hymnal. There seems little doubt this is the form our books of praise will ultimately take and that we are now in a transition state. It would be very arbitrary to say to congregations desiring to have their book of praise in this form, that they could not have it. The General Assembly's Committee have re commended that the hymnal include selections of Psalms, and in other versions if preferable, in order to meet the wishes of those anxious to have the book in this form, and if it shou'd prove that any great number preferred the hymnal in this way, it would be tyrannical to refuse their request.
It may be urged that the tendency in time will be the disuse of the psalter in its complete form. That might be, yet it would not be politic or right to interfere with the liberty of congregations to use the P Palms by selec tions as proposed. It is questionable if the use of the whole psalter could be preserved by refusal to meet this request. Everything should be done that will assist in perpetuat ing the use of the majestic and devotional Psalms usually sung in the church. If a considerable number of congregations should prefer it, selections of the Psalms most loved and sung might be placed with tunes for convenience in the first portion of the hymnal part of the book of praise. It would be most unwise to deny them.
Something may be said on retaining the whole psalter as a legacy from the historic part of Presbyterianism. We ought to be willing to do what is reasonable to preserve the historic continuity of the church Even sentiment may te worthy of preservation if it has its roots in the life of the church of earlier times, but there is another potent influence at work, the "world moves and we must move with it." The Presbyterian church has found that out more than once. She has been compelled to break with the historic past in allowing the introduction of organs, and in the use of hymns in divine service. How the question of the use of the whole psalter or selections will end we of course do not know, but we should secure to congregations such reasonable liberty to use one or the other in the service of praise to Almighty God, and we earnestly hope the day will never come in the history of the Presbyterian church that will see the Psalms disused in public service.
THE TORONTO YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

So few have any definite idea as to what the above association is that it has been thought well by the society to place before Presbyterians, through the columns of our church papers, the short sketch of its origin and work, as given by one of the members at a recent meeting.
The Union was organized in 1888 . The idea was received from an article in the Presbyterian Review, giving an account of such a Union lately formed in Philadelphia. This article came under the notice of one o the Tororto societies, then in a weak condition. It was working along the old lines, and realized that beyond entertainment it was doing little for its own members, and nothing for anyone else. It was at a loss to know what step to take to better its condition, and thought that from such a Union the desired help would come. Accordingly the matter was placed before the other associations and thoroughly considered, with the result that the Toronto Young People's Presbyterian Union was organized. Its object is to bring into closer contact the young people of the various Presbyterian churches of the city, that the strong might help and encourage the weak, that they might consult together as to their work, and gain from the experience of others new methods, and also avoid the tend ency to overlap, so often caused through ignorance of the work of others. Mr. R. S Gourlay was chosen as first-president. During his term of office several devotional and business meetings were held, and the voung people of the churches taking part were the work they were endeavoring to accomp the wo
lish.
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Mr. R. N. Donald succeeded Mr. Gourlay
years. The work in these years was much the same as in the first, with the addition of two new departments. A magazine was started and issued quarterly for one year, when it was found unadvisable to continue it, as the societies did not give it the support in the way of contributing articles that was expected. Financially, however, the magazine was a success, which was a cause of congratulation to its promoters, even if they found themselves unable to continue it. There was also an earnest effort made to bring the churches into touch with the strangers, especially students and young people coming to the city for employment. To this end a circular was sent each minister of the Presbyterian church in the Dominion, explaining the object of the Union, and supplying them with cards, so that when a young man or woman from any congregation left to come to Toronto, his pastor would send to the Union secretary a card giving the young man's name and address in the city. The secretary would then see that such a person was called upon, and an effirt made to interest them in one of the Presbyterian churches. This, we are sorry to say, did not meet with a very hearty response, but few pastors availed themselves of the opportunity thus given to place the church workers here in touch with their young penple when they removed to Toronto.
Mr. G. H. Smith was third president, he too holding office for two years. The Society of Christian Endeavor had been steadily growing and replacing in many churches the Young Peuple's Association. It had its own Union, and while the Presbyterian Union included all Young People's Societies, it was felt when the Endeavor was doing good work, and in many ways the work aimed at by the Union, that the time had come for the Young Peopie's Presbyterian Union to disband. A meeting was called for that purpose, but after fully considering the subject from all points, it was decided to wait and have another meeting before giving 1 dp . This meeting, supposed to be the last, was held in Westminster church and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held. After considerable discussion it was decided not to disband, but to make some changes in the working of the Union, bringing into it more of the missionary element, seeking to interest the Young People's Societies in the mission work of the church as a whole. Since then the tendency has been forward, and those who have the interests of the Union at heart see many things to encourage them
Rev. W. A. J. Martin, presidont for the past year, has been untiring in his efforts, as were all the other presidents. Missions have been more earnestly studied in many of our societies, and all are becoming more alive to the need of pressing forward to success the plan adopted to retain in the church the many young people, strangers in our city, who, when they leave home, so soon drift away from all church influence and connection. This work can be done in a measure without the aid of the pastors outside the city, but it can be done in greater measure, and with more assured success, if the pastors out side will unite in this matter with the worker in the city. The opportunity for young people to drift away would be greatly lessened if a friendly hand were extended when they reack the city, and before other influences have had time to draw them away. The secretary for the coming year is Miss Anna Flaws, 44 Wil cox Street, and she will be glad to see that anv stranger whose name is sent her, will receive the hand of fellowship from the young people of the church they may wish to attend.
Our motto is, "All things for Christ," and the objects of the Presbyterian Union are these, to cultivate in young Presbyterians a spirit of loyalty to the church to which they belong, a feeling of interest and sympathy in the work of other Presbyterian churches, a more extended knowledge of, and interest in the mission work of our church, both home and foreign, and so to greet those who come to us as strangers, that they will feel as friends.
This is what we aim to do, and we trust that many during the coming year of our work may be led to join us, giving to us the
benefit of their help and encouragement the year may be the most fruitful the Union

Cbristian Endeavor.
WHAT IS CHRIST'S LIFE DOING FOR YOU?-AN EASTER TOPIC.
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Mar. 25.-11 Tim. 2: 2 -
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Easter reminds us that Christ is now risen, exalted and glorified. We think of Him now, Dot merely as a crucified Saviour, but as a Prince exalted to His Father's right hand in heaven. While it is well we should look back to Calvary and consider the burdens that He bore, it is also desirable that we should look up and see what He is doing for us now. I we do this, His life will do much for us.
I. Relief in the fact that Christ lives will invest our present life with a new charm and with a greater grandeur and dignity. Believing in a living Cbrist we realize that "'Tis not the whole of life to live." We live not for the world only, but for another, and the very thought of living in glory with Jesus, makes this life a greater and grander thing than it would otherwise be. This thought also lends us new support. There is in one of the valleys of Perthshire, a tree which sprang up at the rocky side of a little brook, where there was no kindly soil on which it could spread its roots, or by which it could be nourished. For a long time it was stunted, but by a sort of vegetable instinct it sent a fibre across a little bridge which was close beside it, and that fibre fixed itself in the rich loam on the opposite bank of the streamlet. Now what that bridge was to the tree, a belief in a living Christ is to us. While we live here in an unfriendly world, we draw our strength and nourishment from a better land. "Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we look for the Saviour." "Our lives are hid with Christ in God " (Col. iii. 3).
II. Belief in a living Christ makes us strong to labor or to suffer for Him. When the disciples were being tossed upon the sea of Galilee, they would have felt stronger to battle with the waves had they known that Jesus was on the mountain-top watching them. But we know that though Jesus once died for our sins, He rose again and now lives to strengthen us for our duties and to help and bless us in the discharge of them. This knowledge should surely rouse our fig. ging zeal, and stimulate us in the hour of conflict. Jacob, Moses and Gideon all felt able for the work which God assigned them when they were assured that God Himself would go with them, and so we now should feel strong for work when we know that our risen Lord is with us always (Matt. xxviii. 20).

If, however, our lot should be not to labor, but to suffer, we can suffer patiently and resignedly when we remember that Christ lives to bless us with His love. A little boy was once obliged to undergo a painful operation. His father said to him, "Do you think you can bear it, my boy?" The child replied, "Yes, father, I think I can if you will hold my hand." Knowing that Christ holds us in His own right hand, we too can bear cheerfully whatever trials are imposed. Not only so, but we know that if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him (II. Tim. ii, 12). "If we suffer with Him we shall be glorified together."
III. Belief in a living Christ should make us confident in prayer. What is He doing for us now? Pleading our cause at His Father's right hand. "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." May we not, therefore, come with boldness to a throne of grace and make our desires known ?
IV. Belief in a living Christ should d.s. pel our fears, and especially our fears of death and the grave. Easter reminds us that Christ broke the bars of the grave and rose a conqueror. His resurrection insures ours, for since He has risen from the dead, He has become the first fruits of them that sleep (I. Cor. xv. 20). It was a beliet in Christ's. resurrection that enabled Paul to say, "Oh, death, where is thy sting ? oh, grave, where is thy victory?" It was faith in the fact that Jesus lives, that enabled many a Christian to face death without a shudder. Through laith in a living Christ, we feel that we have a lien on the life immortal.

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THANLSGIVING.
For the sound ot waters rushing
In bubbliug beads of light;
For the feets of snow-white lilic
Firm anchored out of sigh1;
For the reeds among the eddres
The crystal on the clod ; I thank!Thee, 0 my God !
For the rosebud's break of beauty Along the toiler's way;
For the violet's eye that opens
To bless the new-lorn day ; To bless the new- worn day; For the bare twigs that in summer
Bloom like the prophet's rod; I thank Thee, O my Gud :
For the lifting up of mountains
In brightness and in diead;
For the peaks were snow and sunshine
For the dark and silent gorges
For the dark and silent gorgcs
Whence mighty sedars nod,
For the majesty of mountains,
I thank Thee, Omy God!
For the splendor of the sunsets,
Vast mirrored on the sea;
For the gold fringed clouds that curtain
Heaven's inner majesty;
For the molten bars of twilight,
For the glory of the sunsets, yet awed
For the glory of the sunsets,
I thank Thee, O my God I
For the earth and all its beauty,
The sky and all its light
For the dim and soothing sbadows
That rest the dazzled sight
For unfadıng fields and praıries
Where sense in vain has trod
For the world's exhaustless beaut
For the worldse exhaustless
For an eye of inward seeing,
A soul to know and love;
For these common aspirations
For these common aspirations
That our high beirship prove
For the hearts that bless each otner
Beneath Thy smile, Thy rod;
For the amaranth saved from
I thank Thee, $O$ my God!
For the hidaen scroll, o'erwritted
With one dear name adored
For the beavenly in the human,
The Sparst in the Word;
For the tokens of Thy pres
Within, above, abroad;
For Thine own great gift of being,
I thank Thee, 0 my God.
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INDIVIDUALIT\} AND DISCIPLE. SHIP.

Even when the grace of God has begun to work in our hearts it is not an easy thing to live a well-balanced, symmetrical life. We are all too prone to pride ourselves upon our special accomplishments and easy abstinences. Our religion is not a mere self-culture working from without, bowing itself to the restraints of a shallow social etiquette, while the eal problem of life is left unsolved and the deepest needs of the soul iguored. It is a God-given life destined to leaven the whole being, but such a life has its own culture. We must " work out our own salvation with ear and treming," bicause it is "God that worketh in us to will and to do of His good pleasure." The indwelling of the Divine Spurit mplies the out-reaching of the human spirit after all that is lovely in thought and ife. In this there are two factors, two points from which we can view the manifestation of life and the perfecting of character. There is the fact of discipleship and the growth of the individual along the line of his peculiar God-given powers. We hear considerable discussion just now about protecting "the Protestant Religion." Without discussing party movements we may remark in passing that it is important to protect our religion from the inside by declaring clearly the sweet evangel concerning personal salvation in Christ, by teaching our cbildren to face solemnly the great facts upon which our faith is founded, and by training our young people to a thoughtul life which is informed and guided by tinose principles so fully revealed in the words of the Master and the teacbing of the Apostle Paul. Let us drell tos a brief space on one of these points. The development of Christian manhood requires these two thingsdiscipleship and individuality. The first hing in our Christian experience is our submission to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
the most important thing is our constant loyalty to Him. In this self-surrender and service the soul finds a quickening force which impels it along the path of real progress. In this way the redeemed man will find his true individuality, unless his life is overlaid by church authority or social conventions. As a matter of theory, there will always be discussions between the socialist and the individualist. It is not easy at any time to mark out "a scientific frontier" dividing the realm of cturch authority from the sphere of individual conscience. This question cannot be setlled by a formula but by living, and the fathful, intelligent disciple is in a position to deal with it because the authority of Christ blends with the life of the soul and stimalates tis highest powers. What is meant may be made clear er by the example of a man witb whom we are familiar rather than by an abstract statement. When we study the life of Paul, "the adostle of the Gentiles," we see at once, without any minute analysis, the presence of these two forces; he is so much a disciple that he can say, "I live, yet not 1 , Christ liveth in me." But how clear it is in this case that the " 1 " is not lost, is not enslaved, but made free and brought into a large place. When we think of the education that this man had in his youth we are astonished at his boldness, independence and breadth of view. He will consider the needs of weaker men and the convictions of his brethren, but be is detersermined at all hazards to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Corist has made him. Like Amos and other great " men of light and leading" he stands for the rights of the individual conscience against the tyranny of pelty rules or the censorious judgment of narrow-ainded men. Unlike men of small soul he does not seek for himself the authority which he reststs n others, " not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your ioy." We do not claim perfection for the apostle, the ull-orbed, perfect manhood is found only in the Son of Man, but this "chosen vessel," rich in life and abundant in labours, is a fine example of the union in Christian experience of subjection to Christ and a large personal life.
All awakened men feel their need of a leader ; what is called hero-worship, has'ts root in this fact. The men who, in their hatred of priest-craft, fiercely reject all forme elchurchlife, are not free from this law. They have their "popes" to whom they render a more subservient worship than we are prepared to render to any mere buman guide. Comte, Spencer and Huxley have not only intelligent admirers who recognize their limitations, they have also blind, bigoted devotees. We may, perbaps, be allowed to stretch a point and say his also is well and shows us that even in hese matters " one touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Our hearts hunger for the heaven-sent leader, the rightful Lord of our souls. And when men tell us that they have no school for our souls and that we must feed our hearts upon the fleeting things which only seem to be, we cry with Peter, "Lord, to whom shail we go, Thou hast the words of eternal life." An indirect testimony to our Lord's divinity which does not come within the scope of ordinary theological proofs is met with just here. He holds a place which is all his own. He satisfies the hearts of those who come to Him , and while the surrender of the soul abjectly to any church system or any ecclesiastıcal leader, however great, degrades that soul, the complete submission of the heart to Christ is the way to life and freedom. If, with Paul, I can claim to be the bond-slave of Christ, I am on the way to an ever-decpening and expanding life. Our Lord has the characteristic of the highest leader, He can attract. When $H$ is lifted up He draws men unto Him. Bur Sic stands the test as no others can; the men of deepest insight, of largest thoughts, of quickest sympathies are found among those who bave been most completely subject unto Him.
In these days we need to resist mere conentionality in religion, we need to encourage not conceited singularity, but bealthfut individuality. In the days of the Reformation the individual soul, with its rights, privileges and responsibilities, was re-discovered, disccyered in the sense in which the prophet Amos and the apostle Paul presented it to the. thoughts f men. The mystics may have proved in
sc'itude that they had souls, but they did nothing for the emancipation of their fellowmen. And as in all other crises the world was not saved by the critics, but by those who felt that they had heard God's voice and must ccho it in their own feeble fashion. That side of the truth has its dangers ; there is no need to deny that fanaticism and licence are greal evils, and we are not afraid to admit that docrines of luberty, even when handled by the ablest teachers, may be ignorantly or wilfully misunderstood. Such teaching places great honor upon the individual man and demands from hım 3 sincere submission of himself to God. Now, whatever our theorics may be we know that the present kind of society is towards " socialism," if we rnay use a word which is all the more useful because it is so vague. People who have a perfect hatred to socialism in the political sense of that word, say and do things which men of the last gene ration would have rejected as socialistic. The spirit of the tume affects us all ; this idea that the corporate whole ought to do things which were formerly left to the individual unit is growing. This will probably go on until it works its own cure and some of us have to urn back to find a trutn which we have forgotten, a truth which in the past has cost the noblest soul much anguish when they have elt their best life strangled in them by the ruthless force of a mectanical church. In some of the older civilizations the city was everything and the cituzens nothing, but we cannot go back to that. Our social elevation must come to us, not through the sacrifice, but through the enrichment of the indivdual Ite. Here the prospect is tempting, there is agreat space in which we might wander and deal with specific questions. Our business now, however, is with general principles. We would have our young men to realize that the way to find the highest individuality is to find Christ. He is not the Lord of a sect, the Ruler of a chque, He is the King of meu, of man as God made him, and as God would have him be. In Him men find their true selves and prove that religion is not a narrowing but an enlarging of their life. Those who are true to Him cannot be false to the laws which govern the highest manhood. Their life is from within: they live from the prompting of a renewed spirit and not under the bondage of minute external regulations; they live under a law which does not depress, but stumulates their life ; they tave bowed before a King whose service is freedom.

