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## zhew fiebrides emissions.

REV. John inglis, D.I., for many years a missionary on the Island of Ancityum has written an article in the british and Forcign Evangclical Review calling attention to the difficulties connected with missioniry work in the New Hebrides. He sars, "the climate is unhealthy; ague is more or less prevalent on all the islands; the natives are low and degraded ; there is no national life : the tribes are small, and the chiefs have little power ; every tribe is at war with its neighbour, and they are all camibals. Some twenty languages are spoken in the group; every one as different from every other as Latin is from Cireck, or German is from English. Considerable progress has already been made and, if only let alone, we feel confident that with the blessing of God, we could within a reasonable time, crangelize the eatire population, and render life and property secure ower the whole group. But we are confronted with two fornidable antagonists-the French Covernment. and the so-called Labour-Traffic. The attitude of the French is menacing. They are threatenin's to annex the New Hehrides ${ }^{\prime} 0$ heir penal settlement of New Caledonia. We dread to think of our simple-minded converts being brought into close and constant contact with the criminal classes of France." Dr. Inglis speaks of the Labour Traffic as a fruitful source of evil, threatening not only injury wi) the missions but, ewentually, the extermination of the natires. "At the present time there is a fleet of thirty labour vessels afloat among these islands, each one deporting on an average eighty emigrants. They will make fur or five voyayes annually, su that in all there is an annual cirain of from 10,000 to :,000 on the male population.: The system es under the smooth name of Free Emigra-
tion, but it is little better than kid-nappins. There is no reason why these people should be coased away from home simply to sell their labour; much better for them to stay and cultivate their paternal acres and live with their families. There is not an island of the New Hebrides which could not maintain ten times its present population, even with their rude and primitive modes of agriculture. The problem is how to preserve, and if possible increase the population, not to reduce it by emigration. At first the traffic was all meekness; the labourers were engaged for six monthe only: if they were unwilling to return home at the end of that period. they would be allowed to remain six months longer. By and by the term of service was extended from one year to three years, and subnequontly to five, and numbers were kept much lonser.

The cuil has beengoing on fir twenty years. In iS6z a Heet of slavers from Peru commenced a raid amons the eastern islands and carried off some thonsands of the natives to work in the Perusian mines. That was at once pat a stop to, but inly that a lesralized " labour traffic" misht take the place of shave dealing. But it was met until the American War raised the value of cotton to such fabu-Iou- prices that Fiji, Queen-land, and New Caledonia became cotton growing countries, and the demand for labour became enomus. When peace was restored, and the price of coton fell, the planters began to cultivate segar instcad of cotton, and so the demand for labour continucd. It is casy to imasine how discouraging it must be for the miss:onaries to see the best of their young men taken away from them every year by gangs of mercenary roughs whose oraly object is to make money utterly regardless of the consequences, sucially and morally, to the poor deluded natives.

## 椳

（i）${ }^{F}$F the eight hundred ninisters of the Presbyterian Church in Canada not one is perfect ；do not be surprised or disappointed then that your pastor is not fauitless．He is perhaps no better and no worse than his brethren．If you expected angelic virtues without a minture of human frailties，you were much to blame．Paul was not yet perfect． Peter and John had their faults．In all the range of Christian biography，where can you point to jour faultless，blameless，perfect men？ Since then faults and imperfections are to be expected，be watchful of your own heart and mind lest you give scope and excrcise to a spirit of ungenered，criticism，laying hold on little things and magnifying them；imagining or inventing faults where none exist，and exasgerating such as are real．Fault－finding will not improve your minister，and will most surely injure yourself．It is needless to say that we should go to God＇s house filled with lose to Him and prepared to render to Him the service of praise and prayer，and to re－ ceise with meekness the teaching of His word．The sermon may not be eloquent ；it may not be delivered with the graces of ora－ tory ：but still it is God＇s word preached ：and the very defects of the＂earthen vessel＂should teach us to look beyond to the glorious source of all perfection．Fault finding，public or pri－ wate，never fed a hungry soul－never cheered a broken heart－never cuided a sinner to the Saviour－never wiped away the mourner＇s tear．Fault－finding in regard to the minister， the elders，the afiairs of the congregation，the affairs of the Church at large，is usually a proof of narrowness and Pharisaic selfishness．Its root is self－conccit；its fruit is enmity，strife and uncharitableress．When your minister is doing his best to advance the Lord＇s work，do not harass and weaken him．Cheer him with your presence；with words of kindness；with deeds of love．Let him see by your conduct that the seed of the word is becoming fruitful． If you are not patient and forbearins，others will follow your example．（rrmmbling and romplaining will spread．Will it be very delightful for you to catch echocs of your own querulousness？What if all were like you？ What if your faults were held up to derision？

Be patient with gour youns minister；for he is daily becoming more experienced and bet－ ter acquainted with the work he has to do． He will，with the help of God and of patient men and lowing Christian women，become a man of great usefulness．Be patient with your dsed pastor；his carthly race will won be run；his sun is near the horizon which separates the seen from the unseen．lie patient with your sick minister ；you may be sick yourself some day，and be in need of
sympathy．Be patient with your minister when he is well and strong and prosperous； for do not sickness，sorrow and death come swiftly upon us all？It were well indeed if not ministers only but all Christians so lived and worked as not to afford occasion of the least censure or offence to any one however watchful or hypercritical．It were well that all aimed to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus，who has left us an example that we should follow His steps．No Christian，what－ ever his standing in the Church，should be satisfied with any lower standard than the per－ fect life of the Lord．None the less is patienee a virtue that should be in constant exercise in the congregation and in all the courts of the Church，－even as it must ever be in all Chris－ tian families．Our all－seeing Lord who per－ ceives infinitely more that is blame－worthy in us than we can detect in our brethren，and to whom all forms of cril must be infinitely more abhorrent than to $14,-i$ s still patient with us．

## 代的an＇s diort．

MONTH after month we have the pleasant duty $c^{\text {＇laying }}$ before the readers of the ReCORD accounts of women＇s work in the mission cause at home and abroad．Societies are springing up that are doing an invaluable work not merely in adding to the funds of the Church，but in diffusing missionary informa－ tion and training the young to take a decp， practical and intelligent interest in the king－ dom of Christ．These societies now extend in our own Church from Harbour（irace ia the east to Winnipers in the Far West．There is room for a large increase in numbers；and the encrgy and thorough loyalty of the socie－ ties already at work lead us ardently to wish for their rapid extension，until one shall be found in erery town and village containing one or more congregations．There were ＂e！cei ladies，＂prophetesses and deaconemen in the primitive Church．Godly women helpee？ the Apostle laul in his arduous work．Amons the most eminent of the martyrs during paran as well as papal persecutions were faithful women．In our own Church women haw laboured devotedly and successfully；some times，at the risk of their liyes．amons lawlen savages．Women belonsins to our country： and workins as the asents of our own Churr h or sister Churches，are now occupying sphere－ of usefulnesi in the New Hebrides，in Indi．i． in Siam，in China，in Persia and in the Wert Indics．

It must be owned that the Churches ban not made due use of women＇s services in the work of extending the Redcemer＇s kingdom： but the error of the past is being repaired．it has been found that in India women can hase
ready access to the female portion of the population, while men are jealously excluded from opportunities of preaching or teaching in the Zenana. Indeed in all heathen lands it is vastly easier for women than for men to find their way into the home life of the people and thus to intluence the women and children. Opportunity in India was the loud Providentia! call which could not be neglected. It 15 well that it should be so. There are now scores of devoted women, many of them possessing much medical skill, toiling for Christ in India. They are sowing precious seed in hearts darkened by slavery and superstition ; and the resuht, already are great. The women who have gone abroad to help in evangelizing the heathen are sustained in their work by faithful ones at home who give time and money and the best thoughts of their heads and the wamest feelings of their hearts to the $w_{i}$ rk. As the missionaties sent to the heathen do much to mprove their condition, material and spiritual, of the degraded victims of error, it is perfectly evident that the sending forth of suid agents aud the duty of supporting them and becoming acquainted with their work is doing wery muri to clevate and cmmole women at home. And, if we are thught that in Foreirn Mission work women can render mestimable serice, should we not expect sinilar service from godly women in relation to our Home Mission work? Women have more leisure than men: they ran collect mones, circulate the Recokn and other missionary periodicals, diffuce information by word of mouth, interest their boys and ginh, in missions; all this they certainly can do more efficiently than men. Wut is there not still more that they misht well be trained and encouraged to srapple with? We need not answer the question. Meamwhile let us be thankful for all the "Woman's Wirk" groing on withia the boundso of the Church. Let us "help those women," and cordially encourage them to further progres.

The thirteenth amoual meetins of the Women's Foreign Missionary Sonity of the l'resbyterian church in the lonited States was held at Syracuse, N. Y.. on . April 2jth. Mr. Nami Zannarea, a yount Japancec who i- pursuing his theological studiesat Andover, made an interesting address. He spoke feelingly of what women had done for the women of his native land-of the ismorance and lavery of Japanese wrmen, and of the clevatinir influence of Christianity amons them. The Society agreed to a resolution carnestly beseching Oueen Victoria. Empresis of India, th cause such enactments to be made as will free the chiddren of India from the most hurtfulpractice of chill-marriage. It was reported that the total receipts for the year were about $\$ 122,000$.

# at Antiach. 

Acts xill : 13.16; 43-32.

