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## No. II. <br> Cbye §anduidy dylanes.*

The people that roalked in darkness have scen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, tupon them hath the light shined.-Isaiak $9: 2$.

究HE Sandwich Islands were so named by Captain Cook, who discovered the group in 1778. This distisguished navigator was received by all classes of tha people with demonstrations of astonishment and delight. Offerings and prayers were presented to him by the native priests in one of the temples near the bay in which his vessels anchored and on the shore of which he was murdered on the night of the 13th February, 1799. The islauds, ten in number, are called by the inhabitants the Havaiian Islands, from the largest of the group. They are situated about 2500 miles due west from Nexico, and are distant from Japan 3,400 miles, thus occulying a ceutral position on the great ocean highways that connect America with China and Australa. The fonr largest and most important islands are Hamaii, Maui, Oahu, aud Kaual. The circumference of Hawaii is about 300 mll s , and that of Oahu about 100 . They are all of volcanic origin. Snow-capped mountains inse to a herght of nearly 14,000 fiet. . On the east side of FHaraii, at an altitude of 4000 feet above the Wea, is the largest volcumo that has jet been , discovered. It is in a state of ceaseless activity, Fthe crater being literally a lake of fire, nitic ${ }^{5}$ miles in circumference, burd-red with perpendicular walls of lava 1000 feet deep. The climate is remarkably healthy, and the natives, considered physically, are amoug the finest maces in the Pacific.

* History of the Mission of the American Board of Commissionors for Foreign Missions to tha Siandwich Folands : by Rufus Anderson, D. D., Li. D., lato Secretary of tho Board. Boston, 1874.

Sixty years ago there was not a solitary no. tive christian in these Islands. The peopie lived in the lowest condition of heathen berbarism. The accounts of their moral debasement seen almost incredible. Marriage and family ties were unknown. It was common for children, as soon as they were born to be given away by their parents or to be buried alive; and when fathers or mothers became aged and infirm, it was not ancommon for their children, in order to rid themselves of the barden, to cast them down a precipice, or to bury them alive. Human sacrifices formed a part of the religion of the natives. Bat tho most intolerable part of the religious syotem was the tabu, which made certain days, places, persons, and things sacred, and death was the nenalty for its violation. The Islands were full of idols of hidrous and disgasting appearance. "At the present time these same Islands are found under an indrpendent and constitutional gropermment, with: a native sovereign at its hrad, and a govermmint as confessedly cognizant of God's las ard the Gospel as any one of the governments of Chistian Europe, and, what is more, uith a Christian community of self gove mod, self-sulporting chusches, embraring as large a propartion of the people, and as rally entith d to the Christian name, as the rhurrhes of the most far oured Christian conntrics." How this gieat change has befn effected we chall now emile as cur very bric fly to state, if not in the precise words of the author whose name we have alvaly quoted, at least with the arknow? - demment that to him we are entirely indehted for the infurmation submittcd.