## THE JUBILEE OF THE Y.M.C.A.

In antupation of this event, which is to be celebrated in Jane next, the Christian Com monwealth has interviewed Mr. George Wit hams, the founuer and president of the association, and from the conference with him we extract the following :-Fifty years ago a few young men met in a small upper house of Messrs. George Hitchcock \& Co., St. Paul's Churchyard, and there consututed themselves into a Young Men's Christian Association. From his early days, Mr. Williams was full of spintual enthusiasm, and upon enteritg as an assistant in 1841, the firm of Messrs. Hitchcock $\&$ Co., soon made his influence felt. Something of the nature of a religious revival took place under the stadow of St. Paul's. Mr. Hitchcock was converted, and heartily encouraged the formation of the X.M.C.A " It is our year of jubilee," said Mr. Williams, ' and we welcome its advent with unspeak able joy and devout gratutude. We are now making preparations to appropriately cele brate the auspicious event. In Jure--th month in which the Y.M.C.A. was born-a Jubilec Interational Conference will be held in Exter Hall, when about 2,000 delegates are expected-representatives from every country where associations exist-and we are anticipating gatherings of interest and usefalness, such as we have never before experienced. As to the amm of the Y.M.C.A., he said-" It should never be forgotten that the chief characterstic of our work is that it is a spiritual work. This is its distingaishing glory. We are prepared to adapt our methods to the constantly-changing requirements of the tumes, but we believe that spiritual results can only be accomplished by spiritual means. The main object of the X.M.C.A. is to lead young
men to the Saviour. If we are the means of spiritual usefulness to young men, we benefit them in every way. They are better able 10 control themselves, and beccine better business men-this I have proved over and over again-they are placed upon a higher platferm, both for this life and the life which is to come. They thins become as the salt to preserve, and as the light in diffuse Christ's teaching among those with whom thay asso. ciate, and become true helpers to whatever section nf the church of Christ they may belong, and to the great missionary cause. Hundreds of young men who have been brought to the Saviour by the agency of the Y.M.C.A., have gone forth to the mission field. During the past year 95 young men have gone from the ranks of the English As. sociations to devote their lives to foreiga and home mission work, and to the Christian min. istry. Oaly to-day I met with two young fel fows, both members of the Association, who at the end of this month hope to go out to Thibet as missionaries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 am convinced-and I speak from long ex: perience-that the greatest good you can do to a young man is to induce him to yield his heart unreservedly to Christ." Comparing the young of to-day with those of the time when he was a young man, Mr. Willams says: "I think they have greatly improved. The young men found to day in the great houses in the city, are altogether a better type than they were when I commenced business life in this house, 53 years ago. There is a much bigher tone about them ; there is not so much intemperance or immorality as there was." "Andas regards industry, honesty, punctuality, and trustworthiness?" "An improvement thern, too; indeed, it is so from every stand. point. Whenever a man has been influenced spiritually, he necessarily becomes a better servant, and discharges his duties more thoroughly and with greater satisfaction to his employer." Regarding the benefit sucb associations may be to young men, Mr. Williams considers "a young man of high priuciple, who is also persevering and cap. uble, is pretty sure to make his way. of course, there are some who lack the gift, and beyond a certain point would not succeed anywhere. If a young man gets under the influence of the Young Men's Cbristian As. sociation, he is improved immensely in every way. It sharpens his intellect, helps him to preserve his health and vigor, makes him areliable, trusty man, and thus contributes to his success. I am constantly meeting with mea," sad Mr. Williams, "who many years age came uader the influence of the Association, and they testufy that the benefits they recerv. ed from tt bave helped them all througb sbea after life."

## A SPIRITUAL MYSTERY.

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Rev. Dr. Burdett Hart, in relerring to Christ's use of the vine and its branches, as a tupe of the relation existing between him and his people, says, "When by faith the sonl takes hold of him, his life streams into that soul, as when a cutting is gratted into the parent stock, the life of the stock flows into the engrafted wood, and it become, thence forward a part of the one growth. Chris's life through faith comes into humanity, and al human souls, joined to Him by faith, become Christiaa souls, partakers of Christ, one vilh Him. This is mystery, but myster is every where ; and this spiritual mpstery is no mort unsoivable than the mysterious processes which are before our eyes in natural growiss, and wioch change all around us." Of cours it is not. The man who says that he rejects Christianity because of its mysteries, ought, fer precisely the same reason, to reject all natural growth, processes and alterations. Indeedi with as much sesso and propriety, he shoud, reject the sact that he is a man, as to reject Christianity on the ground of mystery, for be bimself is a bundle of mysteries, from begit. ning to end. Now, the vital union of Chinit ciple as is the union between tho same prio ciple as is the union between a vine and its
branches. There is not a branches. There is not a whit more mystery

## SMisstonark dalorld. <br> LETTER FROM MRS. WILSON, INDIA.

Mr. Edror,-Atter a few days in Bombay, we went to Wai, by way of Poona, to visit a friend. The journey up the Ghats was delightful. It had been so hot and steamy in Bombay, that the cool pleasant air of the higher country was doubly appreciated. And the mountain scenery was bewitching. There are few peaked hills among the Ghats. Most of them are flat topped, with tower-like pinnacles rising here and there, the sides having the appearance of battlemented walls, so that you are often deceived by the pecular formation of the rock, isto thinking that you have in view some old, deserted Mahratha stronghold. As you rise higher and higher, these fortress-like peaks come more and more into view, and stand out clear and soft against the exquisite Indian evening sky, the rosy light sbining about them taking a deeper and richer tint in the intervening valleys. The Ghats are very thickly wooded at the base, and about half way up, makiag splendid cover for tiger, and other "biz game."

We passed Kandala, a sanitarium, where some people go to get rid of fever, and about eight o'clock in the evening reached Pnona,
where we stopped about an hour and a half, having dinner as the station. From Poona a narrow gauge railway carried us to Wather, which we reached about 1.30 in the morning. Here we were transferred to a big phation which carried us and luggage the remaining twenty-one miles to Wai.

Wai is an old Mahratha town lying at the feet of the Mahableshwar Elills, and, like so many of our towns here, a peculiarly sacred place. It contains many temples, and the proportion of Brabmans to the rest of the population is very great. Mahratha Brahmans we would call them in this part of the country. There, in their own country, they are simply called Brahmans, while all of lower caste are called Mabrathas.
The American Board has carrid on mission work in Wai for many years, and at present the station is in charge of two ladies, one of whom is the widow of a former missionary. These ladies generally find the people respectful and kind, and they have receired belp in various ways, particularly from the younger men. There is a library, and in connection with it a reading room in the town, and when the ladies asked to become mem. bers, a battie ensued becween the old men and the young men, as to whether the request should be granted or not. The matter was ended by the advanced men saying that they would cease te be members themselves of the ladies were not allowed to join. Therr names, therefore, were added to the list of members, and by paying a larger fee than the others, they bave the privilege of reading the English papers in their own bungalow, and the old, orthodox Hindus have not the pain of seeing their resort desecrated by the presence of females.
Yet Mabratha women told a very different position from that of the women of some other races in India. They are not "purdah," and in their own country they go about with a freedom that one does not expect among in. dian women. We visited a girls' school in Wai, a government, not a mission school, and were surprised to find so many Brahmani children receiving instruction in the different standards. Aboat sixty girls were present. The teachers were, of course, Brahmans, the head teacher a man, and the second a fine looking woman, who had, I suppose, been herself educated in one of these schools. A dursi also was prcient who taught the girls sewing, and samples of their work were shown us. They learn to make such garments as are worn by themselvas, and they spend a good deal of time on a kind of chain stutch embroidery with which they decorate their jackets. Some of the work was beautiful.
I was surprised to hear the children sing, for I had fancied that singiog was not considered a respectable accomplishment by high caste women in any part of India. One may live a long life time in India, and always be learning something new about the peoples and their manners and customs. The girls sang
two and two togetber, in unison, hymus in praise of some of their gods, or some verse inculcating the practice of different virtues. In one of these songs men are urged to educate, and give woman lee proper place in the world.
They are reminded that in the olden times, men and women were equals, but that the order of things had changed, and woman had been oppressed during many ages. Now she must again be restored to her original position. Think of that teaching in a heathen school. I have not been able to find how many schools of this description there are in Western India, but they are not numerous.

There is, of course, a mission girls' school in Wai, and there is an understanding that the girls shall not be received from the government to the mission school, nor vice versa, without the knowledge and permission of the different teachers. This agreement, the misasionary in charge of the school told me, has been faithfully adhered to by the goverament teacher.

A sister of Sundribai Puar, of anti-opium fame, isliving at presentat Wai, where her hus. band is engaged in mission work. She speaks Englist well, and is a nice companion for the mission ladies. You will be inte ested to hear that Sundribai Puar, while visiting Ahmednapar lately, on an anti-opium crusade, was the guest of some of the high caste Hindus of the city. Meetings (drawing-room meetings, we would call them) were arranged for her by these friends, and all possible help given to ner in the work she has so much at heart. A Christian woman, an outcast, received as an honoured guest by caste Hindus, and aided in helping on a much-needed reform 1

The pastor of the church at Wai is a very fine old man, whose influence on the people is, they say, very good. The Christian community is small, but they pay 12 rupees a month towards the pastor's salary (Rs. 20), the mission ladies themselves giving only Rs. 2 of the amount. I mention the sum given by the missionaries towards the salary in order that you may know exactly what the native Christians do themselves. Mission reports of native cturch work are sometimes rather misleading, for the money reported as raised by the congregation ts yery otten largely given by the missionary or missionaries in charge. The church, which is a schnol room on week
days, is small and very plan, but much more sultable than a handsome, expensive building. At the back of the church are rooms for a catechist and his family, and the pastor lives in a nice,
compound.

After a few days spent at Wai, we went on to Ahmednagar and from there to Mhow where we first learned that Mr. Wisson had
benn appoinied to take Mr. Campbell's place in Rutlam while be shall be away on furluagh. in Rutiam while "e shall be away on furluugh. ing to go on with the work given us to do.

Yours truly,
Rutiam, Feb. t, iSg4.

## MOVING CHRISTWARD.

Mr. Edward of Breslau has been very much
and encouraged by a visit from a Jewish patriarch
who resides in a large iown in Poland. By the study of his bible in private he bas been moving Christward during the last twenty years, andibas completely broken with Judaism. He is now the leader of a like-minded band of about twenty, most of whom are his own relatives. For some time they have
been reciving instruction from one who is well-known to Ms. Edward. The whole company wish now to go to Breslau that they may be recelved ato the Christian church by maptism. They are all supporting themselves by their owa industry, but, as they are poor, Mr. Edward hopes that some friends of israel ling expenses to and from their home. He regards them as the first-fruts of a movement which, be is persuaded, is influencing whole which, he is persuade of the Continent, and which should kindle a hopeful and prayerful interest among all Christians.
Mr. Christe ot Safed $\begin{gathered}\text { rites } \\ \text { about the young }\end{gathered}$ Jew whose declared preference for Christuanity caused such a commotion among the Jews in
Galite. He has not yuelded to the storm Galitec. He has not ylelded to the serm
that burst upon him. He is now a successtul that burst at the Protestant College of Beyrout His lamily will not pay a farthing of his fees at a Protestant school, though he provides his food. A friend in Beyrout paid his fees last food. A friend in beyro y , year, and Mr. Christie hopes that some gen-
erous friend in Scotland may supply $£ 5$ for crous iriend in Scotland may supply d5 for Church Monthly.