Goldicn Text, Acts 13: 49

"~~~~HESE missionaries had no thought of settling down in a comfortable "living." They were pioneers, laying foundations upon which others should build. John 4: 37, 38 . It was pre-arranged that after visiting Cyprus they should go to Pamphylia, a district with which Yaul must have been more or less acquainted-a Roman province adjoining Cilicia, occupying eighty miles of the sea coast and thirty miles deep. Perga, its chief city, on the river Cestus, seven miles inland, was noted for its great heathen temple of Diana. John departing, Sc.-Matthew Henry says, "either becuuse he dad not like the work, or he wanted to go and see his mother." He was young, not inured to hardships and wanting in the enthusiasm necessary to accompany men like Paul and Barnabas through a hard country, infested with brigands and other "perils." 2 Cor. 11:26. Though Paul resentec John's faint-heartedness, ch. 15: 37, 38, he subsequently expressed confidence in his Christian integrity. Col. 4: 10; 2 Tim. 4 : 11. Vs. 14, 15. Antioch - the capital of Pisidia, a different place from the Syrian Antioch, eighty miles due north of Perga (see map). The Synagogue -probably a large one, in which the Jewish service was conducted. The majority of the inbabitauts were Greeks and Romans, so that one synagoge a sufficed for the Jews. The strangers modestly took back seats, but did not long escape notice. Their fame had pieceded them, and at the close of the introductory services they were courteously asked to come up to the platform and address the audience. Vs. 17-43 contain an outline of Paul's first reported sermon, in which he reviews the history of the Jewish Church, declares Christ to be the Messiah, refers to his rejection, crucifixion and resurrection, and closes with a solemn warning against the sin of unbelief. V. 44. Next Sabbath the Synagogue was crowded with Gentiles as well as Jews. The latter, haughty and selfish, could not endure that the Gentiles should enjoy the same privileges as themselves. "Exclusiveness" in religion is not confined to Jews, but, wherever manifested, it is unchristian. V. 46. Paul and Barnabas were not mealy-mouthed, but characterized this bigotry as it deserved, saying in effect:-"In preaching to you first we have done our duty; if you will not accept our message, others will." So ue turn to the Gentiles-a policy to which he ever afterwards adhered, ch. 28: 28, Rom. 1: 16. V. 48. The Gentiles vere glad. It was glorious news for them. As many as urere or-cained-all will be brought to believe in Christ who by his grace make eternal life their aim.-M. Henry. To find in this text preordination to eterual life asserted, is to force both the word and the contexts to a meaning which they do not con-tain.-Alford. V. 50. Honourable-refers to their social standing as wives of the most influential men of the town; who ruled their husbandsvery dishonourable! Eph. 5: 22.

## At Mronium and Eustra.

JUNE 10.
Acts XIV: 1-18.

Golden Tcxt, Acis 14: 3.

$\left\{\begin{array}{c}3 \\ 580 \\ 50\end{array}\right.$RIVEN away from Antioch in Pisidia, the Apostles had come to Iconium, a large and opulent city in Lycaonia, about sixty miles to the south-east. As usnal they took the first opportunity of attending the Synagogue. V. 1. So spake -So earnestly, affectionately, judiciously, so boldly 83 to carry conviction to many hearts. Rhetoric and eloquence do not always win the day. The secret of success in teaching is to spesk from the heart to the heart, adapting the style to the circumstances of the hearers. A knowledge of human nature, lact and common sense and reliance on the Holy Spirit are required. 1 Cor. 14: 19; John 16:13.15. The unbelieving Jews. It was mean and cowardily to do this. V. 3. They must have had good success in their ministry to stay so long. Vs. 4, 5. The assault was only contemplated. No stone was cast at Iconium. But coarse insulting language was used, and threats that would have led to acts of violence had the Apostles remained. V.6, 7. The supposed sites of Lystra and Derbe are shewn on the map. In this wild, bleak, rob-ber-infested country there was no Synagogue, but the high-way or the market would suit the missionsries as well, ch. 17: 17. Vs. 8,10. Compare with the healing of the lame man by Peter, ch. 3. In al] these miracles faith in the divine agency is either stated or implied as a necessary element, ch. $3: 16$. Only by faith in Christ can we receive the remission of sins, ch. $10: 43$. V. 11. The Apostles spoke in Greek, which most of the people understood, but now they express their surprise in the native dialect of the country. It was a common heathen belief that gods visited the earth in human form. Such a belief regarding Jupiter would be natural at Lystra, where his image or temple stood in front of the city gate. V. 12. Benevolent Barnabas is compared to Jupiter, the greatest of all the heathen dieties-"the father of gods and men ;" while Paul, the glowing orator, is likened to Mercury-the swift winged messenger and the god of eloquence. V. 13. Dine sacrifice-The oren would have been killed and the blood poured upon the altar with all the formalities of the Jewish ritual. Vs. 14, 15. Here Paul is for the first tine culled au "Aposte" or missionary, a title which he afterwards clamed for himself. Rom. $1: 1 ; 2$ Cor. $11: 5$. In disclaiming the homage intended to be paid them they shewed how high they were above self-seeking, and how desirous they were that "the living God"-as contrasted with the dumb idols of the heathen-should have all the glory for whatever good had been done through their agency. $V, 17$. The ilea here is that even the beathen have divine withess enough in their own consciences, and in God's providential dealings with them, to leare them without excuse for their vanitics-their idolatry. Instead of denouncing their heathenish practices, Paul appeals to their common sense and dwells upon those truths which his hearers could not but admit. He that winneth souls is wise. Prov. $11: 30$.

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JUNE 17.
Acts xiv: 19.23.
Golden Text, Matthew 28 : 19.
NAUL and Barnsbas at Lystra hiave sad experience of the ficsleness of popular sentiment, the change as sudden as that of the barbarians at Malta, ch. 28 : 4.6. v. 19. Antioch-in Pisidia, from which the missionaries had been driven out by fanatical Jews, soms of whom now travel 130 miles for the purpose of obstructing the good work, by persuading the populace that these men were blasphemers-pretending to work mira. cles in God's name, but that in reality they were imposters. Stoned-see 2 Cor. 11:25. Once he took part in the stoning of another $\mathrm{ch} .7: 58$. What a crowd of memories must have come to his mind as he swooned away under this shower of stones! No mention of ony trial or judicial sentence. It was a lawless outburst of popular frenzy, else they would have made sure that he was really dead. Vs. 20, 21 . The disciples-most probably Timothy, who was a native of Lystra and of pious parentage, was one of the on-lookers. In 2 Tim. $3: 10,11$. Paul reminds his beloved friend of his personal knowledge of the sufferings he endured here and elsewhere. Rose up-His sudden recovery, if not miraculous, was at least evidence that the mighty power of God was present with his servants. Came into the cily-perhaps to the house of Eunice and Lois, 1 Tim. 1:5. Derbeabont twenty miles from Lystra, where the missionaries seem to have been unmolested in their work One of the many disciples made herc inay have been the 'Gaius of Derbe' in ch. 20: 4. Returned to Lystra-Noble intrepidity! He was near Tarsus, where he conld easily have gone, had he wished, and had a good time among his friends, but he would not neglect his work. Vs. 22, 23. Here we see his missionary method, (1) To evangelize, i.e., to proclaim the Gospel. The responsibility for doing so rests upon every Christian. (2) To organize-to form congregations and churches under duly appointed office-bearers. There is work for every one to do in the Church which, rightly considered, is a school for the training of its members to work. (3) To edify-to build them up, so the word means-to confirm aud strengthen their faith and zeal. Ordained elders-lit. 'Chosen bis show of hands.' From 2 Cor. 8: 19 and other passages it is clear that the people had a voice in all elections to sacred offices. As to the functions of the office, in the N. T. there is but one class of elders, or presbyters. But, as a plurality were appointed in every Church-each one doubtless devoted himself to that department of work to which he was best adapted-preachers, evangelists. pastors or teuchers. Ephes. 4: 11, 12. Vs. 24, 25. Pamphylia - the distriet of which Perga was the capital. Attalia-sixteen miles south-west of Perga, on the $8=a$ coast. V. 27. Picture the enthusiasm of that great missionary meeting and the interest with which the report of these foreign missionaries would be received.

# Tosinua, Sutressor to extugs. 

July 1.
Joshea r. 1.9.
Yolden Text, Ephesians 6: 10.

$\because$OSHUA, the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim, Chron. $7: 20.27$, born in Goshen about the year 1534, B. C., was at this time about 83 years of age. As he died aged 110, ch. $24: 29$, he lived 27 years in Canaan. The original name was Oshea, changed to Jehoshua, 'Jehovah is his heip'-Num. $13: 8,16$. Also called Hoshea, Deut. 32: 44, and Jesus, Acts 7: 45. Moses had bronght the Israelites to the borders of the promised land after their forty years in the wildermess. They were now encamped opposite Jericho. Joshna is a conspicuous type of Christ guiding his people to heaven. Isa. 55: 4. John 10: 3. The Book of Joshua was probably written by himself with the excention of a few verses at the end, added by sume friendly hand. V. 1. Servant of the Lordan honourable title. All are his servants who do his will, Matt. 7: 21. V. 2. Moses is deadAs an example of the punishment due to sin, and of God's justice, the death of Moses is very strik. ing. Num. 20: 12. Which I give-As Canaan was a gift to Israel, so eternal life is the gift of God to believers. John 4: 14. It is divine grace alone whinh brings believers out of the wilderness of sin into the land of rest and glory. Vs. 3, 4. Notice the condition. They must use due diligence to get possession of Canaan. As a matter of fact, from cowardice, love of ease and want of faith, they never possessed one quarter of the promised land. The attainments of believers are according to the measure of their faith, Matt. 9:29. l Pet.1: 9. V. 5. I will not faii thec-precious promise! Earthly friends may leave us when we most need their help; but God, never. Isa. $43: 2,3$. V. 6, 7. Be strong-Make up your mind as to what is right and stand by your convictions. Your vaccilating half-hearted Christians never amount to much. There must be discrimination and decision, Prov. 4:7;23:23. Distrust is unbelief, and that is fatal, Heb. $3: 18,19$. V. 8. The Book of the law-the five books of Moses. The Bible is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Meditating upon the truthe of God's Word is far more important than speaking about them. We must study the Bible, Mere listless reading the Scriptures will do no good. Good success-Only by adherence to the law of God could the Israelites hope to subdue the Canaanites; in the same way it is only by walking in the path of duty that we can attain the rest that remains for the people of God. Joshua's need for courage was no greater than ours. We have many foes. If left to ourselves we must perish, but divine aid is promisod to all who truly seek for it. Isa. 55: 6, 7 . V. 9. Hase I not commanded thee?-The soldier who has conflence in his leader obeys the word of command, 2 Tim. 2: 3, 4. All things are possible to him that believeth, Mark $9: 23$.