Ture Acexcy, which by the blessing of God has proved so succesofri', was the American Brard of Foreign Minsit his, composed, at the time here referred $t 0$, of representatives from the rarious evangelieal churches in the United States, and which, up to the time of the Union of the Old and Ner-school Presbyterian Churches, was chiefly supported by the Con-
gregationalist Churches of New England, and the Presbyterians of the Middle and Southern States. In the year 1809, 2 youth named Obookish, a native of Hawaii, was induced to take passago in an American ship and landed at New Haven in Connecticut. The college buildings there attracted his attention, and, learning their object, he was found one day weeping on the threshold because there was no one to instruct lim. Kind friends took the lad by the hand and cared for him. Meanwhile other youths were found from the Sandwich Islands and other foreign parts in such numbers as to suggest the establishment of a mission school or college, which tas opeued in 1816 with twelve pupils, of whom seven were from the Sandwich Islands. The object of the school was the education of heathen youths with a view to sending them back to their own countries as school-masters, missionaries, physicians, skilled artizans, \&c. Obookiah was among the first pupils, but he died before he had completed his education. Chiefly through him, however, a very general interest had been awakened in regard to his countrymen, and a mission to the Sandwich Islands was resolved upon. So that although the school itself was not very long-lived it could not be called a failure, since it gave rise to this mission.
It has often been mentioned as a remarkable fact in the history of missions that the Sandwich Islanders had abolished idolatry before christian missionaries were sent to them and thus, in some respects, answered the condition foretold in prophecy, Isaiah 42:4, "and the isles shall wait for his law." In a seuse this was true, but it is to be noted that this strange event resalted from no religious conviction whaterer, but rather from a desire to be rid of every lind of religious restraint apon the lusts and passions of a debased and sensual people. Yet was it overruled by. Providence for their speedy conversion.
The mission to the Sandwichirislands was commenced on the 4th April, 1820, when the brig "Ihaddeus" reached Hawaii with the first detachment of missionaries, consisting of the Revds. Hiram Bingham and Asa Thurston, from the Andover Theological Seminary, ordained to this work ; Dr. Holman a physician ; two achool-masters, a printer, and a farmer-
all married men. The first news that greeted their arrival wes the death of the old king, and "that his successor had renounced the national superstitions, destroyed the idols, burned tho temples, abolished the priesthood, put an end to human sacrifices; that pencerprovailed, and that the nation, without a religion, was waiting for the law of Jehovah." The young king was friendly towards the missionaries but was in no haste to come under the restraints of the ner religion; however, he consented that they should occupy stations on three of the principal Islands. The missionaries began by reducing the language of the natives to a written formtheir alphabet containing only twelve lettersfive vowels and seven consonants. In 1822, the time printing press came into use. Since that not less tban one hundred and fifty works hare been printed in the Hawaiian language, copering more than two hundred and twenty millions of pages. They iucluda three editious of tha Bible and four editions of the New Testamentmore than twenty thousand of the former and thirty thousand of the latter. Upwards of hundred thonsand hymn bouks have been printed, latterly with tuues annexed; and many editions of the Catechism. Besides a comprehensive series of School-books, a uumber of standard works on Theology, Church Histor and Science ; biographical memoirs of dis tinguished natives and missionaries; sketches of Humaiian history and "Antiquities of tha Islands by Hawaiians."
Before long attempts were made by onfriendy foreigners to throw suspicion on the mision. aries and their work, but Providence interposed on their behalf. Mr. Ellis, the same prudent English Missionary who afterwards became no useful in Madagascar, accompanied a party of native missionaries from the Society Island who had been sent to visit the Marquessas. On their way they stopped here, and Mr. Ellis familiarity with the language proved of immense service to the mission. The first rein. forcement of the mission arrived in the spring of 1823. It consisted of three ministers, tri licentiates, a secular superintendent for the mission, and three Hawaiians from the Foreiga Mission School. By this time the earlier mir sionaries were able to presch, and Mr. Bili had translated knd circulated a collection of
bymns, much to the gratification of the natives. It was not long before a church was built at Honoluln, and this having been destroyed by fire a larger and better house was speedily erected and dedicated. Many of the chiefs and rulers had come under the influence of chris. tianity, and schools were in a flourishing condition on many of the Islands. At the eud of this year fifty natives were employed as teachers and two thousand had learned to read. The religion of the Gospel had taken root in Kailua where it was first proclaimed, and here also a church, had been erected, in which the usual attendance was from six hundred to a thousend persons. The Gospel was introduced to Hilo and Puna on the opposite side of Hawaii in 1824, and in two months after another church -the ninth on the group-had been erected. A ferr years more and Hile became the most interesting of all the christian districts. In 1825 more than a hundred natives of both seases at Honolulu offered themselves for chris. tien baptism. An important erent of this yar was the institution of a prayer-mecting at Honolulu by the Prime Minister and several others. It was called by the natives a " tabu meeting," since none were admitted who did not engage to live sober and correct lives, and to attend to the external duties of religion. What may be called the first "awakening" on the islands took place in this year at Lahaina, when family worship began to be instituted, and when scarcely an hour of the day passed in which the missionary had not calls from persons anxious to know what they must do to be saved. There was a similar experience at Kailna on Hawaii ; and at Hilo, on the other side of the island, at least two thousand hakitually attended public worship.
Meanwhile there were not awanting wicked men to oppose the progress of the Gospel, seeing that it interfered with their anlawful gains and sinful pleasures. The outrages committed by English and American sailors, and under the protection of their national flags, Fere too flagrant to admit of description. Bat even these were providentially overruled for good, for we read that soon after this the Queen-regent, Kaahumanu, made a tour of the island of Oahu in person, accompanied by Mrr. Bingham and a company numbering between
two and three hundred, to counteract the pernicious influences exerted by the visit of U.S. war vessel the Dolplinin. Subsequently to this the regent made repeated tours on other islands, addressing the peoni in the different villages, prohibiting immoral acts, evjoining a due observance of the Sabbath, encouraging them to learn to read, and exhorting them to love and obey the Saviour of sinners. The people attended these meetings in crowds. The old queen was in real earnest, and the iufluence cf her own reformed character carried greater weight even than her absolute authority.