## PULPIT, PRESS AN'D PLATFORM.

Rev. A. Robertson: ltaly is ripe for a great religious reform. No effort should be spared to sustain and extend the work.

Rev. Dr. MacVicar: The work of beeping up and extending French Evangelization should begin with ministers in the form of giving information regarding our mission to their pecole that they may contribute more neerally to its support.
Inter-Ocean: Just why the lact that a young man is enrolled at a college should be accepted as a justification for his throwing off all the proper restrants of conduct, and as conferring upon him the right to play the rowdy or the blackguard, is not very clear to an orderly mind.
New York Evangelist : It may be all right to reform the saloon, but the work will not be done until you have reformed its patrons, too. Given a crystal pool and a miry one, the lark or the bluebird will take to the first and certain other creatures to the second. It
is not wholly a question of one's surroundings, but of nature.

The Interior: The first undraped female figure the Greek sculptor ever Iproduced still retained by its side the bathog jar and the robe in hand, as some sort of an apology for the situation; but the most of the nude figures displayed in the past Columbian Exposition were simply " poor naked wretches" without reason or shame.

Catholic Record: Reverence for God is something different from the love of God and fear of Ciod. Let us ask if Almighty God has not set up any pasticular sign of reverence that we ate to pay Him? What is that, among all religious practices, which He would have us do as a token of inner and outer reverence? It is reverence for His holy Name.
The Interior: One of the most pleasant and bopeful features of the Christian life of to-day is its breadth of fellowship; and nowhere is that wide fraternity better shown than in the work which has for its end and aim the conversion of the world to Christ. Among the reflex beaefits of missions is the growth of that practical unity upon which all large success depends.

Hartford Religious Herald : Of all that is being said and done in these times in relation to the poor, the wisest and most efficient are those which teach and atd the poor in taking care of themselves. Other helps are temporary. This looks to permanent relief and creates hopefulness and self-respect and cheractor, without which the condition is hopeless.

The Standard, Chicago : The bill introduced in the legislature of New York making "hazing " among students a criminal offence, is a bill that ought to become law. Where the hazing resalts in disfigurement, those concerned in it are made liable to a tine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one bundred, or imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than a year.
W. T. Stead on Chicago: It would have been cheaper for the city of Chicago to have paid every one of her aldermen $\$ 10,000$ a year, if by such payment the city could have secured honest servants, than to have turned a pack of hungry aldermen loose on the city estate with a miserable allowance of $\$ 256$ a year, but with practically unrestricted liberty to fill their pockets bartering away the property of the city.

The Standard, Chicago: Mr. Gladstone will be known in history as the enemy of abuses of every sort, whether in church or state, and as the determined advocate of modern life find ancient institutions ne longer tolerable. His magnaficent intellectual power has not been more conspicuous than has his interest in all tubat concerns human welfare, and government in the interest of all the people.

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A score of years, twenty, perhaps more, intervene betwenn the vision at Bethel and the prayer at Peniel. The deceit of which he had made his father the victin, being practised on himself, lengthened to fourteen the seven years he had covenanted to serve for Rachel. Laban found his son's vice so profitable, that opposing Jacob's desire to return, he entered into an arrangement about wages, which, indeed, he often changed (xxxi. 7, 41), but which throughout resulted so favorably to Jacob, that he tocreased exceedingly in possessions. This great prosperity aroused the displeasure of Laban and his sons. Jacob, aware of this, was commanded of God to return, and having communicated with his wives, planned to go back to Canaan. Advantage was taken of Laban's absence sheepshearing, to set out unknown to him. When made aware of it, pursued Jacob, but was divinely warned against injuring him, and they parted after having made a covenant at Gilead. Jacob now went on to the fords of the Jabbok, a stream which flows into the Jordan. On the way he was encouraged by again meeting angels of God, but thrown into great distress by tidings that Esau was approaching at the head of four hundred men.
I. The Prayer. - Dread of Esau's vengeance, and the feeling of his own utter helplessness, drove Jacob to prayer. Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, as well as petition, turns into a plea that God will deliver him. He adored God as the God of his fathers, and as the God who had appeared to himself, acting on whose command had brought him within reach of his brother's pos. sible vengeance, and whose promise had been given to deal with him. His own utter unworthiness or such mercy and faithfulness is next confessed. Both in his earlier life and also in the years which had passed since Bethel, there had been little to call down favor from God. In that thought the confession merges into thanksgywing. The vistble token of the blessing bestowed on him, so undeserving, is seen in the two great bands of followers and possessions, in contrast to the simple staft with which he first set forth. This additional plea taco fatthfulness forms an Esau, and asks deliverance, adding one last direct plea, by reminding God of the promise direct plea, by reminding God of the promise Jacob seeks also to propitiate Esau by making up a present from his flocks and herds which is sent on in several droves, at in. tervals, so that Esau receiving them as suc.
 II The Double Wrestling.-Atter Jacob encamped on its banks. Throughout the nacob encamped on its banks. Throughout the he sent his household and cautle over the fords. Remaining himself to see the camping ground clear, he is seized by an antagonist, who clear, he is seized by an antagonist, who
wrestles with him unprevailingly till daybreak. Jacob, relying on his physical strength, keeps up the contest, until suddenly his thigh is strained by the touch of the mysterious wrestler. Uterly disabled, Jacob now knows the real character of his opponent. This antagonist discloses one more formıdable than Esau standing between him and the land ot promise. Jacob must be made to the land of promise. Jacob must be made to see that all is of grace. This revelation that ing the land as the old Tacob, puts an end to his self-confidence. if new, contest begins. As his antagonise seeks to go, Jacob hanging is helpless dependence, wresties in prayer, determined ere he goes to obtain his blessing (Hos. xii. 4). The old self-confidence is gone Jacrb has surrendered himself to God. In this self-surrender he has prevailed, becom. this sited surrender receive God's blessiag.
III. The Gracious Issue.- The blessing Jacob sought connects itself with a new name, which expresses the elevation of his character. The name, which recalled the surewd crattiness of his past lite, is replaced by
one which declares him a prince of God, one who has been able to strive wita God. Henceforth bis relation to God is higher, more inforth bis relation to God is higber, more inAs a consequence, in God he will have preAs a consequence, in God he will have pre-
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THE press reports tell us that people go in crowds to hear trials for murder, struggle for front seats, take lunch with them and sit all day. Ladies usually make up a considerable part of the audience. If these people were detained five minutes over the usual time by a prayer, or ten minutes by a sermon, or twenty minutes by a communion service what growling there would be

THE effects of the removal of a master mind are soon seen. Gladstone has scarcely let go the reins in England when the Government he had led suffered defeat. The following held together by the old parliamentary hand is quite likely to go to pieces. Sir John Macdonald was scarcely cold in his grave when his party began to show lines of cleavage. His most influential Ontario supporter is now forming a third party. Nobody who reads the newspapers need be told that Sir John Macdonald is dead.

IT is said that if the incomes of the Episcopalian clergy of all grades in England were thrown into a common fund the average salary of each minister would not be as large as the average stipend of a Free Church minister in Scotland. The dignitaries have princely incomes, but about 1400 of the clergy have less than $\$ 500$ a year and more than 4,000 less than $\$ 1,000$ a year. The people who talk in the most top-lofty style about the Apostolic succession are not always very liberal in their support of the men whom they say have come down in a right line from the Apostles.

THE British Weekly has a fine literary article on the three great essayists, W. R. Greg, Walter Bagshot and Goldwin Smith. Keferring to Mr. Smith's career in Canada, the Weekly says

In Canadian politics he bas interfered after a fashion, his main object being to weakey the British connection. But on practical questions he is not a safe guide. He has retained in amazing integrity the priggish, donnish, academic manner which is vanishing even from the Uuiversities. He is not in contact with affairs or with men of affairs. His view of things in this country is often ludicrously perverse. Above all, he lacks humour.
Mr. Smith was scarcely a factor in Canadian public life, but it should never be forgotten that he was one of the most charitable men in Ontario. His purse was much more useful than his politics.

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS and many who are not very pronounced on either side of the iquor question are watching with much interest the course that prohibitionists are taking towards the Mowat Government. For years prohibitionists complained bitterly that the political parties would not take a decided stand on the liquor question. Now one of the parties has staked its life on the issue. It is confidently predicted that not merely consercorrect.

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vative temperance men will stand by their party as usual but that prohibitionists in the Patron and P. P. A. ranks will vote for Patron and P.P.A. candidates as against any supporter of the Mowat Govern ment pledged to the eyes to pass a prohibitory law. A little time will show whether these predictions are EFORE anything more is said about the low rate at which Ontario maintains the insane and idiotic part of her population as compared with the rate per capita in most, if not all the asylums of the United States, it may be well to find out what causes the difference. Do they manage their insti tutions extravagantly, or do we pinch our lunatics and imbeciles. No doubt cutting down the daily allowance of a lunatic or an idiot would mightily please some of the organizations that are making a loud cry about economoy at the present time, but it should be remembered that the Province has a character to maintain. There are a few people in Ontario, even this hard year, who would not care to be known as citizens of a Province that economized on the food of the insane and imbecile.

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do hope that no representative man in the Presbyterian Church will do anything so folish as to try to square possible deficits when the books are closed by a cry about economy. There is nothing in the church now that we know of that is not managed with a degree of economy that verges on meanness. Salaries and everything else are just what the Supreme Court has made them, either directly or indirectly. Considering the amount of work to be done and the ability of the church to do it, the committees have not undertaken too much work, as some allege. If the people are not willing or not able to pay the money needed, let us say so like honest men and not bombard those who are managing our work with cries about economy. The managing our work wing to say as well as the right thing.

## THE GREAT TRUST

THE word trust has come in some aspects of it to have a sinister meaning. In this sense it is applied to a body of men who, by having possession of certain means or facilities in matters of trade and commerce, by which they have it in their power while doing an honest and legitimate business and making honest and lawful gain to serve their fellow-citizens, divert and prostitute their means and opporzens, divert and prostitute their means and oppor-
tunities to advance their own purely selfish ends at the expense of, if not even to plunder and rob their fellows whom they might and ought to benefit. The greater the possible benefits which it might be in their power to render, the more blameworthy, the more guilty is their conduct, the more flagrant is their violation of the very idea and object implied in a trust. This violation has in certain cases been carried so far and accompanied by such disastrous results that men have risen up in their might and swept away the guilty wrongdoers.

There are many other things not having a commercial value, which are also of the nature of a trust, equally liable to abuse. Indeed it might be said that every gift, or qualification, or possession, whereby one may have it in his power to serve or benefit his fellowmen is of the nature of a trust, committed to him to be used in this very way by the great Giver of all. Every such thing is also capable of being abused in the way we have already referred to.

The trust, which above all others, has in it the greatest possibilities of good to mankind, is one often referred to in the scriptures, and under this very aspect of something to be used not only for the benefit of those who possess it, but to be used equally for the good of others who do not possess it. This is the gospel. The great apostle of the Gentiles says, "We were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel," and ayain he speaks of the "Glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust." In reference to this great trust which had been committed to him he says, that having it he regarded himself as a debtor to all men, that so long as he had this gospel he owed something, this gospel, to everyone who did not have it. They had a claim upon him for it as having been put in trust with it for their benefit. And how he sought to discharge this trust everyone acquainted with his history knows the self-sacrifice, the incessant toil, the hardships, the persecutions, the ingratitude, hatred, poverty, suffering, and at last death itself that he might discharge this trust.

His life as, we know it, was the embodiment of his idea of how he ought to live having the gospel as a trust. As a trust it was given him to impart to others, and so far as he failed in doing this to the very utmost of his ability he was guilty of a viol $\because$ tion of his trust, guilty toward his fellowmen for depriving them of what they had a just claim upon him for, and guilty toward God who gave him the gospel in trust.

This is how the gospel comes to all who receive it, as a trust to be sacredly used for the good of others; this is how we ourselves poisess it as a trust of incalculable value, having within it unlimited capacity of blessing of all kinds for this life and for the next, for time and for eternity, which we hold that, in accordance with the intention of the Giver, we may impart it to others. The greater the value and possibilities of good in this trust, the deeper the loss and privation involved in the want of it, the greater the wrong done to them, and the guilt in the sight of God, by unfaithfulness to this trust. As Paul was a debtor to all who had not this gospel, so do we, so will all who shall yet receive it, owe a great debt to our fellowmen until everyone of them to the utmost corner of the globe shall have received this gospel.