## eassing out zordan.

Juix 8.
Joshua III: 5-17. Golden Text, Iswiah 43. 2.

家HIS and the preceding chapter form one of the most truly graphic passages in Scripiure. We may learn from the lesson (1) that when God gives any man a work to do he fits him for it ; (2) it is a mistake to say of any man that his loss is "irreparable." Moses did him work as none other could, but his work ended at Jorden. Joshua begins where Moses leaves off and carries the wo 4 on to a triumphal issue. The one was commissioned to bring the Hebrews to Jordan, - the others to bring them over the Jordan. Moses typified Christ in delivering the people from bondage, Joshua, by bringing them into the land of rest. Joshua speaks to the people with the conscious authority of one thoroughly convinced of his own divine commission. Just how these two millions of people were to gain the other side of the rapid swollen river he might not know, but with unbounded faith he prepares them for the fact that they are to go over, and waits the issue. V. 5. Sanctify yourselves-consecrate yourselves to God. Ceremonial consecration implied the washing of their persons and their garments and the abstain. ing from everything that would indispose their minds to a devout contemplation of the miracles to be wrought on their behalf, Isa. 1: 16. By these wonders he would assure the Israelites of his continued favour, and put fear into the hearts of their enemies, ch. 2: 9, 10. V.6. The pillar of cloud and fire no longer went betore them, but the sacred ark, Heb. $9: 4$, would be to them even a more intelligible symbol of divine guidance. Hitherto, it had remained in the centre of the host, but now it is to be placed a mile in advance of the encampment, v.4. The priests showed their courage by exposing themselves to attacks from the Jebusites on the opposite shore. V.7. This was only the beginning of miracles which were to iuspire the people with confidence in their new leader. V.s.11-16. As soon as the waters were shut off the priests, leaving the ark, stood in midchannel until every soul was safely across. Tine ordinary width of the river at this point is only about sixty feet, but "in harvest-time" it would be twice that width, and ten to twelve feet deep. The place was afterwards called "Bethabara," or house of passage. It was probably here that Jesus was baptized, John 1: 23. The order to build the cairn of stones reminds us of our obligation to remenber the lovingkindnesses of the Lord in our individual experiences, $1 \mathrm{Sam} .7: 12$. The city Adam was about thirty miles to the north, where the river flows between ridges of mountains which nearly mect. Y. 17. Canaan is attained at last! Thers is a "Darrow strea'n" Wo must all cross before we rach "the better country." This narrative suggesta to us the necessity of the great change we must undergo, from sin to holiness. Rev. $21: 27$, and that oaly by faith and obedience to the revealed will of God can we hope to overcome the difficulties which besct our pathway to the kingdom of heaven.

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輀HE Cimy of Lonome, situated in "the garden of Camada," has this year the honour of offering its herpitality to the Commissioners from the several lresbyteices who are to constitute the General Assembly of 1883. Everything betokens a pleasant meeting. The finances of all the missionary and bencoolent funds are in a flouri hing condition. The greatest want at the present time is that of ministers to fill our vacant palpits and to go out into the mission fields. Never had the Church more need to ponder the Master's words:-" The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the the Lord of the harsest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." A plean ant feature of the Assembly will be the presence of some of our brethren from the foreign mission tield. We may hope to see the Rev. Hugh A. Kobertson who, with bravery seldem surpassed, some twelve years arro dediberately chose the bloodstained island of Eromanga as a sphere of missionary labour for himself and his young wife. Thanks be to God that he is permitted to come back and tell us what great things the Lord has done for Eromanga and other isles of the sea. And it will do us good to see Mr. Morton's face again and to hear from him how the great work is progressing in Trinidad. The Rev. Solomon Tunkansaicje, also, our missionary to the Indians in the North-West, will be present as a Commissioner.

Oitr Foreig. Missions. -Rer. T. M. Christic has retired from the Trinidad mission on account of ill-health. He is now on a brief visit to Jamaica, on his way home. Mr. Hendry, who was appointed to succeed him at Coura, finds himejelf debarred from doing so, his medical advisers forhidding him to undertake mission work in Trinidad. Rev. John Morton with his family has returned on furlough, his health having failed most seriously, and immediate change of climate being insisted upon. The Mission Council at Trinidad have made the best arrangements they can for Couva and Tunapuna. A successor to Mr. Christic is immediately required ; applications for the situation are invited. The new missionary should be ready to proceed in the fall to this station. The Rev. J. Fraser Camplell and his wife are on their way home
from India. The latest tidings from Formosia. the New Hebrites am! Trimidad are of the mont encouraping nature. The new that New Guinea has been proninonally amexed (1) Queensland has fallen like of bombuncll among the cruisers in the south seas: In the interests of missions it is devoutly whe hoped that the British Govermment will endorse the plucky and unexpected hut well-timed action of one of the youngest of its colomes.

A Jubites. -. The congrevation of Erokine Churh, Montreal, batmg attained it, lifteth jear, it vecurred to its oftice-bearers to commemorate the event in a becoming manner. It was proposed to raise $\$ 5,000$ for minionts over and above the usual amounts contributed for this purpose. So liberal was the response, howerer, the sum of $\$ 5$,soo was handed in on very short notice. The money was divided an follow: :-To Home Minsions, $\$ 1,500$; for Missions in the North-West, $\$ 1,000$; 10 Foreign Missions, $\$ \mathrm{r}, 000$; for French Evangelization, $\$ 500$; the balance to be appropriated in the city of Montreal to aid the weaker churches. Sabbath the 29th of April was set apart for special services in this ronnection. The pastor, Rev. J. S. Black. preached a historical discourse in the mornmg, in which kindly allusion was made to his predecessor, Dr. Gibson, now of London. He also paid an eloquent tributc of respect to the memory of Dr. Tayler, the founder of Erskine Church, whose ministry' from 1833 te 1876 had been remarkably successful. The congregation has always been noted for its systematic liberality in support of m.ssions. Although one-fourth of its members left some ten years; ago on account of the organ question, the congregation is stronger now than ever it was, and its revenues are greater. The Venerable Dr. Wilkes preached in the afternoon, when many of the older citizens were present to listen to his reminiscences. Rev. I. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto. preached in the evening to a crowded house.
"L'Aurore."- Many of our readers will b glad to hear that this French weekly paper hin: after many vicissitudes fallen at length imt" Presbyterian hands. The Revds. Mes, Duclos and Crutchet have taken hold of the enterprize as editors and proprictors. IV. have no doubt of their ability, encray and pt: severance, and contidently hope that in theor hands $L$ durome will prove to be one of tho best means of evangelizing the French Can, dians by the diffusion of enlightened Christian sentimen. It may prove uscful to Enishspeaking persons who desire to acquire the French language. Those who do not wish ". subscribe for it themselves may do good by sub) scribing for others. For $\$ 10$ seven copics of the paper will be sent to any parties whosi names and addresses are furnished to the
publishers, 33 St. Bonaventure Street, Montreal. The form of the paper is 16 pares latre quarto; the price is $\$ 1.50$ per annum, payable in advance.

Personal. - The University of Glaggow has conferred the deb "ee of D.D. on Rev. John Inglis, now residing in Britain, for many years associated with Rev. Dr. (ieddic ats missionary II) the heathen on the isiand of Aneityum, New Hebrides. Kev. Jr. Pollok, of Halifax; Professor Watson, of Oueen's College, Kington ; and Mr. C. B. Kobinson, of the cianada Presbyteran, have gone to britain for their wamer holidays. The Rev. John Fraser, of Ladian Lands, was taken seriously ill at Montwal, where he was spending a day or two e\% , intec to the old country. It is hoped, howwer, that he may be able to proceed on his 1 urney before long.

Mr. Eidward Mackay, of Montreal, departed this life on the Gth of May. He wat; une of the old residents of the city who will be sreatly missed. He had a large heart and an ipen hand for every good object that came in his way. In his life-time he contributed hiberally towards the missionary, benevolent and educational funds of the Church, and by his last Will and Testament he has bequeathed legarics for these purposes to the ammunt of . bsut $\$ 78,000$. The Presbyternan Collesc. Hontreal, is to receive $\$ 10,000$ in uddition ${ }^{1 .}$ diee $\$ 40,000$ given by Mr. Mackay a short time ...so to endow a Chair. \$ro,oon cath are left io the Home and Foreign Mission: of the Church, $\$ 1,000$ to the Presbiterian College at Winnipeg, $\$ 4,000$ to Aged and Intirm Minis-
is Fund, and $\$ 3,000$ the Ministers', Widows' and Urphans' Fund.

Queen's.- The Hon. Alexander Morris has been appointed Chairman of the Board of austees of Queen's College in room of Hom. whn Hamitoon, deceased. Rev. Donald : $\therefore$ יs s , of Lachine, has been appointed third if fessor in the Theological Faculty, his chair ing that of Bbblical Criticism and Apolo-- ues. Kev. James Carmichacl. of King, has arn re-appointed Lecturer on Church History: Liv. Dr. George lbell has accepted the position If Registrar and Librarian of the University, ad Mr. John Mcher has been elected licasurer in place of Mr. C. F. Ircland, re-4sned--All excellent appointments. We are Fad to learn that the Senate has conferred the Degree of Doctor in Divinity upon Rev. - iofesser Maclaren, of Knox College, Foronto, Whan in every a chpect worthy of the distinc- $^{\text {and }}$ tion, and that oir old friend, Dr. Bell, of irological fame, has had the LL.D. added to hin, already numerous titles.

## URIIINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

Toronto: Curlton Strcet Church.-Rev. Andrew W'ilson, formerly of Brock Street

Church, Kingstom, was inducted a; first pastor of this new congregation on the 17 th of May.

Markham: Torontu. - Rev. Frederick Smith, formerly of Amherstburg, was inducted to St. Andrev s Church on the 15 th of May.

Bobcaygron: Pelerboro---Mr. Craigie was ordained and indurted on the z3rd of May.

Bathirst: Miraminhi- The Rev. James Quinn was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Luke's Church on the 1 st of May.

St. Johns, N B. -The induction of Rer. Dr. T. (i. Smith, formerly of Kingiton, Ont., to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, was appointed to take place on the 2 goth of May.
 Scott was inducted on the end of May.

Sirkincinhe: Truro-Kev. S. C. (:unn, formerly of E. St. l'eter's, P. E. 1., was inducted on the 8th of Mas.

## MANITOBA ITEMS.

Rev. J. Hastic, of Lindsay, is supplying Brandon for a few Sabbaths. Brandon congregation gres much promise. Regina secms to have a good proportion of Presbyterians in its population, but its future is by no means assured. Monse Jaw is a rival of Regina. Sersices have been begun there by a resident missionary. The theological students under the Presbytery have passed the examinations requard of them in the College. Six student: passed the examination in Systematic Theolory' ; a portion of them took Greck Exegesis, Hebrew Exegesis and Church History. Rers. T. McGuire, J. J. Pringle, B.A., and J. C. Tibb, M.A., assisted the professors in the examination. The Eniversity examinations began on the t th of May: Between twen'y and thirty students go up from Manitoba Collere to the several University examinations. Of these five or six are expected to reccive their B..1. degree this year. Rev. A. Campbell, B3.A., and J. Farquharson, B.A., along with the Professors, are University examiners. A most representative banquet took place in honour of 1 buncan Macarthur, retiring manager of the Merchants' Bank. Mr. Macarthur has been for ten years a mainstay of l'resbyterianion in the North-West. His well-considered statement; howing strong faith in the future of the North-West are being widely quoted. The Bishop of Rupert's Land lately dehwered his charge to the annual Synod. Allusion after allusion was made as to the areat work being done by our Church. The tone of the address was rather despondent. This is to be regretted. It is most important for the interests of religion that the Church of England should be vigorous in the North-

West, as it is evangelual in tone. Missionaries are arriving in considerable numbers, now that the colleges are closed. Mr. Robertsim is at his post here getting them iocated, and organiang the stations around Winniper. Kawx Church, Wi,mipeg, is discussing church building. St. Andrew's, Wimmipeg, which has risen Minerva-like into existence fully armed for its work, has obtained an assistant for its overworked pastor.
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## the colleges.

Quefn's Unifersity ani College.-The closing ceremonies this session were more brilliant than ever. The Moderator, who had lectured on "Whitfield, the model preacher." the evening previous, under the auspices of the University Y. M. C. A., preached the Batcalaureate sermon on the 22nd April in Convocation Hall. On Monday the lists with the names of all who had passed the Unisersity examinations were made up and published by the Senate. In the evening public lectures on scientific subjects were given by two of the professors. On Tuestay afternoon sandford Fleming. Esq., C.M.G., was re-elected as Chancellor for the next threc years, and delivered a very able address thereatter on the oryin of Universities and University Degrees. In the evening the Chancellor save a Conversazione, which is acknowledred to have becn the most brilliant affair of the kimi ever held in King. ston. About a thou and guests were present. Un Wedne oday afternoni, Comocation was held, when twenty-fiour B.A. $\therefore$, one M.A., one LII.B., thirteen Mi.I).s, one LL.D. and two 1).1):s were l.aureated: schularships, grold medals and prize essay a warded and speeches made, the whole proceedings being entitened to the delyght of the crowded audiene and the grave occupants of the phatform by the wit ticisms and apt sumgs and glees of the tuad men in the gallery. Though Conrocaton was, beid during the day, so great was the merent of the people that hundreds had tw 1, e iurned away for lack of room, and scores stood patiently round the door during the whole of the two hours' proceedings. In the evening. the University Councii and the Alma Mater Society qave a banquet to the Chancellor, at which 150 sat down. While all the cercmonics attendmy the close of the +3 rd session of oid Queen's were interesting, a special feature and one illustrative of the Cathoiicity of the Uuiversity, was the presence on the same platform of the Moderator of the (General Assembly, the R. C. Bishop of Kingston, the Dean of the Anglican Cathedral, Montreal, and representatives of the Congregational and Methodist Churches. There are sisty:two studenits for the ministry in Queen's Twenty of these are in the Divinity Faculty, vil., eight in the first year, eight in the second and
four in the third. The names of the third year's students are ats follows:-Messrs. Lestic Thom, W. S. Smith, W. F. D'Argent and John Robertson. The total number of students last session wai tain hundred and fifty.

Preshyterian Colibge, halffax-The session was chosed on the evcning of, Thurschay, April 26. A large congrecration assembled in Chalmer's Church. Dr. Burns, Chairman of the loard, presided. Principal Macknight, D.D., presented the Senate's report. Fourteen students attended throughout the session, seven of whom completed their course. Two, Mr. Williom Dawson and Mr. C. S. L.ord, had won the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Valuable additions to the Library had been received from Dr. Burns, Mr. Duncan and Mrs, Munro (Wallace). The graduating clas,, seven in number, consisted of Wm. Dawson, C. S. Lord, A. W. Mahen, Robert Ross, J. M. Robinson, R. C. Quinn and S. Rosborough. The Principal, in addressing the graduating class, advised them to lay aside scholasticis!n when they er:tered the pulpit ; to keep their science and their learning in the study, and never parade them before the perple. A man of eminent learning will be found out without blowing his own trumpet. Keep near the central truths of the Gospel! Addresses were given by Revs. T. Sedgwick and J. C. Burgess and Dr. Macrac. Ree. R. Mackay stated that the atumni of the College had formed an association for the adrancement of its interests. The society was organized, and would huld its next meeting in October, when the Symod mect. At a meeting of the college board, held on the same day, it appeared that very nearly $\$ 7,000$ of the Endowment and Buld. ing fund had been paid in. The Board fomend that arrears had accumulated amounting to nearly $\$ 4,000$. This jear's reccipts show a stight improvement as compared with the previous year. Tan Board resolved to intimate to the Covernors of D.allousie College that the next Syond would in all probability take into consideration its relations to that institution. This step is taken with a view to comemy. Rev. William McCulloch, D. I., presented thic Board with a portrait of his late father, Rev. Thomas McCulloch, I.D., who had been in timately connected with the educational work of the Church and the Province. The portait had been bequeathed to the College by the late Miss McCulloch. The degree of B.1). was conferred on Messrs. Dawson and Lord.

## THE SYNODS.

Toronto and Kingston.-This Synod met in Chalmer's Church, Guelph, on the 1:t of May at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. About 180 ministers were present. The retiring moderator, Rev. A. A. Drummond, of Newcastle, preached the opening sermon. Rev. James Cameron, of

Chatsworth, was elected Modetaton for the ensuing year. A large amotat of routine husinese wats transac:ed. The reports on the state of Religion, Sabbath-schools, Sabbath obervance and Temperance were as unal the chief features of public interest. 1/t. Waters, of Newark, N.J., was present and reccived a hearty welcome. The next meeting was appointed to be held in l3elleville on the second Tuesday of April, 1884. A Conference, for which arrangements had been made by the Committee on the State of Religion, was held in connection with the meeting of the Synod, and proveci to be an occasion of very preat interest.

Montreal andormawa-This Synodmet in the beautiful First Presbyterian Church, Brocksile, on the 8th of May. There was a good attendance of members, and the meeting was on the whole a very pleasant and satisfactory one. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert C.mpbell, of St. Gabriel's, Montreal, and, in his stead, the Kev. John S. Burnet, of Martintown, was elected moderator for the ensuing year. The reports on State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath-schools. Statistics, \&c., were read and discussed and ondered to be transmitted to the (ieneral Assembly. Leave was granted to take students on trial for license, and a large amount of routine business was attended to. Perhaps, after all, the most enjoyable part of the proccedings was the social mecting on the Wednesday evening, when the cup of tea and the refreshments served by the ladies of both congregations, vocal and instrumental music, and some lively speeches were heartily enjoyed by all present. The next meeting was appointed to take place in Ot:awa on the second Tuesday in May, $\mathrm{I}_{8} 8_{4}$.

## WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Halifax. - The sixth anne al meeting of this Society was held in St. Miatthew's Church on the 6 th of April. Addresses were delivered by Kevs. Dr. Burns, P. M. Morrison, W. S. Whittier and A. L. Wyllie. The report presented was of the most encouraging description. Reference was made to the visit of Miss Blackadder, the missionary teacher at Princestown, Trinidad whose salary is paid by this Society. Miss B. had to return for a few months' furlough for the benefit of her health. During her stay in Nova Scotia she addressed a large number of meetings and greatly increased the interest in Coolie missions. Her addresses adued $\$ 300$ to the funds of the Society. Miss B. is now at her old post energetically working anong a people that have learned to love and honour her. The farewell mecting of Rci. J. W. Mackenzie and Mrs. Mackenzie when leas-
ing to return to lifate, New Hebnides, wis an occasion of deep interest. The loving and earnest appeals of the we missimaties wall not soon be forsotten. During the yau eight boxes of clothing, stationery, maps, toys, sewing material, \&c., made up by thi Society and its auxiliarie: and friends, were forwarded to Trinidad. The "Helping Hand Mission Band" of Halifax rendered valuable aid. This band gave 8125 to the funds of our Sinciety. We have now six auxiliaries-St. Johns and Harbour Girace, in Newfoundland; Pictou, Antigonish, Windsor and Merigomish, in Nova Scotia. The total amount of $\$ 1,300$ was ratised during the year, being $\$ 500$ in excess of the previous year. The officers for the ensuing year are:-President. Mrs. R. F. Burns; Vice-Iresidents, Niss Fairbanks and Mrs. R. Laing; Recording Secretary, Moss Thomson; Corresponding Secretary; Miss Camplell; Treasurer, Mrs. Costley; with a committee of twenty ladies. An effort will be made this year, $i$ is hoped, of increase the number of auxiliaries, and thus enlist a much larger number of ladies in the good work.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, St. John, N.B. - The first annual mecting of this Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on the 5th of February, when a very encouraging report was read by the Rev. (i. M. Mackay, who has been appointed as missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John. The object of this Society is to awaken an interest in Home Missions and to give material aid by means of yearly subscriptions and collections to this mission. It is also hoped that by meeting and working together the members of the Society may berefit themselves, and that a greater feeling of unity may grow up between the members of the scveral Churches than has hitherto existed. The following are the officers of the Society for the year:-Mrs. James Lawton, President; Mrs. Donald, Mrs. Brittain, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Crittenden, Miss Murphy and Mrs. Eldes are the Vice-Presidents; Mrs. J. H. Warstaff, Recording Sccretary; Mrs. Mersercau, Corresponding Secretary ; and Mrs. R. Themson, Treasurer. There is besides a working committee of twenty-cight ladies belonging to the different $P_{1}$ esbyterian congregations in the city.