It is a natural question to ask, "How has the Church of Christ in its corporate capacity disch arged this trust?" Let the millions still without the gospel and the deplorable condition they are in to-day, as rezards this life even, and their still more deplorable condition as regards the future life answer. Who dare say that, if the church had been faithful to this trust, every people on the face of the earth would not have long ago been in possession of the g.spel, and the whole aspect of things been unspeakably better and brighter to-day than it is? But it is a still more pertinent and important question, how are we individually, how am I, who have this gospel in trust, discharging it ? What have I done? wnat am I doing in the matter of this trust? As individual Christians, and members of churches, we discharge it mainly through our different church schemes. It is well known what anxiety is felt every year, as to whether they will enable the church to meet its honest obligations, and that this year the anxiety is greater than usual. One of the chief ends for which the church, as a whole, and its individual members exist, is that they might spread the gospel with all its incalculable blessing 9 , of which they have been put in trust. Would our funds be in such a state as to cause this anxiety, and so greatly impede the spread of the gospel if all were individually dis charging aright this trust? If any are conicious of guilty short-coming in this matter, it is not yet too late for this year; now is the time for them to, as far as may be, make up for past neglect, and at once set about, by enlarged liberality, discharging in some more worthy manner this great trust which has been laid upon them of carrying the gospel to every creature

## THE YOUNG MEN'S ERA.

CM. COPELAND, writing to the Manitoba Free Press on the Students' Volunteer Convention lately held in Detroit, and speaking of general impressions made by it upon his mind, on which, as it appeared to him, stress should be laid, says: "Perhaps the first thing that would strike one was the youth of the leaders of this movement. Mr. Mott, the president, is 27 years old, and none of the leaders look to be more than 30. ." This prominence of young men, and we might also add of young women is, all will admit, a feature of our time as well as of the remarkable convention referred to. This was well illustrated by a meeting for students held in Association Hall, Toronto, on Sabbath, the IIth inst., to hear Mr. Donald Fraser, the representative of the Volunteer Students' movement in Great Britain. This meeting suggested a contrast to what students' life, especially students' Christian life, was thirty or forty years ago, to what it is now. Although there were then, we doubt not, 'individual students whose piety, Christian earnestness and zeal were as real and sincere as any to be seen to-day, it had no organized existence and was much more rare then than now. The University of Toronto could not be said to have then any perceptible religious atmosphere, and even that of Theological colleges was much more feeble, less aggressive and fervid than it is now. To have called then upon very short notice a promiscuous meeting of students of the arts and theological colleges would have result ed in getting only a mere handful together. It is not so now. Their religious life now is open, con fessed, organized, aggressive. Only on the Friday
before had it become known that Mr. Fraser could be present and intimation be given of a meeting for students on the Sabbath afternoon. At the appointed hour the body of the hall was well filled by several hundreds of young men and women brought together by their common interest in the cause of missions. It was an interesting and most hopeíul sight, especially so to one who remembered and could contrast it with the state of things from twenty-five to forty years ago. A young man occupied the chair and presided, a young man read the scriptures, young mell led the praise and another belonging to Toronto University, with the Rev. Dr. McTavish gave the opening prayer. A student of Trinity Medical School, one from McMaster Hall, one belonging to the School of Pedagogy, and others, all young men, engaged in prayer. A young man, a Scotchman, of modest, unassuming, but manly mien, representing several hundreds of young men in the home lond, gave the address which, as he warmed up to his theme, disposed those from the land of the heather to say in their hearts, "Scotland forever!" In the evening a large number of young men as well as a large, promiscuous congregation assembled in Old St. Andrew's Church to hear again the some young man.

These gatherings and the object for which they were brought together were, indeed, very suggestive. They contained not a few volunteers for the foreign mission fields, and many more who, if they could not go in person, would be earnest workers at home for the field abroad. These are only the advance guard of a great army whin are to go forth to conquer and possess the world for Christ. They suggest that, if the spirit of piety and fervour, and zeal, and consecration, which has begun to pervade the church, continues to increase in volume and momentum in the coming years, as they have done during the past twenty-five or fifty, and there is no reason why they should not, there is every prospect that they will do so, by the end of the present century, the glorious gcspel of the blessed God may be preached at least for a vitness to the ends of the earth. They suggest more, namely, this, that the gospel preached by men and women of consecrated lives, and filled with the Holy Ghost, will by the divine blessing, produce such results, be so effective to the raising up of a like-minded native ministry, among people now heathen, of different races and tongues, that nations will be born in a day; movements such as those among the Jews, in many parts of India, in Japan and clsewhere, now just begun or in progress, shall be rapidly consummated, and the whole earth will be, if not Christianized, at least mightily transformed and uplifted. What is needed to carry on this work is not machinery, not organization, necessary as they are in their place, but first last and midst, prayer, prayer, prayer.

## THE FOREIGN MISSION TUND.

SEFORE us lies a circular which the Rev. R. P. Mackay, Foreign Mission Secretary, has issued to our ministers and congregations, in which it is stated that Dr. Reid presented to the executive of the F. M. C. the following comparative statement of receipts up to the 13th March:

|  | 1893. | 1894. |
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| Home Missions........... | 4150.83 | 4099309 |
| Augmentation............ 16,28483 | 16.93939 |  |
| Foreign Missions........ | $49,261.28$ | 38,12046 |

It will thus be seen that whilst the other funds are pretty well up, the Foreign Mission Fund is Sil,000 $^{2}$ behind the reccipts at the same date last year.

It is also noticed that many congregations give little or nothing to Foreign Missions, dependiag almost entirely on what the W. F. M. S. are doing and yet the funds of the W.F.M.S., according to their constitution, can only be applied to work amongst women and children.

The present liabilities of the F. M. C. for work, to which the funds of the W. F. M. S. cannot be applicd, are $\$ 74,688$, and yet whilst we are near the end of the financial year litcle over half that amount has bcen received.

We would most earnestly ask the attention of the church to two points in this circular, namely, first the fact that, according to its constitution, the W.F.M:S. cannot divert their funds to any other purpose than that stated in this circular, that is work amongst and on behalf of women and children. We are convinced that it is to over-looking this tact, and consequently congregations being satisfied, nay, being so highly pleased with what is given by the woman's society and mission bands for forcign missions, as to give little or nothing more for this object that this large deficit is mainly due. There is a very large part of the expenditure of the Foreign
Mission Committee to which noportion of the funds
of the W.F. M. S. can be applied, and it is for this part of its expenditure that the funds are this year so seriously deficient. It might be desirable that the constitution of the W. F. M. S. had been otherwise than it is. That is not the question just now, but the fact which every minister and congregation should know, remember, an': act upon, that their fundscannot be taken for any other purpose than that laid down in their constitution. Much more must be given by other organizations for our foreign mission work than has been given this year to make up this serious deficiency.

The next point which tre hope every minister, and congregation, and evet, inember and adherent will lay to heart when this -ircular is read, is the largeness of the deficiency in the funds. It is a matter for devout gratitude that the other funds referred to in this circular have come so well up. Now let the whole church take up this one, and take hold of it, and it is able if it is willing to bring it up within the next few weeks, so that when the General Assembly meets there shall be no deficit, and the Foreign Mission Committee's report will be presented and received with thanksgiving and praise instead of sorrow and sadness, to the church. To have any deficit must dampen the zeal and hopefulness of our foreign missionaries, it will be a reproach to our church, and what must Christ think of us, if having the means, as we have, to do the work He has put into our hands to do, we withhold them. We have organizations and we have money enough to meet this emergency; we need no more of these. If we might offer a suggestion to ministers, elders and all others in our church anxiously concerned to obey our Lord's last command, it would be to do witn this circolar, as King Hezekiah did with a letter of trouble, rebuke and reproach, "He went up unto the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord, and prayed unto the Lord." Let every one pray over it and ask, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do," and if we will give as the Spirit prompts when upin our knees, there will be abundance in the Lord's treasury to meet and more than meet this need.

## CHINA INLAND MISSION.

T${ }^{-}$HE public mecting held in Association Hall, on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst., in connection with the abjve mission was large, and butior the unfavourable sta'e of the weather would have been much larger, showing the widespread and deep interest felt in the most interesting work done by the China Inland Mission. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Frost, the agent for this work in Toronto, and beside him on the platform were Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Taylor, Rev. Dr: Wardrope, Miss Guinness and others. Mr. Hobson in addressing the meeting, bore witness to what he had personally seen of the high personal character of the missionaries, and the good wolk they were doing for Ehina. The Rev. Dr. Wardrope combatted the idea that this mission was in any sense hostile to those carried on by separate church organizations, on the contrary it was helpful, he considered, to, all Christian missions. Mrs. H. Taylor, fullowed by her husband, also spoke and gave much interesting information respecting the work being done, of which at some future time we hope to give a more detailed account. Reference was more especially made by Mr. Taylor to the interdenominational and international character of their work, their workers being obtained from nearly all evangelical bodies of Christians and from many lands. This was a time at which he considered there showed be a forward movement along the whole line; China was waiting and open everwhere for the gospel.

The address of Miss Guniness was especially intercsting and impressive. She gave a most vivid description of the work done by the missionaries as she knew it by her personal experience, of the state of the people, the women especially; their need of the gospel and their willingness to receive it, of the hopes and fears, the temptations, and dangers and loneliness often of the missionaries'.life and work in Inland China. Her account, told evidently only with a desire to help others, of her own experience, how she had been lifted out of a state of despondency, and alternation of hope and fear, of coldness and gladness in doing her work into one of constant rejoicing in it and unshaken faith and confidence, was of thrilling interest, and mist have proved most helpful to many present desiring to get lifted up into the higher region of holy light and peace and confidence in the work of God.

## Jbooks and (Thagazines.

The March Arena contains a large number of valuable and suggestive artucles. Bang up to the times they are Werongly coloured by the tnought and condurins of the day. We can only mention a few of the many artucles whicn make up this number. "In Parental Influence," Sidney B. Elliot, M.D., enters upon the consideration and clucidation of a difficult and nost important subject. "Two are by Rev. F. B. Vrooman, "The New Bible" and "First Sieps in the Union of Reform For:es." "Manusl Training, os. the O a Method of Education," "The Right of Eminent Domain," " Nationalization of Railroads, "line Cause of Financial Panics," "Jesus or Crarar." The editor contributes, "A New Social Vision." Arena Publisning Co., Boston, Mass.

The Treasury is one of the standard periodicals of its kind, and comes from month to month always with a good bill of tare. That for this month is no exception. Its sermons are, "The Way o s of Duubt," Professor J. A. Howe, D.D.; hurst: "God is Love," Rev W. W Taylor. " B. Park. hurst: "God is Love," Rev. W. W. Taylor : "Building Purpose of the Law," Joseph Rubinowitz Some "The Tiue leadiag secuons, supplied by well-known Some of the other pasitory Lectures, iosading Sermonic Thoughts, are ExMen's Service, Liviny Issues Discussed, Thoughts, Young Tnoughts on $Q$ iestions of the Diy, for pastoral work and for the hour of prayer. E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union, New York.
"The Church and Social Problems," by A. Scott Mathe. son, is a contribution to a subject now engrossing very large$y$ public attention, and which must coatinue to do so to a cussed in a clear and vigorous style as, "The Dis of the Cnurch in Relation to Sncial Problems". "The Dand of the tion"; "Tne Libor Question "; "The Problem of Pov. erty"; of "Be Labor Question "; "The Problem of Pov. of "Woman's Hlace and Influence," and the concluding chap ter is on the City of God. We do well, and especially Christian ministers and students to study such subjects $O$ ChrisAnderson \& Ferrier, 30 St. Mary St., Edinburgh.

Our New Hymnal is compiled by Philip Philips, Mus. Docr., and Philip Philips, Ir. The publishers' notice says it lieved to be among the best found in tine English language They have been most carefully selected from ail sources, and are especially adapted for use in the church, the Sundayschool, prayer-meenngs, and all religious gatherings. This is glad in handy for use ; its appearance commends it, and one is glad in looking over it, to find many familiar hymas and much factlitates the use of it. Funk \& Wagnalls Company, iI Richmond St., Toroato.
"The First Communion" by Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., is a booklet of some ninety pages, intended to give instruction and help on this important subject. It is arranged under the in a maner so, Am, and Afier. The whole subject is treated besides, in such sort, compses, that it should be foond, and most readable and helplut to all whose thoughts are lurd both this subject. Pastors would find it very surable to pur into the sunos of their young people or very sultable to pur into ties on this subject. Anson D. F. Randolph $\&$ Co., New York.

7 he Sanitarian should find its way into the hands of $m=d$. ical men generaliy, members of boards of health and of municipal councils especially in towns and cities. That for March, besides other imporiant information, contains articies on "Agriessive Sanitation," a "Review of the Sanitary Condition of New York," "Theinfectinu,ness of Pulmonary Tubercuosis," "A Natıonal Board of Health, and National Registraion a Necessity," the edıor's table and notices and reviews
of bnuks, and much other matter. The American News of bnuks, and much other matter. The American News
Co., New Yosk.

Harper's Young People for March is bright, interesting, pure and wholesome reading for the young, beautifully print-
eq and illustrated. "The Fur-seal's Tonth;' is a study of eq and illustrated. "The Fur-seal's Tooth;" is a study of Ala!kan adventure, to be continued; "Peter Walking on the
Water" is a capital stort sermon by Rev. James $M$ Ludlow, Water" is a capital stort sermon by Rev. James M Ludlow,
D.D. Other articles equally good of their kind make up this D.D. Other artucles equally good of tneir kind make up this
number. Harper \& Bruthers, Franklin Square, New York.

The Literary Digest is arranged under the following heads: "Topics lor the Huur, Social Problems, Letters and Art,
Science, Books, the Religious World, from Foreign Lands and Miscellaneous." Uader these respective beads is to be found much interesting, instructive and helpfil reading served up in brief and comprenensive articles. Funk and Wagnalls Co., 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

In the hands of its numerous bright contributors, Worthington's Illústrated Magazine for Márch keeps up its excelleace. Tnose wnose taste or whose thme does not permit of readong long or heavy articles will find sometbing bright, in. teresting and informing in the pages of this magazine made more interesting by
Co., Martford, Conn.

The Elude, February, T. Presser, Philadelphia, Pa. It is a fine number with its numerous clever articles on muica subjects, to mustcal people. There are five pieces of sheet "Idilio" and the "Hungarian Gjpsey" are splendid spectmens of their styles, cach well edited and fingered.

The Leader, Feinuary, Jean. White, Boston, Mass., is specially dor bandsmen and oands, who will fiad pleaig of musical reading in this monthly paper for the home and Eands. There 1s a set of scores of
minch for iz orchestral instumentis.

# The Jfamily Círcle. 

OLD LETTERS.
Tho house was silent, amd the light
Was gading from the Western glow;
sill tears lad dimmed ury sight, Somo letters written long ago.
The yonees that have passed away, The faces that haice turned to munald. Weres round me in the rom to day And laughed and chatted as of old.
The thoughts that youth was womt to thinh, The hopess now dead for ever nure, Came from the lines of faded ink As sweet and earnest as of yore.
I land the letters by and dreamed The dear cead past to lifo again The present and its purpose seemed
A falling vision full of pain.
hen, with a sudden shout of glee, The chaldren ram into the
heir little faces were to me
we world was full of meaning still, For love will hive though losed ones die I turned upon lifo's darkened hill
and glonied in the morning siky.
Frederick George Scoth in The Week Dummonduille, 1 I. Q .

## A VISIT TO THE WEST R.VDIES.

1Owing to these miteresting letters having been posted at dafierent points in the writer's journey and reaching us at Grst out of their consecutive order, a luthe confusion-is appar. ent as they have been published. From this point, however, the proper order will be pre-served.-ED.]
The Parade Garden in the centre of Kingston is well worth visiting. There are some rare trees of immense growth, such as the "albizza" or "woman's tongue," the "cassia" and mnother tree, the botanic name of which we cannot give, but it grows to an immense size and casts its roots from above into the ground.