Only two sides at the day of judgment-the right hand and the left. Only these two. Those on the right nand will be blessed"Come, ye blessed of my father." Those on the left will be cursed-"Depart ye cursed." All must appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, to receive the things done in the body, whether good or bad. What words will be spoken o you?

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RINCE EDWARD :SLIND : May 1. -The Presbytery met at Summerside. The congregation meeting in Prince Street Charch, Charlottetown, was recommended to discontinue :heir services and unite with one or other of the churches in the town. Mr. Carr was appointed to intimate to them this resolution. May 2.-Met at Bedeque for the induction of Rev. Win. Scott. The congreration has provided a suitable manse and live acres of land. Mr. Scott enters on a very interesting field, where the late venerable Robt. Sime Patterson, one of the fathers of the Church, laboured arduously for many years.J. M. Mcleod, cil.

Mikamichi: April 17.-The Presbytery met at Chatham. Rer. James Quinn was translated from Tabusintac to Bathurst, the induction being appointed o.. May I. Mr. Waits was appointed Moderator of Tabusintac session. The Presbytery instructea the Clerk to express to Dr. T. G. Smith, Kinyston, disapproval of the act of recommending a theological student to one of our stations and, after his appointment, the withdrawal of the same to other work in the west. Kev. K . McLennan was nominated for Moderator of the General Ass:mb:y. The following elders were appointed as the Presters's Commis-sioners:-W. S. Logye, Chatham; J. 13. McKenzie, Campbelltun; James Hamilton, Stratford, Ont.; Jas. Steveley, London, Ont. R-ports on the State of Religion and on Sab-ai-schools were approved. The sum of $\$ 65$ was raised in behalf of the mission to Lumbermer. in the Presbytery's bounds.- . McCarter, Clk.
Pictou: May t.-The Prebytery met at New Glasgow. Messri. C. S. Lord and R. I). Ross, after satisfactory trials, were duiy licensed to preach the Cospel. Rev. R. Laird was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly in place of D. Murray; resigned.--E. A. McCurdy, cilk.

Halifax: Meyy 9 .-The Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church. Moderation in calls was granted to Canard, Nocl and Middle Musquodoboit. Mr. Bearistos resignation of Carlton and Chebogue was accepted. Application will be made to the Gencral Assembly for leave to receive Mr. J. Millen Robinson, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and Mr. James Anderson, a licentiate of the U. P. Church, Scolland.-A. Simpson. clk.
St. John : May $\mathcal{S}$. -On motion of Dr. Marrae the Presbytery agreed to ask the (iencral Assembly whether Presbyiery has a right to enjoin collections for its own Home Mission
work? The induction of Rev. Dr. Smith into the charge of St. Indrew's Church was appointed to take place on the 2gth of May. Messrs. William: Dawson and R. C. (Quma were licensed to preach the Gospel.
Trifo: May S-The Presbytery met at Springside, Upper Stewacke, for the inductoon of Rev. S. C. (iunn. This congregation h.is had a separate existence for seventeen year, It is one of the few within whose bounds n, "dissent" exists. The Presbytery met at Stewiacke \illage, when a large congres, ation was addressed on the State oi Religiu: -J. H. Сhase, Clk.
Lueneberg and Shflberve: April 2f. This Presbytery met at Conqueral Bank to consider the question of amexing two statio:1s to New Dublin. After full consideration, and in deference to the wishes of the people, the stations in question were continued in their connection with Bridyewater. Asreed tis apply for supplement of $\$ 200$ for New Dublin. This is the only grant the Presbytery now asks. Five years ago three grants were required. Mr. Duncan Cameron's services have been secured for the summer for Lockport station. A report on the statistics of the Presbytery was submitted by the Clerk, showing sinaller contributions than last year. La Have gave $\$ 1$. oo per famity; Luncnburg $\$ 2.18$ per communicant. The rates in other consregations are lower. There are fewer blanks than any previous yeat---D. S. Fraser, Clk.

Tokowro: April 2 f. - Rev. J. inogg tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge. on the ground of recent sickness, which had much reduced his strength and rendered ia his opinion a lengthened rest necessary. The P'resbyiery waived in this case the ordinary rule, and asrreed to hear commissiuncrs who were present from Charles Street Church, and to dispose of the case without delay. The commissioners were accordingly heard. And the P'resbytery: with much restet, accepted of Mr. Hoges resisnation, whet effect on and after the 2oth of May: The annual report of the Home Mission Committee was read by Rev: Dr. King, convencr, showint inticr aliaj that the consregations withon the bounds have contributed durins the year to the General Assembly's Fund $\$, 165$, beins an increase of \$55, with several congregations still to hear from, and sent as a frec contribution to said fund acarly $\$ 5,000$, beins more than double the amount contributed by any other liesby: tery of the Church. Reports were receivel from committecs on the State of Relixion and Sablath-schools. The translation of Rev. F. Smith from Amherstburg to St. Andrew's Church, Markham, was appointed for May 15 th; and that of Kev. A. Wilson from Kingston to Carlton Strect Church, Toronto, for Shy : 7 h, 1 linter was read from Rev. Wm.

Stewart, tendering his resignation of Hornby ; and the clerk was instructed to cite his congregration to appear for their interests at an adjourned mectin; " be held in the usual place on the 17 th of May at 11 a.m. Kev. J. . . AcDonald delisered his trials for ordinaton; and the same was to take place at Horning's Mills on April 26. Mr. Joseph Builder, B.A., theological student, was examined, and the fresbytery agreed to ask leave of the Synod to take him on public trials for license. At meetings held at luelph on the and and 3rd of May, Mr. W. G. Wallace was licensed ti) preach the Gospel. Also, the Presbytery ielcat ed Rev. R. I. Mackay from his pastoral oversight of Highland Creck congregation, that so it be united with Dunbarton congregatim, and put under the jurisdiction of Whitby l'resbyterj:-R. Monteath, Clk.

Manirobs.-The following were appointed Commisioners to the Gencral Assembly:Mesors. Duncan. Tunkansaicye, McRac, lolson, Hodnett, D. M. Gordon, A. Bell, C. B. Pitblado, J. Robertson and D. Stalker, mimistier; Professors Hart and Bryce, Dr. Flemingr, Mensrs. Panton, Mutchmore, McI onald, Mclicat, G. W. Ross, H. C. Ross and J. Sutherland, clicrs.-T. Hakr, Clk.

SikatForil: liay s-A call from Millbank (1) Mr. A. H. Kippen was sustained. The rerat on Standing Committees was in the main approved. Mr. Hislop, of Avonton, continues wry ill. The Presbytery recommended its ininisters and people to co-operate with Knox collewe Board in raising an endowment fund. 1. Fombringhim, Clk.

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$R^{\mathrm{E}}$EL. J.MMES B.ARCLAY of St. Cuth bere, having intimated to the l'resbyats of Edinburgh 'is decision to accept the matation to St. Yauls, Montreal, the usual -ip, were taken to release him from his pre ent charge. In that l'resbytery there has beea a lone discussion on the new Lnitersitics. wohnd Bill, which contemplates some mpmant changes in the management and Cf:upment of the Sontish Unisersities, of Wheth there are four, namely St. Andrews, towaded in $1+11$; ( hasgow, in 145 ! ; Aberdeen, in 14yt, and Edinbursh, in 1582. In each of there there are Theological Facultics which ni nit very adequately codowed. The profourn are at present required to be members of the Church of Scotland. The Eniversities Bill proposes to make the Theologicai Chairs :innminhly undenominational. In view also of the limited number of Theological Students - nd the insufficient stipends of the professors, the werestion is made that it might be well
to consider the propriety of having only two theological faculties instead of four,-or in other words to combine Aberdeen with (;lasgow and st. Andrew's with Edinburgh. It is admitted by all that some reforms are needed, but the difficulty of dealing practically with the question becomes apparent immediately that it is opened for discussion. There are those who regard the Bill as a first step in the direction of "disestablishment"-that terrible bugbear that looms up every now and then. They would rather see the theological faculties done away with altogether than that the Chairs should be thrown open to "all the Reformed Churches in the country:" The pussibility of a Methodist. or a Baptist, or an Episcopalian, not to speak of other "1)issenters," beang elected to teach theology is sugsestive to such minds of a pandemonium in which theology would degenerate into fanaticism and superstition. The ground is also taken that the nation and not the church is responsible for the efficiency of theological teachin; in a national Eniversity, the natural corrolloray of course being that the test of fitness to teach theology must be conformity with the tenets of the National Church. The removal of the Theological Faculty from St. Andrew's would in all probability put an extinguisher upon the oldest of the Scottish Universities. The Synod of Aberdcen has expressed disapproval of the Bill by a majority of forty-seven to seven votes. The English Presbytery of London has had another lively discussion on the relation of the Church to the Itestminster Confession of Faith. It remains to be seen what action, if any, the Synol will take in the premises. This kind of proyressive theology is at a discount in Philadelphia where it has been twice discussed by the ministerial association, but without any apparent effect. Only one brother was found to admit ihat a few verbal changes in the Confession might be made for the better: "but the feeling agains: any movement to revise was so preponderating that the discussion did not last out the hour." Dr. Marcus Dods, a leadins Free Church minister in Glasgow, in closing a serics of lectures on the History of the Church in Scotland said that we have to look forward to a thorough reconstruction of the Sontioh Church. The first step tonard that he thinks must be disestablishonent. "and it mus: be on the basis of a short creed." The ecclesiasical year ending wit: May has been, from all accounts, one of exceptional financial prosperity, especially in regard to the revenues of the missionary Socictics, which have been larger during the past twelve months than for a number of year- All the English Sucieties wi!l report an increase of income. The two great missionary Boards, of the ine byterian Church in the United States have receied a splendid support from their constituencies
during the year. The reccipts for their Home Missions were over $\$ 500.000$ while their Foreign Mission Board received $\$ 050.000-$ the largest amount ever received through the ordinary channels by any Home or Foreign Missionary Society in the country. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions have lately sent out two deputations to Turkey. The missions carried on by the Board there for the last fifty years have reached an interesting crisis. The native churches appear to be desirous of becoming more selfgoverning than they have been. The duty devolving upon the deputies is an important and delicate one and will be watched with much concern by all who have the care of missionary operations among the heathen. Dr. Somerville is still prosecuting his evars ${ }^{2}-$ listic work among the tribes of South Africa. The brave old man has done some hard travelling. He will visit Lovedale before returning to Scotland in the end of July. Arrangements are in progress for the Belfast meeting of the Presbyterian Council to be held in June 1884. An effort will be made at that time to organize the Council into a shape for permanent activity and usefulness by the appointment of a staff of officers and the employment of a Secretary who shall devote his whole time to promote its interests. This of course involves a certain amount of expense which must be provided for. Messrs. Moody and Sankey have returned to their homes in America after eighteen months continuous evangelistic labour in Britain and France. During all that time Mr. Moody preached daity and Mr. Sankey sang. It is believed that greater results were accomplished by this visit than the previous one. Sometimes as many as eleven meetings were held in a day. It was not unusual for 12.000 people to frequent a single meeting in some of the English towns. The French people were delighted with Mr. Sankey's hymns and with his singing. They intend returning to Europe in October. The Presbyterian Church in New South Wales is suffering from a deartin of ministers. The Sustentation Fund in that colony has paid an equal dividend of $\$ 1500$.

IRELAND. Natarally all attention just now is directed to the trials going on in Dublin and the convictions obtained in the case of the Phonix Park assassins. How some of those that are sentenced can assert their innocence in the face of the overwhelming testimony is somewhat singular, but it is not any more mysterious than the fact that some of the worst of the lot were arcustomed :, take the communion frequently during the time that the plots were hatched and put into cxecution. What a rewiltingly oblig ace moral jentiment thore is when the hand that was
reeking with the blood of fellowmen did not tremble when receiving the consecrated wafer which, in the eyes of the Roman Catholics, means so much. Can it be possible that the teaching of that Church results in persuading men to believe themselves innacent of the most revolting crimes after that said crimes are confessed and absolution given? We shrink from such a conclusion, however unavoidable it may seem to be. The Synods of the Prest-jterian Church have been holding their meetings, and a good deal of interest was taken in the proceedings. A threatened interference with the principle of non-sectarianism in the public schools was the occasion of a warm discussion in each of the Synods. It has been whispered that Government contemplates the founding of a separate Normal School for the training of teachers for the Roman Catholics, hence the righteous indignation that was manifested. Vigorous and eloquent speeches were made. The proposed action was denounced, and strong resolutions wre unanimously carried. Whether the Government will go on in yielding to the demands of the Roman hierarchy remains $t$ " be seen. Our brethren have all along contended for the principle of united education in common schools, and as well indeed in colleges, in the most strenuous and persistent manner.
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FRANCE-The Macall Mission to the working classes has been re-organized and enlarged, and we have no doubt its efficiency will be greatly increased. It was not possible that Mr. Macall should continue to bear alone, as he has done now some twelve years, the responsibility of carrying on so great a work. It has now been entrusted to a committee of bre:hren, of whem four are French, one English, one Scotch and two American, and of which Mr. Macall is president. The official title of the work is, "The Popular Evangelical Mission of France:" The committec. who are responsible for the money necessary to prosecute the work, have affiliated committecs in Paris, London, Edinburgh and many other large cities and towns in Crea: Britain and America, who seek to intercst as many as possible in the Mission and secure contributions therefor. This central committee proposes to establish a reserve fund of some twenty-five thousand dollars, in case of any emertency. To the mission-stations planted and directed by Mr. Macall, haie been added those founded by M. Saillens in Marseilles and its neighbourhood. The nex organization wili have two centres, Paris and Marseilles, but the whole work will be en:ducted by the committec at Paris. The i:come of the Macall Mission for 1882 anme:nac: to forty-five thousand six hundred dollars.
that of M. Saillens to fourteen thousand four hundred; making a total of sixty thousand dollars. The number of stations founded by Mr . Macall up to the present is sixty-six ; by M. Saillens, fourteen ; in all, eighty. Saillens is to take the place of the late lamented Mr. Dodds, whose presence and counsel are so sadly missed. It is gratifying to know that evangelistic work is being carried on in France, under the supervision of the Rev. W. Gibson, who expends some ten thousand dollars annually in this work. Pastors here and there are attacking the strongholds of ignorance and superstition, almost always with encouraging success. Pastor Bourgeon, of Caen, has recently held a series of meetings in a district entirely Catholic. At Ceton he had an audience of one hundred and fifty Catholics; at Bellềue they desired him to return, or send a preacher of the Gospel. France is now a great battle-ground, where many zealous servants of Christ are fighting in their Master's name. Against them are fearful odds; atheism, superstition, ignorance and indifference to religion. Added to this, the influence of the Romish priesthood is bitterly hostile to the work of spreading the Gospel. Our brethren need the prayers and sympathies of the Church of Christ everywhere. "Thy Kingdom Come!" C. H.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,-The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held on 26th March. The attendance was large. The clerk of session reviewed the past year. The church was re-organized in September on the basis of union with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. There were forty-eight names on the roll then; over forty were added since that time. The prayer-meetings are well attended and there is a good Sabbath-School. The manager's report showed that the church owed its origin to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, which spent nearly $\$ 6.000$ in entirely supporting the first minister for over three years from 1862 to 1865 . The whole debt was only $\$ 1.750$ seven years ago. About a year ago the debt amounted to over $\$ 4.7 j$ o. The managers have retrenched in every possible way in order not only to be self-sustaining but to pay off the past indebtedness. The receipts of the past year were in excess of each of the two preceding years. All the current expenses were met and $\$ 350$ were paid on account of indebtedness on Sunday-School room and arrears of salary. A special collection was made for the Home Mission Fund of Canada and a balance remained on hand. The last General Assembly having deierred action in obtaining a minister, the Rev. Daniel Garnble, a native of the North of Ireland, and graduate
of the S. F. Seminary was invited to supply the pulpit for one year. After nine months of faithful and successful service, the congregation have given hirr. a unanimous and cordial call to become i., stated pastor.

John McKenzie, Secretary.

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LETTER FROM REV. DR. G. L. MACKAV.
To Dr. Maclaren.
Tamsul, 8th March, 1885.
To-morrow, al 3 p.m., it will be eleven years since I stepped on the shores of Northern Formosa. What scenes have passed before these eyes since that day-what moments of joy and anxiety-yea, what soul-inspiring gatherings! I have just counted the trophies of victory in my room-trophies won since our return from America-trophies which speak louder and clearer than the orator's rounded sentences. Idols of all sizes and shapes, forty in number; tablets (ancestral) of all colours, twenty-five in number, worshipped by succeeding generations, some are black with the smoke of incense, others crumble with lapse of time; but all, all were the gods of poor devotees. In addition I have a shrine exactly three feet wide and three feet two inches high, which was given me by a man who a few years ago would really sooner part with his life! Praise the Lord, all who love His holy name praise him. Let men tell me there is no God. I throw it back with indignation. I know that my Lord and God reigns forever. These nemorials of victory (with many others) I intend for the museums in Montreal and Kingston colleges. 1 have not forgotten my promise to each of the Principals.

During 1882 many of our converts gave liberally towards the relief fund for the famine in China proper. Another old convert went home with joy on her lips. Our work progressing as usual. Oxford College is flourishing. Torrents of rain here every day for three weeks past. May Almighty God come in all His might and power and save this beloved isle!
G. L. M.

Later News.-A telegram received from Dr. Mackay contains the following intelligence, for which the Presbyterian Church in Canada should "thank God and take courage":-

## "A thousand Aborigines have thrown away their idols."

The peopic of whom Dr. Mackay thus speaks are not Chinese; they are Malays. In Formosa, they are generally found in the mountainous parts of the island. Their religion is a mixture of Mohammedanism. They are, for the most part, savages. They have,
in their natural state, abandoned themselves, with desperation, to the most ferocious habits, -taking delight in doing mischief to their neighbours.

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I.f.lTER FROM REV. J. W. MACKENZIE. iol'r. AcCiregor.

Ekakor, Efate, 25th Nor., 1882.

In the grood providence of God we are back agsein to our station. It is just a week to-day ince we landed. We were much later in getting to our station than we expected. There were two reasons for this. The vessel was late in getting to Sydney on account of rough weather in the islands, and then when we arrived, in the group, Mr. Gray, the new missionary from South Australia, had to be settled on Tanna before the "Dayspring" proceeded north. We were thus eight weeks from the day we left Sydney until we arrived here. This was trving to our patience, but it has turned out, I believe, for the best. Being so long on board the vesich, I feel much more iforous than when 1 arrised in the group. M) health now is all that I could desire. I must, however, be careful, as I have not so much strength to expend as when I first joined the mission. I need not say we have beea kept very busy since we landed, for although the natives did all they could towards putting our premises in order before we arrived, havins thatched, whitewashed and cleansed out the house, yet we had a great deal to attend to. Our cases had to be opened and the contents stowed awav, our orders made out, our letters written, medicine dispensed to the sick, grierances of the natives listened to and advice given, \&c., \&ic. All this had to be done inside the week, lest the ressel should be back on her way to Sydnes. Being so very busy we have not been able to open our schools. but we hope t, do so next week.
Our poor natives were very glad to see us back asain. They saw the "Dayspring" as gom as she hote in sight, and between two and three hundred of them assembled on the bea\% toweme we severat of them cume wading out in the water. When we came up $t$, the house we found two heaps of yams and :wo pigs beside them-presents for us and for the yesol. Sance that soarcely a day has pared without oar receivins some expression of good fecling, cither fish, yam, taro, melons. "reen cocoa-nuts. bamanas or pine apples. You cannot imasine how delighted we were to hear that a teacher was still staying at Fila. You know we had a long nisht of toil there, but the dawn is breakins. You may remember when I was in Nova Scotio, I had a letter from Pomal saying a tacher had tone there,
but I was afraid they would soon drive him away. He has remained there ever since, and now some half-dozen have renounced heathenism and are learning to read. Last Monday four of them came to see $u s$, bringing a present of yams. The pleasure of meeting them that day under such circumstances was a tenfold reward for leaving our native land. During my absence four more natives from Bufathree men and a woman-renounced heathenism and moved to the Christian villages, Erakor and Eratap, in order to embrace the Gospel. Thus you see the natives whom I left in charge were carrying on the good work.