We paid a vist to the markets in early morn, and every visitor should do so if be wants to see the characteristics of the people. Hundreds of women from all parts of the country are disposing of their goods in their native gibberisb and such as uproar, each vieing with the other who can yell the loudest. Here may be seen loads of luscious-looking pines, bananas, mangoes, grapes, straw apples, pawpaws, avocado pears, oranges, grape fruit, cocoanuts, etc., etc. During the evenings the
streets are crowded with women, especially on Saturdays.
The Institute of Jamaica in Kingston is well worthy of a visit and many curious relics are seen here. There is an excelledt library in connection with the insutute, free to the public. A beautuful collection of polished specimens of native woods is shown, and trophies of East Indian arms. The arch. xological sectron contains many curious relics of old Jamanca. One article especially drew our atiention: an old iron cage with a skeleton enclosed, in whicta in the early Spanish days criminals, or rebellious slaves were suspended in trees to die of exposure and starvation. This cage with the skeleton, as it now appears, was unearthed in Si . Andrews some years ago. There is also the bell of the old church at Port Royal, which was submerged in the earthquake of 1692 and subsequently recovered by divers.
The old Kingston Parish Church is an interesting and venerable pite, dedicated to the Charch of England; it was erected in the 17th ceniury. On a black marble slab in the chancel is the following inscription: "Here lyeth the body of John Benlor, Esq, Admiral of the White, a true pattern of English courage, who lost his life in defence of his Qaeene and country, November ye 4 th, 1702, in ye jacd yeare of his ase by a nond in his legre received in an engagemeat with Mons. Da Casse, moch lamented."
A drive to the Government Gardens at Cistleton, 19 miles from Kingstod, is a beautifal ditive. The pardens contain a large colleclection of native and other tropical plants such as cacas, zubbex plants, nutmen, clove, peppers, vanilla, cardamum, sarsapanilia, Liberian coffee, elc.
Jamaice is the largest of the British insular possessions and is situated in the Caribbean

Sca. It is distant from Cuba 90 miles and from the black Republic Hayti 100 miles. Its extreme leagth is 144 miles and extreme width 49. The island is divided into three countries, Surrey, Middlesex and Cornwall. These counties are divided in parishes.
The aboriginal name of Jamaica, "Xaymaca," is said to be derived from ewo lndian words, "Chabuan," signaifying water, "Makia," wood; the name is admirably indicative of the fertile character of the country. The island was discovered by Columbus, 1494, and for a period of 160 years was under Spanish rule. The natives were not cannibals, neither ferocious or cruel ; they were religious and saperstitious. They were kind to each other and hospitable to strangers and on the whole appear to have been a harmless simple-mind ed folk. It is related that Columbus was refused food by these Indians and in order to secure what he desired, predicted an eclipse of the moon at a certain hour as a sign that his great Deity was angry with the people for not supplying him with food. The eclipse came, the people were frightened and a pleptiful supply of provisions were assured for the future. Of course Columbus knew by his "Whitaker" of the eclipse, but he gained his point through their superstition.
In 1655 Admiral Reun arrived in command of an expedition with instructions from Eng. land to "obtain possessions in the West Indies of that occupied by the Spanish" and so Jamaica passed under British rule. In 1692 occurred the greatest calamity which has ever befallen Jamaica, vi, the earthquake, in which the then wealthy town of Port Royal was almost entirely swallowed up. The earth was shaken with such violence that on all sides were seen ant heard the din and confusion of falling walls and buildings. Wharves laden with valuable merchandise, private houses of wealthy men, merchants stores, together with the church and government fortifications, were all overwhelmed in one common ruin, as the earth opened and closed again, receiving into its bosom whole streets of houses and hundreds of terrifiod people, so did the sea rise in hage waves completing the devastation. Then a pestilence broke out from the putrefying bodies lying on the shore, which claimed as many vicums as the earthquake. The following is related of one Lewis Galby, a wealthy merchant of Port Royal who died in 1739, that he was swallowed up by one earthquake shock and before life was extinct a second shock cast him up again into the sea, whence he escaped by swimming to a boat.
In ISO7 the slave trade was abolished, resultung in rebellion, with great loss of life and property. Finally nearly six million pounds sterling was paid to Jamaica owners in consideration of the manumission of 255,290 slaves by England.
Jamaica occupies an important strategic position in the West Indies, a position which will become of greater value if the water way connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans ever attains realization.
On the last day of 1892, at 30 o'clock in the afternoon, our vessel left Kingston behind. On our way over we witnessed a sight-often read of in a story-a "coolie ship" from Calcutta with over 1,00 coolies on board. She had just arrived and was in quarantine for 7 davs before she could land her living cargo. Every one was on deck geting aired. It was a sight
never io be forgoten. Every foot of that never to be forgotten. Every foot of that large vessel was occupied, riggings also, with a mass of black faces and white bodies, for they wore white overalls. We learned the cargo of living beings were for the sugar plantations in Jamaica.
We decided to return by steamer to Bermada and await there the amrival of the "Duart Castie" for the Winiward Istands. We were giad to get away ftom Jamaica 25 the beat was so inteose, Tro days' sail brought us to Turk's Isiand, चiere we anchored at $\delta$ p.m. The natives tbe it to their credit) refas. ed to work on Sunday and being behind time our captain refosed so wait over to discharge or take on cargo, so getting the mails he heared anchor and left $2 t 11$ p.m. There is 2 law which compels the mail steamer to lie over three hours and no more.
The ron from Tark's Island to Bermuda was all that could be desired and oa Thursday morning we dropped anchor at Grassy Bay, to await high tide. Finally we focad ourselves
comfortably at the Windsor Hotel, kept by a Canadian, most comfortablo and homely in every respect. Almost opposite to the hotel is the famous rubber tree, of immense size.
On the afternoon of our arrical we had the pleasure of witnessing the departure of the North American Fleet for the West Indian Islands. We drove to Langton Point, just opposite the dockyards, and commanding a splendid view of the fleet as they lay anchored in the harbor. Promptly at 3 p.m. the troop ship "Tamar" heaved anchor and steamed past, bound for England, with crews whose time had expired. Immediately afterwards H.M. ship Blake steamed seaward, and as this great warship passed by we had a fine view of her. She was followed by the Mowhazuk, Tartar, Buzzard, Cloopatra, Carada.

It is seldom such a sight is seen, and we considered ourselves most fortusate in viewing their departure. We must not forget to mention another sight which appeared every evening while at sea. Who bas not travelled in the tropics, and across the boiundless Southern Atlantic, that has not seen and admired the sunsets : grand, beautiful, glor ious. Half an hnur before his disappearance behind the horizon, he assumes the appearance of a huge ball of fire, while the sky is shaded in vatious tints, and the clouds around forming themselves in all kinds of fantastic shapes, the whole presenting a real picture which pen or songue would fail to describe. Almost as soon as the sun goes down, darkness sets in. Sometimes we linger on deck long after darkness covers the deep, in contemplation of the Great and Mighty Ruler. who controls these vast oceans in the hollow of His hand. We look over the sides of the vessel into the darkness beneath, our eyes are daznled with the silvery phosphorescent glow as the waves, combed by the action of the vessel, wrestied with one another.
On Sabbath we attended service at the Presbyiterian Church, Rev. Dr. Burrows, pastor. We were introduced to the worthy Doctor before the service, which bappened to be communion Sabbath. We enjoyed the service immensely, which was different from the form we are accustomed with at home. In stature and speech the Doctor is not unlike our Dr. Coctrane, of Brantford, and in power of speech would make a good seconder. We also attended the Sabbath school in the afternoon, conducted much as our own, thenumber present beiug about eighty. The church is the smallest of all the churches in Bermada, surrounded by a aice lot wilh roses and plants. Attached to the church is the manse, a picture of ease and comfort, as it lies snugly amidst the many beautinl tropical flowers and plants. We saw no black people in the church, and but one in the Sabbath school.
In the evening we attended the Methodist Cburch which is a large and imposing structare. This being interchange Sunday-the first in the year-Rev. Dr. Burrows preached. The negro part of the congregation all sat together in the back part of the church, of whom there wonld be about a hundred and fifty present. It is very apparent the Methodists ge: the black peopie to attend their services.

We are now-while waiung the arrival of our steamer to take us to the Windward Islands-exploring every coraer of this beautifal isle, with its lovely drives. We take a buggy and drive one day to Ireland's Island, the next $t 0$ St. George's, the old capital, through scenery lovely and enchaning. We pay another visit to the dockyards, through which we were shown, and in the floatiag dock lay H.M.S. Mfagziense. We were shown all the wonderfal thangs in connection with the great ship, and the foating dock, 2nd after we were throagh, our official gaide positively refosed to accept $20 y$ remuneration - the first in our experience. He was a colored soidier too, bat could put to shame many of our whites, in manners, education and general knowledge.

## ST. ThOMAS-WEST INDIES.

On Monday afternoon we boarded the steamer Duart' Casilt, a: Bermuda, for the ieeward Islands. This is the steamer apon which Carey, the lrish informer, went to the Cape, and was shot theo leaviag her at Cape Town. She now ruins between Hallifax and Demerara, at a mail packet.

Four days! run brought us to St. Thomas, and all the time we had beautiful weather The only incident which happened to mar ithe mutual enjoyment of all, was the accidental poisoning of a favorite cat of the stewardess. Nothing could assuage her grief at the sudden end uf her pet.

Early on the morning of the fourth day after leaving Bermuda, we sighted Porto Rico, and shortly afterwards St. Thomas We bad the previous evening arranged with the ste ward to let us have early breakfast, so that we might have as long a time on shore as possibl:. We entered the harbour of St. Thomas, which is well protected on both sides, and has great facilities for vessels seeking its port with a floating dock capable of holding a vessel of 3,000 tons. The view of the town from the deck of the steamer is very beautiful, situated as it is on three, hills with a valley between. The roofs of the houses are painted red and yellow and green, and is called Charlotte Amelia, but known better as St. Thumas, which is the name of the island. We are landed in small boats at a shilling a head, for our steamer draws $t 00$ much water to allow her to reach the wharves of most of the islands.

The first place of interest strangers are invited to, is Blue Beard's Castle. Who has not read of this wonderful pirate and murderer in his day? or of the other companion called Black Beard, whose castle stands, as Blue Beard's, on the top of a hill, commanding a fine view of the ocean in all directions, and from which he used to watch for his prey. Ten minutes' walk and we are climbing the hill, with winding track leading to this old and famous castle. We approach with a feeling of awe. It is perfectly roynd and about 50 feet high, with windows, and a stairway leading to the top, from whence he used to "look out." It is 550 years since the days when piracy and provateenag were flourishang in the West Indies, and since this notorious man departed this life. In front of the castle is his tomb; on this tomb was a bust of this notorious pirate, but it has been stolen within the last year by some Americans. The castle is kept in good repair, and in 1839 the following inseraption was put above the entrance :-

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Some Danish scholar may translate, this. The condition of the people is very mean. They live eatirely upon the poorest food, but are very civil and courteous to strangers. Thev wear nothing on their feet, and but little on the body. The streets are kept clean and tidy, paved with stone, and gutters at each side. The water courses are called "gats." They carry the water which runs down the mountains to the sea.
The stores are massive and built of brick. There are six charches, the Lutheran (which is the State Church), Roman Catholic, Moravian, Episcopalian, Dutcb, Reformed, Metbodist. Here all shades of opinions are tolerated, every one being at liberty to think. as he pleases, provided he does not interfere with bis neighbor. The faces we meet aro black or brown, zad although this is a hotbed for the sale of rom, we did not see a single "drank." The island belongs to Denmark, but the inhabitants bave a great leaning in favor of the United States, and hope that the latter conatry will yet ratify the agreement to purchase the island from Denmark. We were mach surprised to find that the common language spoken and taught in schoois is Eaglish, although St. Tenmas has been Danish for 300 years. It seens incredible that the English who held the island for only eight years, from 1807 to 1855 , conld lizve sabplanted the Danish customs and langoage of that country in so short 2 ume. It seems more probable that English being the language of a commerical conatry and
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## Our Woung Jfolks.

## COIVVERSATION.

Keep a watch on your words, my sisters,
For words are poonderful things;
They are sweet, like the bees' fresh honey-
They can bless lilie the warm, glad sunshine
And brighten a lonely life
They can cut, in the strife of anger,
like an open two-edged knile.
Let them pass through your lips unchallenged,
If their errand is true and kind-
It they come to support the weary
To comport and help the blind;
If a bitter, revengeful spirit
Prompt the words, let them be unsaid: l'hey may fash through the brain like lightning, Or fall on the beart like lead.
Keep them back, if they're cold and crucl,
Under bar and lock and seal:
The wounds they make. my sisters,
Are always slow to heal.
God guard your lips, and ever,
From the tim of your early youth
From the time of your early youth,
May the words that you daily utter
lie the words of beautiful iruth.

## OUR GIRLS.

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What a blank there would be in this world without our girls; our cheerful, merry, happy girls. The fresh, youth ful face of girlhood lends a charm and attraction to any home, be it a cabin or palace. The light, elastic step; the cheering presence, the song on the lips, the laugh in the eye brightens our homes like the sunshine.
When we visit in a lamily where they are so fortunate as to have one or more grown girls there is a brightness inside the walls of that home that is more attractive than the suashine: without. We do not realize the force of this attraction uoless we visit a bome in which there are no girls.

Sometimes it is remarked of a young girl. "She can't cioo one really useful thing; what is she fit for ? ${ }^{71}$ When at the same time she is a pi Ict sunbeam in a home that might otherwise be desolate. She is filling ber mission to brighten the world by her presence ; somelhing too often lost sigh.t of until the brightaess has flown-the flower has faded.

If young people could only realize the priceless jevrel they are in possessiou ofthe power of: making the world brighter, more cheerfal ance happy they would be happier themselves. There is a natural charm in youth that coly needs cultivation of mind and heart, and the grace of a kindly spirit to make it lovely and beautiful.
"Old beads on young shoulders" are not expected. Impatience, impetuosity and impaisiveness are characterisuc of youth, but the fact is :oftened and sobered as being mother Nature's gift. There is a bright, cheerful bappy something in youth that counteracts and makes amends for many personal defects.

All girls canoot be pretty. Beauty is the exception and not the rale, but all can be charming and attractive. It is a happy thought that in training the mind we may shape the countenaace. A cheerful, happy spirit shinitg through the plainest face, makes it pleasant and agreeable. Probably at no time in the his:ory of the world bas beantymere beauty been at such a discount. Novelists recogaize this fact. The heroines of popular stories of the day are more apt to be plann and sensible tean lieautifol. Popular taste demands that a heroine should be noble in miad and heart, regardless of beauty and wealth. Therein lies the inspiration of such books as Jane Eyre, which every girl ought to read ir order to betuer understand how matter may be made subject to mind. "Yrelty is 25 presiy does" is $2 n$ old adage shat should be kepi lelore young people. Feature and form.God bestows. Character and manners are ours to form 20d maintain.
Castoin bas coined 2 new mame for the cheerfal, pleasant, belpfal girl; it is "the sweet giti," and ao longer the beautifol girl, that is aemired by young and old. Pleasant mansers, good deeds, and 2 loving sym: pathizing heart is reffected in the face, is heare in every: :ope of voice, and: Jends-grace sad dignity is the form. These graces are far
more attractive and lasting than a pretty faceEver hopeful, buoyant in spirit, care and trouble sit lightly upon young shoulders. Looking out upon the moräing of life, with bopes and aspirations all aglow. Why should they not scatter sunshine in their path? And why should not older people appreciate $i t$, and thank God for the blessing.

The girl that is father's comforter, mother's friend, brother's sympathizer, and sister's companion is a jewel. She is fulfilling a grand and glorious destiny, and though she may not realize it, she is making the world brighter and better by her presence.

## ROBBIE'S VICTORY.

Rob Preston put on his coat and hat, and came out of school very slowly, with a perplexed, troubled look on his bright, sunny face. Some of the boys were already outside, and were whispering and laughing about something. Rob evidently knew what it was, but had no wish to join in it ; still, instead of hurrying away as be might have done, be lingered irresolutely.
The truth was Robbie was fighting a real battle within bimself. There was a new scholar in school, little Aonie Hoffman. Her father was a miserable drunkard, and they were as poor as poor could be. Her mcther had done her best ; but poor little Annie was a pituful sight in her faded, outgrown, ragged garments.
Rob had discovered in some way that a few of the rougher, more thoughtless boys were proposing to make some fun for themselves whem she came out of school to go home, and all the afternoon bis conscience had been pleading earnestly with him.
' You ought to try to stop them,' it said.
' But they would not hear a word from a little boy like me,' he answered. 'Then you must help Annie. The poor little thing will be frightened if they laugit at her.' 'Then they will laugh at me,' said Robbie; and he fairly shivered with dismay at the mere thought of the shout tirey would give if he showed himself Annie's champion.
'Well, suppose they do laugh,' answered Conscience, pitilessly ; 'if you are mamma's little man, ouphta't you to be brave enough to bear that? You were wishing the other day that you could do something b:ave and good; here is a chance for you. Ij you can: not do this little thing, you would not be apt to do anything great.'

So this afternoon had pessed, and now Rob must decide one way or the other; but it seemed to him that he was no nearer a decisiod that at first.
' We'll have some prime fun,' he heard Tom Rogers say. 'Ste's the greatest-looking object l've seen for her age.'
"Hollo there!' he calied out, as Annie appeared in the doorway; 'is that a rag-bag I see walking round
The little group around Iom shouted as he spoke, and Rob's face grew crimson with pain for Annie and for bimsel.́.
'Don't, please, boys,' he said pleadingly; she isn't to blarne, and it will make her feel so bad to be laughed at.'

- Oh, rua bome, litle Mollic Coddle,' said Tom, contemptuously ; "it will take more than you to stop me.'
Rob walked on a few steps. What should he do! Ob , dear, why coulda't he go right home? He coald not stop them, they would probably only laugh the more if he did anything.
'But Annie will feel as if she had a friend.'
' 1 carif'' said Rob, with a little choke: and, boy that he was, his eyes filled with tears as he turned toward the gare.
© O. Rob Preston, I'm ashamied of yoo,' said the faithfal inward monitor. "How shall you feel when mamma rakes your face between her bands to give you a good-night kiss, and calls you. her little laddie? Will you ract to look up iato her face? Winn't gou feel asbamed to think what a coward you have been? Shall you want to tell her aboat it? $\dot{O}$, Robbie, be ramma's brave little laddie.
There was just a minuice's hesitation, then Robbie, tareed zud weat quickly up to the siepsi where Auinie'stood, quivering with fear. way, he siid ; and Annie canght hoid of his arm iasianely.
' Y'm so afraid,' she almost sobbed. 'I'm never coming again. I didn't want to come to-day, but hother cried and wanted me to.'
'I'll tell you,' said Robbic, reassuringly ; 'we will go right to my home, and tell my mamma. She always knows just what to do.'
So they went braveiy down the wall: ; and though the boys tried to laugh, they could not make much of a success of it. Somehow, Robbie's sweet, wistful face touched them.
"He was a plucky little fellow," said one, after the two had gone.
"Yes, and more of a gentleman than any of us, if we are older,' said another
Mamma soothed and comforted little Annie, and sent her home happy, with one of her own Annie's outgrown dresses that just fitted her, and a promise to come and see her mother.
When she had gone, mamma stooped and kissed Robbie.
' My own precious laddie, my little man,' she said fondly.
' But I wasn't brave at first. I wanted to run away like a coward; only I thought of you's and how ashamed I should be to have you know about it,' said Rob.
- That was right, dear ; but remember God sees and knows always. Mamma might not, perbaps; but we cannot hide anything from Him. Think of that when you are tempted. We must try very hard not to do anything we are ashamed or sorry to have God know, mustn't we?
C'll try; but, 0 namma, sometimes it is
hard even to do right in little bits of things.'
"I know, laddie dear ; but remember, we National Baplist.


## A YEAR OF PROSPERITY

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The twelith annual mecting of the Share holders of the Federal Life Assurance Company washeld Tuesday, the Gth inst, at the head oftices of the Company in this city, and was well attended. James H. Beatty, president, in tho chair ; Darid Dexter, ananaging direc tor, acting secretary.
The Directors presented the following report:
Your Directors have much pleasuro in submatting for your consideration the twelfth an nual report of our Compiny. Tho report is accompanicd by a statement of reccipts and dis-
bursements for the year, and of assets and burscments for the year, and of assets and
liabilities at the close of the year, on 3ist lisbilities at the
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During tho year 1,459applications for insuranco Fere received, nmounting in the ageregate
to $32,35 \%, 133$. Of these applications 1,366 were approved, for $\$ 2,116,633$; the others, for insurance to the amount of $\$ 240,500$. were either declined or held orer for further information rogarding the risks proposed.
Tho nor business written is of tho most satisfactory chamcter, both as to the distribution of the Companys risk over a large number of lires and the amount of preminm incomo derived therefrom.

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clusive of uncalled gaarantec funds the surplus clusive of uncalled gaarantee fund
of policy-holders was $88 \$, 338.36$.

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Ontiens of our Company your Dircetors accented Olicers of our Company, your Dircetors accepted it, and subsequently made improvements which havo gratily entianced tho raluo of the properthe. Your bircetors truat and belicro that entire appróral.
In submitting their trast again into Jour hands, your Directors desire to express their gratification with the progress made. by the Company, its present position and future prosadd to it proient bolidity and prospority:
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ness of the financial statement submitted horewith. All accuunts, securities and vouchers
having been carefully examined by them.

James H. Beatry, President. Davin Dexiter, Mianaging Director.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Lifo Assuranco Company.
Gentiomen,-We beg to advise completion of the addit of the books of your Company for
the year ending 3lst December last. The the year onding 3lst December last. The books, vouchers, ctc., have been carefnily ex-
nmined, and wo have much pleasure in cortifyumined, and wo have much pleasure in cortifying to their accuracy. The accompanying statement indicates the financial position of
your Company as at 31st December. IRespectyour Company as
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$810.69,3511$ James F. Beatty, the President, in moving a greater degree of pleasure than on the occas 10n of our last mectug une year aco, that we your Directors, now present our report and render to you an account of the trust you placed in our hands.
It has locen my priviloge at previous meetings to call your attention to the marked advances made by our Company, is indicated by the reports placed before you from year to
year, but on no former occasion have 1 been able to point you to such a great increaso in the income and in the assets of the Company. The report shows a gain over the previous ycar of more than 17 per cent. in income and over 44 per cent. in pssets, exclusive of guarante capital.

In sume previous years a greater gain was made in the amount of our insurance than has been the caso in the past year; however, it has been the aim of your Directors for the past two or three ycars, as intimated in my remarka at our last annual mecting, to encourage an increase in our premium income and a distribution of the Company's risk over a greater number of lives by substituting incestment msurarce in smaller amounts for terminating policies.

In following this course wo harc added several hundreds to the number of lives insuried without increasing the aggregate amount at risk very much, and have largely increased our income.

Regarding the very substantial and commodious premises we now occupy for our hedd offices, the purchase of which is mentioned in the Directors' report, it is needless for mu to sayanything except, perhaps, to sdd that the cost of this property, with the improvements made since its purchase, is much less than that of an equally desirable property within my linowledgo bought or built for a like purpose.
Mr. Kerns, vico-president, on seconding themntion fur its aduption, said: It sinords memuch gratification to join in the submistion of the report which has beca presented. In ad dition to what lans been said by tho president. I can assure your that the continued and largo Grow th shown in the resources and solidity tracts to the insured, whose interests are oir first care.
Our ngents, who havo been energetic and intelligent in the discharge of their duties. will be strengthened in their rork in no small degrec, and; no doubt, will enable soür
Directors for this jear to afford you cren more faromblo returns.
With a surplus to policy-holders of 884, 338.3G, in surpias security of $\$ 704,141.26$, and tokl resourecs of about one million dollary tho Company can offer farorable contractes, sind

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## Glimisters and Gutreltrs.

The Presbyterians of Bobcaygeon Sabbath a3rd uli., in the church.
The sevival services in connection with the Pres byterian Church, Atwood, during the past week have been largely atiended. Revs. Fisher an

Rev. John Bain Scott conducted the services in he Presbyteran chu'ch, Leamingron, Jaicly, morn ing and evening, delivening two discourses that have
been very highly spoken of by all who heard them.

The session of St. Andrew's church, London,
has decided to procure an assistant to help the pas
tor, Rev. J. A. Murray, for a few months. Ol late tor, Kev. J. A. Murray, for a few months. Ol late
the pastor's health has not heen as good as desired, and it is expected the nssistance which it is proposed to give
labors.

Mr. Reeves, 2 studeut from the Presbytetian Col cge at Montreal, preached in St. Andrews church, Carleton Place, on Sunday moroing and in
hion church in the evening. He delivered good hon church in the evening. Ste detivered good
ligical sermons at both services, and at the conclusion made a strong plea in aid of the students' mission wosk in the metropolis.
The Presbyterian congregation of Verschoyle held their annual meessog at tbat place lately, when the varrous reporis were presented, all of which
were highly satisfactory. Atter paying all clams the finance committee reported a balance of riearly $\$ 200$ on hand, and the Sabbath School reported

Professor Watson has been deliphting all who have been listening to his course of lectures on Dante, given in the Science Hall during the Theological conference, lately al Kingsion. He has most ably and lacidy expounded the philosophy,
theology and politics of Dante, and is to give two theology and polnicy of Dante, and is to give two
Ifclures espectally devoted to bis great work-the Divina Commedia.

What the Paris Presbytenal Woman's Furejgo Missionary Society has accomplished during the past year: Fifteen hundsed pounds of excellen clothing, the greater part new, were shapped to
Crossiand Mission School, Northwest Tertiory; value, $\$ 710.42$, freight costing $\$ 36$. $31,699.89$ has been sent to the rreasurer io Torinto lur fur cign mission purposes and $\$ 66.56$ has been raised
for current expenses, making 2 ital of $\$ 2,476.87$.

Tbere was a large gatherng in Kinox church Galt, recently, to isten io Mis. N. C. Fenwich. who has recenily seturned from Corea. Where be has
becen laborng in connection with the College Mis been laborang in connection with the College Mis-
sion of Toronto. Mr. Fenwick had wath hima lange map showing by charts the resulis of mission wois in the different sections of the field, the propestion dom around and the needs of the different heatheo countries. A very interesting meeting was held on Wednes day evening, 7th ult., in the First Presbyterian
Chuich, Victoria, 10 designate Mr. Smartcut as missionary to the Indians at Alberm, in room o the field last summer, who, thriugh ilforalih, le the his:ory of the Preshyterian Church $2 s$ it did on
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Rev. Dr. Robertson, superiniendent of the Pres byterian Missicns in the Northwest and Manitoba, the regular weekly prayer meeting in Knox Church Di. Hovertson has been in his present position fo worke years, ard gase an interesting accuunt of the
turng that sume, and. alihough 2 grand work has been doag, there are numerous places in the disrict undes his charge, whech exicads fram missionary has yet beed.
The jargest compregation that ever gathered in Sabiath evening, when the spacious church includ ing the gallery, aisles, palpit, platforton and lobbie was literally packed, while over one handred at a rery conservatire esimate were anable to cain ad. mitlance. The octasion was the visit of Rer. Dr

Mickay, the honored missionary of Formosa, wh was occupying the pulpit that ceening, and who imeresting addresses on the work of Forciga Mis. | intere |
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A largely representative gathering of the of the cigha Yresbyicriad charches of the city of $S:$ paul's chureh for the purpose of formina Presbjectian Union. The anion will consist olmale members and adhereats of the Presirtenas cherch meppbership fee 50 cears. Iis object shall be the promoling of meterl acquainia ce, cancert of
action, atd the adsancement of the cause of trath in connection with the Presbytertian church in the city of Hamilion and jits immediate vicinity.
an anjourara meeting of the Moatreal Dresbyter was hela iately in Erskine Cbapch. It wara special mecting called to consider special busseess. The Mcis, of Hantingena, and the mion of the two Pecsbyterisns congregations there. The people sirongly opposed Dr. Aswir's leaving them, and they
presented 2 petition sipued ly 222 comannicaris ard 65 zulberents asking that the remignation be Preshyiery allowed Dr. Mair to withdreve his teric astion, and a combitice tras appointed to explaio to the second congregation of Hanilingdon she
setion of the Psesbyiers. The congregation of St. ifyacinthe was authorited to montgage the eharch properiy to the crteat of $\$ 2,300$. Thal coocladed the baxiness of the sestion.