I am extremely sorry to find that the French are buying large tracts of land on this side of the island. To the heathen they give liquor as part payment. I fear there will be trouble soon. To-day one of our natives told me that the natives from other islands, employed by a foreigner living near us, come and steal food from the Erakor people's plantations on Sabbath. A Frenchman has bousht the island of Iririki from a Fila native, not friendly to us. You know it was bought for our mission years ago, and Mr. Annand lived there. The natives told the Frenchman that the island belonged to us, but he would not listem to them. He told one of them that if he did not take from him the things he had brought with which to purchase it he would throw them into the sea and taken posiession of it.

You remember when I was in Montreal some members of Mr. Black's congregation and a gentleman in Quebec offered to contribute $\$ 25$ a year for three or four years to support young inen while they were being trained for teachers. Three whom I wished have consented to come and stay with me, and three more have offered their services, but I wish to make the best selection I possibly can. We heard in Sydney of the death of the chicf of Erakor, Pomal. We miss him very much, for he was a tine native, and a great support to the cause. When a Church was organized here he was one of the first bap. tized, beine then geate a youns man. of course, like all human beings, he had his fail-ing-, but when he did wron; he was ready to acknowledse his fath and to cndeavour (1) amend. I never fomal him settin:s aside my advice when I had or asion to advice him against the course he was pursaing, even if some personal interest were to be sacrificed He was ever ready to acompany me in visi: ing heathe: vilages or t" go by himself. Indecd he was visiting Fila rerularly in turn with other natives up to the time of his illness. I have known him on more than one weasion losing several days in the planting se:ason :" preventing war and restoring peace among the heathen villayes. No native on the island was more widely known or more highly respected b: both Christian and heathen. Hi,
manner of living, too, was very much improved. He had a nice plastered cottage of three rooms, and had many of the comforts of life. His successor will be appointed shortly. J. W. M.

Dr. Sreel., writing from Sydney on 2ist March last, says:-The Rev. W. B. Murray was ordained by the General Assembly of our Church on the 12 th instant in presence of a large congregation. He is a very superior man and scholar. Dr. William Gunn arrived along with his wife on the roth, and is now busy preparing to occupy the Rev. J. Copeland's place on Futuna. He is well reported of. Rev. P. Milne, wife and family, have just arrived from New Zealand to join the "Layspring." Rev. D. McDonald will wait till next trip. I wrote to the Governor of Fiji, who is acting High Commissioner in the Western Parific about titles of deeds to property in the New Hebrides. His Excellency wites, requesting me not to send any deeds for registration till he hears more definitely from the Imperial Government on the matter. You will have observed in telegraphic new's that while it was reported that France had resolved to send the worst convicts to New Caledonia, the Loyalty Isles and the lezu Heliriles, the English covernment have stated that neither power is to amex the New Hebhrides. At the same time the French colonists are purchasing land in the group. I fear, theforefore, for the mission. On the other hand Bishop Selwyn has receded to the north, aid left all the islands south of Ambryo open wour mission. Espiritu Santo is also open

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THE close of another year reminds us of our duty to give an account of our , wardship. The ycar opencd with an adutional grant from Messrs. Tennants of $£ 50$ in, and a new school-houre, costing at least fin. This marked evidence of liberality and interest in our work led me to form the resolu:on to place schools at once within reach of all their estates in this district. We carried out our plan and schools have been in operation throughout the year, on Bonaventure, Concord, Point a Pierre, Hermitage, La Fortunc, and Belle Vue. Four of these receive result fees from the Col. Government. Judge Hursins coniributes to the support of Point ${ }_{11}$ Pierre. Whilst thankful for this extension of our work in the earlier part of the year, we did not cease to be anxiously conceraed for
an important section of our district in which stands the great Sugar Refinery of the Col. Company. There we had no mission schools, but the Lord has provided. As reported, Mr. and Mrs. Lubbock, who were here on a visit from London, spent a couple of hours one day in examining our principal school, and a few weeks later I had the great satisfaction of being informed that the Directors of the: Company had doubled their contributions by granting us $£ 60$ additional for school work at Petite Morne and Usine Ste. Madeleine. and at the same time receiving a cheque for the amount. Immediately suitable rooms were given to me on both estates, and school work was commenced. We feel assured that your board rejoices with us in this generous provision for the extension of nur work amongst the Indian immigrants. We now think that existing schools, numbering 18 in all, do faiily meet the wants of this mission district allowed to me. Our great aim now is to serure their efficient working.

I have not crunted in the foregoing a small school in a village on Ne l'lus Ultra Estate though it serves as a link in the chain that connects schools beyond with the central station. We hope shortly to draw the children of this school to San Fernando.

Two schools, Canaan and Cedar Grove, supported by Mr. Lamont, meet the requirements of his four estates. At Picton and Wellington schools are supported by Mr. Cumming. The appended list of schools siows a roll of $8 \geq S$ pupils and a daily average of 524 , being in excess of last year 202 and 147 respectively:

Prominence is given to bible instruction and we beliese that few of our youns people, who have attended school lons cnough to read fairly will grow up in the Hindu religion. This department of our work, which brings us constantly in contart with the people, does much to disarm opposition, to soft.n down prejudices and to give us free acrese to, the adult population. The central schonl in the handis of Mr. J. W. Corsbic, has frown m numbers, and we feel assured that the pupits have made good progress. The teacioer in a checrful spirit has diligently prosecuted his work, and his zeal in the Sabbath-school has given entire satisfaction. Weekly he tausht the children a new tune with the hymn attached in our Sabbath-school Helps.

Kecently, the Governor accompanied by his daughter and a large number of ladies and gentlemen visited and cxamined the school. There was also an unusual turn out of the paremts and friend of the children. His Excellency expressed himself as highly satisfied with the state of the school, spoke words of counsel and encouragement and then retired with his suite to Les Efforts House, the res:dence of the Hon. Mr. Fenwick, n: e of the managers of the school. This vicit has pro-
duced a most favourable impression among the Indian people, and its influence on the Mission, will doubtless be salutary. In addition to school work, religious instruction is given daily in estate hospitals and in labourers houses, in the Indian language by ten Asiatic helpers, eight being teachers and two catechists These teachers assembled at San Fernando. weekly, on Friday evening, and remained until noon, Saturday, to be instructed and to give a detailed account of their week's work. With the assistance of these helpers services are regularly maintained every Sabbath at eleven stations, including the San Fernando church. Some of the larger hospitals are visited thrice weekly.

Your catechist, George Sadaphal, is as steady as the ox accustomed to the yoke. He has grown in knowledge, is ever faithful in duty, exemplary in life, and his labours are producing good results. His head-quarters are at Wellington estate, the property of Mr. Cu:nming, one of our liberal supporters. The ordination of Lal Behari by the Presbytery of Trinidad is an endorsation of the favourable reports which we have submitted from year to year. With his eye directed to the evangelizing of his countrymen, the motto of his life is "this one thing Ido." He lives beside us on the mission premises and co-operates with us in the work of general superintendence.

The annexed financial report shows a considerable expenditure on buildings. The increase in pupils necessitated the enlargement of our central school house ; and Lal Behari's house had also to be enlarged. Both of these items have been largely met by the gift of $\$ 200.00$ from an unnamed donor in connection with Knox Church, Galt. To the Rev. Mr. Smith and his large hearted people we are much indebted for former favours. Farther we could not have ventured on the work at Bonaventure, had it not been for aid rendered to Ramjilal by the Women's F. M. Society, Pictou, N. S. And yet again during the year when we were planning how to provide for helpers, who came weekly for instructions, grenerous friends of former years, Miss Stark of Toronto and Miss Crook of Flamboro, with her Bible-class, came to our help. We could fill a page telling of disappointments and anxieties, but we prefer speaking of our many encouragements. From the foregoing and the subjoined financial statement you will observe at once the kindly interest taken in our work, and the liberal provision made for its support by the Government and proprietors. I have great pleasure in adding that every facility continues to be afforded us by gentlemen in charge of estates for prosecuting our work with comfort. From the Colonial Government in this year we have received $£ 65$ more than last year, and from proprietors $£ 110$ additional. To our roll of Baptisras 78 have
been added, of these 43 are adults, and 35 children. The Communion roll shows 113 in good standing; Marriages, 23. Of those baptised some have been seven years under instruction, others five years. The greater number of adults received can read the Scriptures in Hindi. All the converts contribute to the mission fund. (See financial statement.) The conduct of the young men at the central church is worthy of the highest commendation. The burden of managing the outward things of the House of God no longer rests on me. They have fairly shouldered the responsibilities and are now preparing to effect repairs on the church, which will cost probably $\$ 300$, hence their inability to pay more of my salary than in the year closing.

With gratitude to God, for friends, for liberal support, for blossoms, for green fruit, and for ripe, and with confidence that He whose aid failed not in the past will to-day and forever abide faithful, we humbly submit this our twelfth annual report.-K. J. Grant.