The thirteenth anniversary of Knox Church,
Palmetsion, was held on Sunday and Mondey Iatt. ralmersion, was held on Sunday and Mondey lent. The services on Suaday were conducted by the Rev. J. B. Mullan, Fergue, both morning and evening
In the monning the church was fulf and the congregation listened to an el quaent discourse. In the evening the seating capacity was taxed to its utmust and the rev. genileman, duting his scimon, impressed on the minds of his hearers thal a large bu lding was necensary 10 accommodate the wor shippers of the fast increasing members of Kno Chuich. The tea-mecting on Monday evening was a decided success. The church was crowded to the standing room not being available. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Mullan, of Fergus; the pastor of the church.

## OBITUARY.

Theredied at London. Ont., on $25^{\circ} \mathrm{h}$ Jan. lest, Mir. H. Diprose, in the gyth year of his age. Mr. Diprose was a typical cider of the church. Like
Bainabas, be was a good min and full of the Holy Ghost aod of faith, one of those brave, pure-hear ed servants of the Master whore memory should be kept iresh and ever green. Mr. Diprose was born in Kent, England, in 1816 . Early in life his bus nessied him to Dundee, it Scourch, where be was teachings and spirtiual power of the revered and saintly Robert Murray McCheyne. The awakening and impressions he received under Mclicyae and Burns seem to have shaped and developed has stalwart Christian character. Their memory, up to the day of his dealh, was like a fire in his soul that never diminished in warmh or brightness. In
$1 S_{3} S_{\text {. Mr }}$ Mr. Diprose marsied Miss Isabelle Drummond, a most excelleat woman, meet wife for such
2 hasband. Mrs. Diprose, who still survives him belongs to a good old family, the Drumands, of Perth, who besides other emiaen! nen included among their connections the celebrated Colonel Gardiner. who [ell at Piestonpans. Mr Diprose wis an elder in St. Andrew's. Loadon, for twentyfire years. He was beloved and esteemed not only by the large congregation that be laithfully served so long and de wotedy.
kaew his stethag worth.
D. Varkar, b a., rh.t.

By the death of Dr. Donald Mackiy, second on of Mr. Angus MacKiay, elder, West Zorra, and promising younc educatars. A distungusted and promising young educators. A distinguished
giaduate in Aris of Toronto University. he pursued with much distinction a post-graduate course in Philnsophyat Harrara and Fietburg (Giermany 'nirersities, recersing from the lauter the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. For three 3ears he was
Prneipal of Elora High School, which he raised o a high standing, and on the death of the late allus trious Prof. Young, Mr. Mackay was regaested to College 2 term the chair of Philusophy in Unirersity For tae last jear or more he has-been taking much-needed rest in Colorado, contribnting ooca stonal arucles on literaiy and philosophical sobjects o leading magazires and journals. Hic was to hav entered Tornnio Universmy last October as per matent instructor in philosophy, but a struke o
 short his catecr at the carlyage of 35 yeais. In
addition to his distinctive work as student and 2decator, Ms. Mackay iook a deep interest a charth work. Fur years ke saught 2 bible ciass exten:ively and thorouphly in theolegy that the Fresby iery of Depeer Jicensed him, with great corm mendation, to preach the gospel. Mr. alack, cook an e, pecial inietest in the work and wellate of yound people and to them his career should be a once an inipirauion and a waroing- 20 inspiratio work cven in a good sause. Ite d:ed joung ( 35 cars) tut he lived long. Tho on a higher and completer service. .0 His setivanis shall serve tlim.". Mech sjmpathy is tele for the pareots and faraily, to whom this death comes no appoiniment. Nay He who is the Comfonter be with atid ahide with them, giving consolation and streogit in their tume of need
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL AEET INGS.

Saprertos, BC. - The anneal congregational mecting ol Kinox Chutch, Sapperton, B.C., was hel in the cturch en the evening of the 25th Jenaary
 Reputts were read from the sessioa, managing cora Repotis were read rom the sess:0a, managing cora and the "socie's for the extiaction of debl. all of which were very salisfactory, considering ine under which the liulie concregation bave faboare since their formation in IS91, and paricalariy the hrst fire months ol the past ycar, when they were withoot a senica pasior, mad 10 a rarge extem shown from the reports that the repulat Sabbath truost resp $\$ 72365$ sibectiptions 10 the bailding faod, $\$ 350.50$ (paid in daring the sear) while from the vatious sucieties named abore and = few special subscriptions and collections, there was 2 frither sum of orer $\$ 450,0$ realized, making a lo:al of over $\$ 1,50000$ raised by this lithe congre galion durng ine yeas 1893. This was cxpended as followa: - Tumards palpar supply, \$600.co; interest, ing deOl, $\$ 200.00$, ichermes of the cherch, $\$ 22494$ a sraxll amaruot lel: in the hands of the'treareres.


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petvade the congregation. After the reguar business was over the wives of the three elders, on behalf of the congregation, presen'ed Rev. Nr. Chessaut and Mis Chestnat wib a patr of handsome exsy chairs, along with a shont adidess, thus bringing Sery barmonious meeting to a very happy ending. and, although muthin the city limits, is divided and, although githin he cily himits. is divided
from the rest of the town by the penitentiary and asylam grounds, thus to a great extent isolatiog it.

Frrgds.-At the annual meeting of Melville Church. Fergus the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Criig, occupted the chair. The attendance was good.
The membership is now 922 , there having beec 27 The membership is now 992 , here haviak intoresiing and encouragiog reports were read from the secretaries and treasuress of the diferig the year ions, from which if 2 ppears lial durag the year poses the sum of 54.917 .20 , of which $\$ 2,92909$ was spent for strictly congregational purposes and $\$ 1.937 .3$ for the schemes of the cburch as follows: lor Furigo Missions $\$ 594,62$ fors French Evange
lization $\$ 900$, for Home Missions $\$ 209$, for Augmeniation $\$ 60.10$, for Colleges $\$ 100$. Agcd and Infirm Ministers Fund $\$ 50$, Widows ${ }^{\circ}$ and Orphans $\$ 30$, Assembly Fund $\$ 13.20$. Synod Fund
$\$ 245$, Prseytery Fund $\$ 27.54$. The Willing far mission purposes. The Harvesters' Alission Band speaks of the deep interest taken by the mera bers in the work. The addrestes by missionaties and letters sent and received from difierent fields hase greatly added to the interest. The Band re ports the sum of $\$ 25.96$ ior mission purposes. Th ohn Williams Missicin Band stady the work o of $\$ 20$ for missions. The Auxiliary of Worezn's Foreinn Missionay Society reports 2 membership fi 102 A bate of goods valued at $\$ 65$ as als
 The ueasurer's ztceipls, independeat of the zoove were $\$ 287.83$, of which $\$ 260 \$ 8$ was sent to the reasurer of the General Sucrety, The Womans reasures reports receipts to be $\$ 15 y .26$, of which $\$ 25$ was given to Knox College S.udenis' Mission memb iship of 72; 52 prayer meetings and 12 business mace: ngs were held. The diffirent commit lees are =clive and spare no pains to adrance the interests of the congergation. The treasarer se ports receipis to ive $\$ 11405$, of which $\$ 57$ was ex
pended on missions. Tae .isssionary Aisoci. 100 :s

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report shows amount collected to be $\$ 507$, and intal of $\$ 842.46$. The average altedrance at town intal of $\$ 842.46$. The average atteurance at town
Sabhath School is 140. This Sibbaih School may well be called a missionary organization; the
malal contributions for the year are $\$ 290$, of which S153 is given to mixsions. The managars report
tolal nctual receipts for the yrar to be $\$ 2.207 .74$, which coverx the expenditure lexs $\$ 4$. There was also paid on the Manse Fund $\$ 230$. The managers wese nastructed to prosecute the canvass and meet the
whole during the present year. On motion it was unnnimously ayreert 10 continue to place a copy of tion. A most harmonious and interesting meeting tri brought to a close, the Kev. Dr. Smellie lead. ing in prayer.

PRESBYTERYAL W.F.M.S. MEETINGS.
The fift annusl meeting of the Owen Sound Preshyteria! W. F. M. S.; was held on the I3th of
Fehruary. The secretary's report showed an addition of two mission bands, an increase of mem. bers, of attendance at mectings, and of contribu-
tions. Contributions repmrted amounted to $\$ 877 .-$ tions. Contributions reprited amounted to $\$ 8770^{-}$
19. In increase of nearly $\$ 200$, and clothing valued al \$377 was sent to the mission school at Portape br Dr Marion Oliver who pave an ioterestiog br Dr. Marion Oliver. who gave an interestiog
account of the ways in which the gative Cbristian accond of Ine ways in wine are heiping in the evangelization of
women India
their heathen sisters. The members of Presbytery, their heathen sisters. The members of Presbytery,
which met the same day. were entertained to din. ner ond tea with the society, by the laties of Dirisinn Street Cburch, where the meeting was held, to whom a most cordial vole of thanks was given for their bearty hospitality. The progress of the society
bas been encouraging and the outlook is bopelul.

The ninth annual meeting of the Guelph Pres. hyterial Society of the W. F. M. S., was held in
ihe Presbyterian Church. Herveler, Thursday the 22nd ult. The church was filled with delegates and others from the auxiliaries and mission bands of the Presbytery. The forenoon was entirely de-
roted to business and heariog reports. In the roled to business and heariog reporls. In the
afternoon, addresses were given br Miss McWilafternoon, addresses trere given br Miss McWil-
linms, who has recenly relurged from India; by Mrs. Watt, Mrs. T. Goldie, of Guelph, 2ud
other ladies. Miss Jeanie Davidson. of Fergus, other la appropriate recitation. and Mrs. MeCize,
gare an
of Guelph, erening, Rev. Mr. MacVicar, of IIonan, Chine, Rev. Di. Waidrope, of Gnelph, and Rev. Mir. Thomas, Ladies of Hespeler is doe, io 2 very considerable mpessure, the sniccess of the meeting. Their hospi tality and kindness are deserving of much praisa.
The convenience and suitability of the pretty church The convenience and suitability of the pretty church
in which the sessions were beld, may also be medtioned as contrituting to make the day of the contritutions of ias rear, amounting to $\$ 2.140 .84$. Fiffeen hundred poonds of clothing $w$
school $2 t$ Bistle, N20.

The ninth 2mncal meeting of the Presbyterial Society of the Presbriery of Paris was held in the Presbyterian Church, Paris, on the Sih ulh., and was the most largely attended of any meeting in its
history. In consequence of the illaess of Mrs. history. In consequence of the illaess of Mirs. Cock bura, the pressdent, Mirs. Thomson, of Ayr, come was presented by Mrs. McCosh, and rephed
to by Mirs. W. B. Wond, St. George. There are eighteen auxiliaries with a membership of five hundred zand twentg, and iwelve mission bands. $\$ 700$ worth of clothing was seat to the North-west lact
gear, wpan which $\$ 37$ of Ireight was paid. In adyear, upnn which $\$ 37$ of Ircight was paid. In ad-
dition $\$ x .68884$ was mbtributed and seat to the
 dance was epaxdry of 500 . Grectings from sister
socitties in the town mere given. Mrs. McLeod, of Woodicurk, pare an interestiog address on the "Mojel Auxiliary:" Dr. G. I. Mackay, of Formoka, Mrs. Mackay 2nd family, and the Chinese
stodent were preseat. Airs. Mackay gave an ad-

dress, interpreted by her hucband, in which she explained woman's wnrk in Formosa. The children
sang a beautijul Chinese hymn. The Chinese student also spoke, followed by Dr. Mackay in an church was crowded to its utmost capacitv. Many failed to gajo admittance. The Rev. E. Cockbuin, M A., pastor of the church, presided. An address
of unwards of an hour was given hy the Rev. Dr Mackay, on mission work in Formosa, full of thrilliog narrative and fervid appeal. Dr Mackay's Chinese hymn to the great delight of the conuregation. Great praise was deservedly given to the the handsoris, for their complete arrangements and and Presbytery. The proceedings of the entire give a great impelus to the cyuse of missions, and furthering of our Redecmer's Kingdom.
Lindsay.-The annual meeting of the W. F.
M. S. was held in Canniogton, on Tuesday, FebM. S. was held in Canniogitn, on Tuesday, Feb-
ruary 20 hh. Ninety-eight delegates were present besides the Cannington ladies, all but one of the twenty seven societies being represented. Mrs. North. West, stated the amount received this gear to be $\$ 44666$, an increace of $\$ 153.31$ over last year. The treasurer, Mrs. McPhaden. gave her statement. Mollowed by the report of secretary of hterature, Iohnston, Lindsay, in behalf of Mrs. MeInt)re. bon. president, who was unable to be present, preLeafiet, bound in tive volume. The thanks of this to Mrs. Merepressed by Mrs. Frankish, Uxbridge, fulaess in presenting Lindsiv, for her kind thought Letter Leaflet to the sociely. Alter singing the gave ber anvual address, in which she showed the progress the societv hod made in the six years since it mef in Cannington before The
secretary, Miss Smilh, read her report which showed an enconaraging lacrease in every department. Two one at Fenelon Falls and the other near Beaverion, making a total of 22 Auxiliaries and 5 Mission Bands. The membership has increr and 5 , matiag 616, with 112 members of $G=n e r a l$ Suciety and 4 new tife members, with an average atlendanc- of 369
340 members sabscribed for the Letter Leafict. The tressurer's report ahowed a total of $\$ 1.454 .05$, an inctease of $\$ 292.64$ over last year. Alier this report
was read, $\mathbf{t}$ wo verses of the Consecralion hymn were sung and the mones dedicaterd to God in pryyer by Musg and the mones dedicaten to God in prajer by
Mistey. Leaskdale. Miss Oliver, M.D., of nodore, India, was then introduced. She spoke the first being the railways, which all antives tal:e advantage of 2nd in which caste is completely
broken down, 2s those sit side by side whose touch is unclean. These ase very uselul to the in ssion ary, not only for getting about the country; but he can preach in ine cars and at the stonping places.
Another onen door is the desite of the natwes to studv the English lenguage. These and other doots
are open and India is ripening so fast for Christ tha if a great native leader like Luther were to arise Ross, Lindsay, gave an interesting talk on "The Chinese in America." The president elect was called to the chair and the meeting cl ised with prayer by
Mrs. Campbell. Grint's school. Tucsday evening a public meeting was he!d and the church was well flled. Rev. Mr. McFinnon, Fenclon Falls, ocea The Presbyterial seport to Pre byictr ris presented by Ker. Mr. Ross, Canningtra, who moved its bell, Woodvill. Mr. J. Slimmon, of Kinox Col lege, was next introdsced, and as he has labured in
China he was able to tell us much thai was inierest China he was able to tell us much thai was interesting about the people and the wotk there and showed
the great deed of deeper earnestness in cary gopel to the regions not vet reached and urged apming the gospel into these reg:oas as their duty

## PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Whitby held an adjourned meeting at Whitby on Tuesday 27th ult., to dippnse
of wo calls given to the Rev. Lewis Perrin. B.A. of two calls given to the Rev. Lewis Perrin. B.A.
nf fickering. One came from the congregation of Gravenburst, the ollher from that of Georgetomn After the usual preliminarits, and aficr parlics had
been heard for and against, Mr. Peinin was asked to express his riews. 2had did so. to the effect that it
Presbstery consented he was in favor of accepting the call from Georgetown. It was then uasas
 be granted, 10 lake place after Sabbath the i8th of
Mareh. The Rev. Jobn Abraham, Whitby, uas appoinied Moderator of Session during the vacancy
$-\}$. McMechas, Cleik.