## HOSPITAL AT TAMSUI.

BHE annual report of the Mackay Mission Hospital, at Tamsui, states that during the year 1882, no less than one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight patients got free medical treatment, a far greater number than in any previous year. The number of cases treated for diseases of the eye was two hundred and fourteen. Blindness is very prevalent in Formosa.
The name "Mackay Hospital" was given to this Institution in honour of Mrs. Mackay, of Windsor, Ont., who erected the hospital at Tamsui, in memory of her late husband, who in his lifetime took a deep interest in the mission to Formosa. Mrs. Mackay has also given $\$ 500$ towards building a church in Bang-Kah. During 1882 the Hospital was under the able and successful management of Dr. Johansen, physician and surgeon at Tamsui, who shewed a deep intercst in the patients and in everything connected with the premises. Although his own time has been very much occupied with the Oxford College, and other matters requiring his personal attention, Dr. Mackay has visited every city, town and hamlet in North Formosa several times since his return from Canada. He and his native assistant, he says, dispensed medicine to 8,038 persons, and extracted 2,360 teeth. At the different chapels scores were cured of that distressing disease of the eye-conjunctivites granularis-by the persistent use of sulphate of copper. "Lân Hé, the native preacher at Sintiam attended to nearly 2,000 patients; but of that number many had teeth extracted, as he is very skil-


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ful and uses a splendid set of American tooth forceps, which I gave him several years ago. When it is remembered that the inhabitants of that town were amongst the most bitter against myself and work a few years ago, and that they assembled to throw me over the acqueduct, the amount of good done by the skill of this native convert cannot be overestimated. Our grand object, viz. : The Eziangelization of Northern Formosa is greatly advanced by the medical work in the Hospitals and chapels. May the influence spread over mountain and valley, until ten thousands voices shall swell the songs of praise to Almighty God."


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4N order to preserve for future use the Missionary Map which we have now the pleasure to present to our readers it should cither be pasted upon a piece of thick cardboard or, still better, be stretched upon a piece of thin muslin. The ladies will understand how to do this. Those who are taking an active interest in missionary work throughout the world will, we are sure, be glad to have by them for reference this map, on which they will find the names of the principal stations of nearly all the British and American Foreign Missionary Societies, as well as those of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

In spite of our best efforts to despatch the Record at the earliest possible date, complaints reach us now and then from some of the remoter districts that it does not come up to time, and that consequently the Notes on the Sabbath-school Lessons for the first Sabbath of the month cannot in such cases be made availatle. To prevent disappointment we have extended the notes in this number to
the 8th of July, and hereafter shall endeavour to be a week ahead in this department.

On account of the General Assembly meeting on the 13 th, the Record for July may be a few days later than usual in coming out.

## Kiterature.

Ffipeaven our Home ; Meet for Heaven, and Life in Heaven. Boston, Roberts Brothers, 1883 ; pp. 889 ; price $\$ 2.00$. These three volumes in one are beautifully printed, and carry us back in thought to the time, a good many years ago, when they were first published. The author, if we are not mistaken, was the late Rev. William Branks, of Torphichen, Scotland. The books were then, and are still, deservedly popular. The present is the ninth edition of the first named, and the sixth and seventh of the others. They are stored with precious thoughts, full of comfort and encouragement to all who in hope and expectation are looking towards "the better country."

Current Discussions in Theology, by Professors Boardman, Curtiss, and Scott, of Chicago Theological Seminary. F. H. Revel, Chicago; p.p. 217 ; price $\$ 1.00$. The aim of this work is to aid ministers and theological students in keeping themselves abreast of the thinking of our times in the various departments of theology, by a systematic review of the more important theological speculations of the day. The editors' names are a sufficient guarantee for the soundness of the conclusions reached in regard to the great issues which are discussed.
The Church in Scotland, by Rev. Jas. C. Moffat, Professor of Church History, Princeton Theological Seminary. The Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia; pp. 450 ; price $\$ \mathrm{I} .75$. This is a valuable resumé of the History of Christianity in Scotland, its antecedents, its conflicts and its advocates from the carliest recorded times to the first Assembly of the Reformed Church. To those who are unacquainted with the early history of Christianity in Scotland this comprehensive volume affords an excellent opportunity of informing themselves on the subject, while to those who are already familiar with it, it will be useful as a book of reference.

D'Aubignè's Martyrs of the Reformation, by Rev. Professor C. H. A. Buckley, D.D., of Howard University, Washington. The Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia; pp. 510; price \$1.75. This we may call a gallery of religious portraits, culied from D'Aubigne's celebrated History of the Refor-
mation and given in his own language. They cannot fail to be read with the deepest interest.

The lioorrapher is the title of a new monthly magazine to be devoted to short slietches of eminent persons, published at 23 Park Row, New York; pp. 64; price \$3.00 per ycar; illustrated. The first number contains thirt'-five biographical sketches, with portraits. Among these are some celebrated Canadians and ex-Camadians. The Biographer is mistaken in saying that Sir John was born at Kingston, Ont. He is a native of Glasgow, Scotland. It is true, however, that he was "caught joung," and for all practical intents and purposes may be called a Canadian. A magazine of this kind cannot fail of support provided it is reliable and impartial, but in both these important points the first number of the fiucsropher is deficient. It lacks discrimination.

Life in Hawail: A. D. Randolph \& Co., New York; p.p. 340,-is a delightful autobiography by the late Rev. Titus Coan-for fortycight years a faithful and successful missionary in the Sandwich Islands, who died last December. We have seldom read a more fascinating book; price $\$ 1.50$. W. Drysdale \& Co., Montrcal.

Doroihy Dorchester, \$1.25; Gathered In, $\$ 1.00$; and Through the Desert, $\$ 1.00$, are three very attractive volumes suitable for the Sunday-school Library, published by the Presbyterian Board, Philadelphia.

British ani Foreign Evangelical Review: Jas. Bain \& Son, Toronto; price $\$ 2.00$ per annum. The current number of this excellent quarterly, among other articles, contains a very interesting sketch of the origin of the "Moravian Brethren," with an account of their trials and persecutions, and also of their remarkable enterprize and success in missionary work. There is also a raper by Rev. Dr. Inglis on the New Hebrides as a mission field, with particular reference to the hindrances in the way of missionary effort, especially that of the notorious "labour traffic.

GeORge Elliois Essays, now collected and printed in book form for the first time ; and An Hotr whi Charlotte browte, are the latest additions to Messrs. Funk \& Wagnalls' Standard Library; price 25 cents and 15 cents respectively: They are both charming books.

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## GENERIL ASSENBLY.

The ninth session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be opened in the City of London, Ont., and within St. Andrew's Church there, on Wednesday, 13 th June, at 7.30 pm .

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The Conveners of Standing Committees should have their reports ready to hand to the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the second sederunt of the General Assembly.

Lists of Commissioners and other documents should be addressed to Rev: Dr. Reid, Toronto.

The Committec on business, consisting of the Clerks of Assembly, together with those of Synods and Presbyteries who may be Commissioners, will meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Wednesday, 13 th instant, at 4.30 p.m.

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Commissioners are particularly requested to communicate with Mr. Andrew Thomson, London, without delay, intinating whether they intend being present; accommodation will only be provided for such as do so. Any who have made private arrangements will please state so to the Committee. Should any who have intimated to Mr. Thomson their intention of being present change their minds, they should inform Mr. Thomson at once of this charge.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

I. E. Island, Charlottetown, 7 th August, II a.m.

Lunenburg and Shelburne, Bridgewater, ioth July, 2 p.m.
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Quebec, Three Rivers, 6th June, 10 a.m.
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Sarnia, St. Andrew's Church, 26th June, 3 p.m. Bruce, Pinkerten, 17 th July, 2 p.m.
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After St. Paul's conversion he remained a short time in Damascus, Acts 9: 22. He then went away into Arabia, where he remained the greater part of three years, Gelotians 1: 17, 8. After that he returned to Damascus and preached the Gospel with so much boldness that the Governor of the city gave orders to have him arrested. 2 Corinthians, 11: 32. Then it was that his disciples took him by night and let him down from a window overhanging the city wall in a basket made of ropes; and so he escaped from his cnemies, Acts 9: 25, and went to Jerusalem, where Barnabas was very kind t. him and introduced him to the Apostles. A friend in need is a friend indeed. It is a good thing to sive a helping hand to those who are in tronble and require assistance. It is a good thing to bring your friends to the Church and the Sunday-school. It was remarked of our Sat iour that he went about continually "doing grod." Do any of our young friends want to be thought "good looking"? There is no bcauty to be compared with the loveliness of doing good to all as we have opportunity.

## GERON AND THE YOUTH.

Geron, an old man of eighty, was sitting at the door of his rural dwelling, when a youth from town came to him and entered into conversation. When he heard the number of his
years he marvelled at his healthful and vigorous appearance, and asked Geron what be had done to enjoy such strength and serenity in the winter of his life. He answered, "My son, this is, like every good gift, from above. Yet we must do something here below to olstain it." Then the old man rose, took the stranger to the olcarrd, and showed him the splendid trees, laden with delicious fruit. Then the old man said, "Dost thou marrel that I now enjoy the fruit of those trees? Behold, my son, I planted them in my youth. Here thou hast the mystery of my quiet, faithful old age." The youth bowed his head, for he understood the old man's words, and pondered them in his heart.

## HELP THE MISSIONS.

Oh ! help the missions forwardWith willing hearts subscribeThat all may hear the Gospel In every human tribe ; That all may hear of Jesus, May hear His words of peace ;
That out of every nation His kingdom may increase.

Whatever gift you proffer In love unto the Lord, He'll ne'er despise the offer

To spread abroad His Word ;
He surely will reward you,
As unto Him you "lend,"
And those are ever blessed
Who thus His praise extend.
Not only give, but ever
Pray for the world's wide field,
That when the Reaper cometh
It may the harvest yield;
And pray for those who labour In near and distant lands,
That all may know God's presence, And feel safe in Mis hands.

## CANT C.ATCH IT.

Children, what is it that you can never catch, even if you were th chase after it, as quick as possible, with the swiftest horse in the world?

You can never catch the word that has once gone out of your lips.

Once spoken, it is out of your power; do your best, you can never recall it.

Therefore, take care what you say, for "In the multitude of words there wanteth not $\sin$; but he that refraineth his lipj is wise."--Prov. x. 19.

## Arknowledgments.

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