At Wingham, Febraary 15th. the Preshy lery Manland met pro ic Mata, Rev. David Mil Commitrec on reolgraigation of field, reported iha the congrenalioas vitited, wiz: Knox Church, BeI
crave ; Calvin Charch. East Wawanosh, White church and Lapride, were favorable to the proposed change in relationship. if a maliffactory basis ol
trion can be arranged. The Presbjetery expressed its satisfacion with the repert of the commaitee and appointed a commitice to risit Belgrare and
Calsin chorches, asd adother to wist Whitecharch and Lsogside so arrange' a besis of yaion belveen Presbitry-Mesms. Roes ard Millar to Visit Bel
 It wait sereed that a confertoce be beld on Monciay procediog, mext mectiog.
The Presblery of Rock Lake beld a pro re gela
weetipg at Deloruive, Shuraciay, 2and vill., Hev. P.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS not broerding your lisas 25 centh

 Malrined.At Orillia, on Wednerday evaning, Feb. 28th, by
Rev. R. M. Grant. D.D., Mr. Charles Thomson Yptergrvve to Mary, elde
MicKinuon, Barrie foad.

Fisher, of Boissevain, Moderator, prestding. The conduct of the clerk in calling thas special meetiog ed in a lengthened cunsideration of a request from the congregation wut lipping in the towa of Delo. raine, praying to be detached from the other four
faice outside stations, in order to secure the whole of Mr decision re this whole matter untul the regular meet ing of Presbytery oext month. A letier was receiv ed from Mr. S. Sharp, formerly missionary at Cart Wright. now a student of the Mcallister Presby.
terian Collece, Minneapolis, asking to be furnished rerian College, Minacapolis, asking to be furnished the Rock Lake Presbylery prior to his joining the Methodist Church here. The request was accordingly Artangements were made for an ex
change of pulpits between several of the brethreo change of pulpits between several of the brethrea in order that each charge might be appealed to, re warding the Assembly's regulations provided in such

The Presbytery of tiuelph held an adjourned meeting on the evening of the 1gth February. in St
Andrew's church. the Iev. K. M. Craig, of Mel ville Cburch, Fergus, acting as Moderator The butiness was almost wholly coonned 10 receiving he last part of the report of is Commilte on the a whole. At the meeting in lanuary, when the
subject was under consideration, it had been agreed subject was under consideration, $1 t$ had been agreed
that the bymas fur Sabbath Schools and lor con that the bymas fur Sabbath Schools and lor con-
gregations shiuld be bound up in one volume. regegations shi uld be bound up in one volume.
This decision bas been rescinted, and the recommendation ol its Commattee as oniginally made, ad umes. It was also agreed that wherever the name of " Jesus "occurs it be printed in full, and Assembly be requested before sanctioning ith new Hynnal that may be reported by uts commit
tec,to serd it down to Presbyteries for therr consid eration and judgnent. Dr. Toriance gave nolice that he would move at the meeting in March, tha in the effect that in its judgment when 2 Book of 15 inase has been adop.ed, $2 n d$ used unless satisfactory cordence has been furnished that they are called for by the members of the
Church ta full communion. made keown through Kirt: Sessons and other Courts to the General As. sembly
The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox
Church, Owen Sinad, Feb. 13'h, and was constitut ed by Rev. R. Rodgers. Moderator pro tem. A semuly Fund. It set forth that only nine congre gations had contributed, allbough all congregations The treasurer was instracted to cortespond with a cogregatioas which have not contributed, and urg
them to pay the amount allocated. My. Meleag laid on the table a call from Whanoo to Afr. S acheson, of Torooto. Representatives appeared from the corgregation, who were fully heard. Th clert instructed to forward it to the Presbytery of which Mr. Acheson is 2 member. The salary promised is $\$ 1,000$. Mr. Jamieson presested his reste thanks on the ground of ill health Mrat Fraser Somerville and Telford were appointed a committe omake full ir.quirv into the circurastances and repor at the mecting in Ararch. Air. Somerville presen
ed the seport of the Bymanal Commitice port sas discossed at leagth and its recommenda cions were anicpied. Dr. Noberisca appeared be fore the Prestiviery and gave an addiess on the wis
sions of the North West. Thanks were teadered him, and the Home Xission Committec was instruc cd to correspond with all congrenations with the ionaties io oullying fields toay not suffer.
In the atsence of the Moderator, the Rer james A. Grant was chosen to preside at the ich on Tresday the Gih Febrante. A ic.olation expres sive of the sincere sympathy of whe Presbyiery in his recent sore be:cavement, and placi. Hunter corn its sense of the lass sustrioed by the chnoch ia the death of so deroted a worker as Mrs. HudThe congregation of the charch of the Corenan was permitied to transicr the chareh peopert; to sasices, duly appointed. It. Was 2precd 10
grant the sequest of these congregatioas of Eglioton and Bethesda, and sppoint the Rev. W. S. Ball to ibecharfe of itese congregations for the followiog
thres montios. Throuchan oversicht the applied tion on behalf of the charge at Salton, elc, for
 cceive. $x$ yeatly grast of ' $\$ 100$. It was agreed to reccmanead last ine request of Cbetce congrefz
ion for 2 grant of $\$ 4$ per. Sabbath from the Home Minsion Committee be granted. The reques Carruthers for anoiher year, as mistionary in charge ply for a a frant of $\$ 5$ per Sabhath for this conare



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agreed to accept the selections rom the Psalier suggested by the Hymnal Commitiec, ind 10
recommend that Psalm 76 be adried. It was also agreed to accept the selections from the Paraphrases sugfested by the IIymal Commitsce and in zecommens that Paraphraces $15,42,43$
and 56 be added. The hymns submited in the Dratt Book were then taken up in detajl, anil the recommendations of hie Hymal Commitrec cueces:ed are that hymes i5. 53, 61, 69 -0. 10 s 109. 115 , 145. 171, 195, $24=$, in the prent hymin the precent Chil. dren's siymial be retanet and this the following
 while aropting the iesolution approvine of salec. tions from the Paller beirg incorprazied in the this Eresbyicry itat the Psal er now in use shoold also be relained, without alleratinn. It was also plar sequir-menis, strould be secared lor the new Hook of Praise. A call Irom East Church, Toronto, to Rev, W. A,
Mation, of Si. Pavi's, Toronio, was presented and sastained. The congregation will te cired to Persin of Pictring 3 Dd Brourham, in the Prcs briery of Whiuve was presented and sastained and oriered in be iransmilted yiessis kobert echists, west.-R. C. Ttar, Pses. Clerk.

[^0]We aretalking about a " shortep ing'" which will not cause indi gestion. Those who "know a thing or two" about Cooking (Marion Harland among a hast of others) are using

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There are now 176 branches of the Church's Temperance Society, aud the membership in cluces 12,000 children and 13,000 adults.
The oldest university in the world is said to Mobammedan theology in the eastern world. - Legacies of $£ 100$ each have been left to the Sustentation and Foreign. Mission Funds by the
the income of the Bishop of London's Fund fos the past year was ${ }^{\text {for }} 26,45 \mathrm{~L}$. The Duke of
Westminster and Lord Iveagh contributed Westminster and Lord Iveagh contributed $£ 1,000$ each.
The Uaiversity of Chicago recently dedicated a makniaceht building donated by E . G. Kent and designed for use as a chemical laboratory. It is called the
Laboratory and cost $\$ 250,000$.
Rev. J. Reid Howatt has given permission for his Children's Sermonettes to be translated into Frencb. Mr. Gladstone has written to Mr. Howatt, thanking him for his last book, "The Children's Pew.
Annther $£ 2,000$ has been handed over to the Forciga Mission Fund of the English Presbyterian Church from the estate of the late Mr. George Sturge, making $£ 13,000$ which has thus been received on bethall of the fund. Five ouher societies
Dr. George B. Thompson, Alloa, who was lately designated for medical mission work in Old Calabar, was presented by the Young Men's Fellowship Association of the West Church with Farrar's Life of Cbrist in two volumes and a completely furnished medicine chest. Dr. Thompson has sailed for Africa.
M. Sachrin, the Czar's physician, has declared that St. Petersburgh is not suited for the Czar's health, and advises him to live at Kieff. The transfer of the court permanentiy to Kieff, therefore, is only a question of time. It is siated that Dr. Sachrin received 60,000 roubles for attending the Czar recently.
The death sook place on 19th ult. of Mr . William Alexander, LL.D., of the editorial staff of the Aberdeen Frce Press, who was an elder of the East Church of the Granite City and deeply interested in all the affairs of the denomination. He was widely known by his Scottish classic. Johnny Gibb of Gusieelneuk.
Dr. N. I. Walker, the editor of The Free Church Monthly, bas chosen for the subject of his Chalmers Lectures 'Some Chapters from the History of the Free Church.' Touching upon the growth of the church, he pointed out that no fewer than twenty-four congregations owed their origin to the Wynd Church, Glasgow.
The Archbishop of York bas been rebuking the vicar of Christ Church, Dnncaster, for an article in his parish magazine, which asserted thar the period of punishment and purification andergone by the faithful after death mighr be shortened 'by the prayers 2nd Euchansts offered ap on earth. The vicar, as requested, has published a recantation.
Rev. R. W. Pattersod, D.D., of the Presbytery of Chicago, died at his home in Evanstod, near Chicago, Feb dary 28 sth, aged eighty years. He belonged t" the new sctool cburch before the union of the two bodies in 1869 , was the first president of Lake Forest Uaiversity and has been promivent in all Presbyterian ecclesiastical añairs for many years, and was for a number of years prolessor in Mc. Cormack Theological Seminary.
Priocipal Rainy admits that in some of the great cithes of England the working classes, without being actually hostile to Christianity, bus maintains that in Scotlaind they baves, bueat a say in the charches as any have as great a say in the charches as any other class. crously beside the po often heard were ludicrously beside are point. Christianity was never meana to attract everybody on everybodys own terms ; yet it was wholesome for the charcb to taise blame in the matter, and to aim at a higher temperature.
A Presbyterian Union was launched at an influential meeting beld in London recentiy. The gathering was convened by circular issued by Rev. Robt. Taylor. It was unarimously decided to form such 2 union, and the following were appointed a committee to frame a constiiution and submit the same in a meeting to be beld in the lectare hall of Marylebone Church, on the joth inst. : Dr. R. Taylor, Dr. Gibson, Dr. MiacEwan, Dr. Pentecost, Dr. Mathews, Dr. MrcGaw, Mr. Paton (a retired banker 20d formeriy President of the New York Presbyterian Union, now ana elder at Marylebone), Sir George Brace, Mr. Tarabull and Mr. Alexapder Thompsop.

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The two highest inhabited spote on earth are Arevichiary and Muscapata, mining camps in the Andes. The former has an elevation of 17,950 feor.

The IIon. Simon Wolf, of Washington, has about completed a "roll of honor," in which he has entered tho nanes of all Jows who have served in the army or navy of the United States.

The motropolitan and city police districts of London, according to "Whittaker's Almanac" for 1894, cover an area of 443,421 acres
with a population of $5,633,806$. The total with a population of $5,633,806$. The total
longth patrolled by the police reaches 8,360 miles.

As to the speed with which the migration lights of hirds aro accomplished, Canon Tris tram, in the British Association, quoted Her Gatke as maintaining that godvits and plover can ty at the rate of 240 miles an hour. Dr. roosting in Ceylon, would reach the Himalayroosting in Ceylon, would reach the Himalayas, a thousaid $m$ les, before sunset. In their
ordinary flight the swift was the unly bird the ordinary fight the swift was the unly bird the
author had ever noticed to outstrip an express train on the Great Nurthorn Railway.

A notable plant for the electrical transmission of power was opened at Gringesberg, Sweden, on Dec. 18, 1893. Electricity generated by a wator-fall is conveyed through copper wires about one-sixth inch thick strung on high poles to mines eight miles distant, where it runs motors aggregating 140 horse-power and supplics 20 arc-lamps and 200 incandes cent lamps. Tho power was previously suppliod by steam-engines and local turbines, all of which have been ruw entiruly dispensed with.

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Siegfried Wagner, tho son of the great composer, is giving his whole time to the prepurations at bayrouth for the series of Wagnerian Fo is ations that will commenco hich very often perploxes the orchestra. Ifo is said to bo $n$ musician of great intelligence.

Housekeoping is a sciencs. It cannot be intuitively. grasped. Its principles are sometimes imparted by mothers to their daughters. No doubt the science of housekeeping could bo effectively tought in schools. When the time comes when nu gri who expects to marry is belioved to have finished her education until she has graduated in the science of housekeeping, the vexing sersant girl problom, whech nori seoms so formidablo. will have disappeared from American life-MEItcatiec Eecning, Wis corsing.

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