A great meeting was held at Kailua in October 1826. The regent was there, with many of the chiefs and most of the missionaries, when it was determined to erect a new church, the first having become too small. Thousands of people were employed in the construction of a building 180 feet by 78 feet: it contained an audience of about four thousand. The day of dedication was one of rejoicing such as had not been witnessed on that islani. On the next day the regent, chiefs, and missionarics again addressed vast crowds, re-affirming their parpose to refrain from interference with the political affairs of the nation; while as missionaries they would declare the whole counsel of God, whatever might be its bearing on the former customs and existing usages of the government and people. At another station a still larger convocation assembled, where Mr. Bishop preached twice to a congregation of more than ten thousand people-the largest audience that ever assembled on those islands for christian worship. In 1828 a second re-inforcement of missionaries arrived consisting of five ministers, one printer and four unmarried female missionaries. In this year religious instraction seemed to take a stronger hold on the peoplo than ever before. The attendance at Lahaina, on the stated prayer-meeting was seldom less than a thousaud. At a seore of places on Main, similar meetings were conducted by native teachers. The spacious church at Kailua was filled to overflowing on Sabbath mornings, Among the converts were the wife of the Governor and other persons of distinction and influence whose spiritual experiences were similar to those of membars of congregations in Christian lands : the same frank confession of
sinfulness; and the same repentance and faith. The savage had become the humble follower of the Lamb: the dishonest, brutalized son of earth had become the peaceful citizen, the promoter of order, sobriety and christian morality'. A Temperance Society was formed at Honolulu in 1831 having a thousand members pledged to abstain from the use, sale, and manufacture of ardent spirits, and from "treating" their acquaintances or strangers with the same. Among the many instances of special interest referred to by Dr. Anderson, none is more remarkable than the record of the life and death of the good regent. She was nearly fifty years in heathenism before she learned the more excellent way. Her after life testified that she was indeed "a new creature." She became a nursing mother to the infant church. Her last words were two lines of a favourite Hawaiian hymn,-

> " Lo here am I, O Jesus, Grant me thy gracions smile."

Few have ever done so much in the short space of eight jears to advance the cause of the Redeemer as Kaahumana.

Notwithstanding many discouragements and drawbacks incidental to the sudden transition that had taken place in the habits of the communi. ty, the good work was attendel by steady progress. As often as any of the missionaries were obliged, on account of their health, or for other reasons, to relinquish the work, others were sent out to take their places. But in 1833, the attention of the Board became directed to the question, "how to bring the evangelical agency to bear, in the shortest possible time, upon the entire people of the Sandwich Islands, and thus, should the divine blessing attend the effort, afford an impressive illustration of the renorating influence of Christian Missions." The total population of the lslands at that time was supposed to be about 130,000 , of whom but little more than one half were regarded as under missionary influences. Frsh detachments of missionaries were sent out year after year. But in 1836, the largest reinforcement embarked that was probally ever sent out by any Mission Board at one time. It numbered in all thirty-tuco persons. The arrival of so great a company of Christian labourers, jast in time to take their positions
and acquire the language, before the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, soon to be ex. perienced, was another of the singular providential interpositions of which there were so many.
The Gneat Awakening in 1836-1838 was an another important era and interesting feature in the history of the Mission. The presence of the Holy Spirit became more marked in the congregations and prayer-meetings. The standard of piety among the people was raised. Many chilaren and young persons were among the hopefully converted, and a wide spread desire was manifested ${ }^{\circ}$ to enter upon missionary work. The congregations of warshippers at that time were immense. "That at Ewa was about 4000 in number. Honolala had tro congregations, one of 2500 and the other between 3000 and 4000 : at Wailahn 1800: at Lahaina 2000 ; and at Hilo as many as 5000 assembled for worship. During three years, more than 8000 were added to the church from the districts of Hilo and Puna, then containing a population of fourteen thousand. Mr. Coan admitted 5000 in one year, and as many as 1700 in oue day!"
In the meantime corresponding advances were made in secular education, as well as in regard to the civil government. In addition to Sabbath-schools at all the stations, and common schools all over the Islands, Nomnal and High.schools were instituted. A regular constitution was adopted by the Government ; and in 1844, the Hawaiian Islands were formally recognized as an independent nation by the United States, Great Britain, France, and Belgium. Following the second great revival, in 1860-1861, came the novel projosal on the part of the Board to Uring the Mission to a clast. With this end in view, Dr. Andersen, the Sceretary of the An ericain Mission Board, was sent as a commissioner to the Islands in 18C3, and after spending three months in the most gratifying personal intercourse with the missionaries at their several houses, a general meeting was convened and a series of resolntions were adopted with great unanimity. This resulted in the formation of an independent, self-sustaining, native church under the name of "The Hawaiian Evangelical Association," which is neither avowedly Presbyterian 10 r

Coagregational in its form of Government and discipline, while it includes the main features of both. While a few of the old missionaries still remain, from choice, in the field of their early labours and conquests, the pastorate of the Hawaiian Church may now be said to be in the hands of a native ministry, and the working of the new system has proved to be all that could reasonably be expected or desired. The Sandwich Islanders hava now their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards, their Bible Society, and Temperance Associations, all of which are supported with a liberality worthy the imitation of older churches.
It was deemed fitting, at the close of the half century from the landing of the mission, that there should be a formal recognition of God's signal blessing on the enterprize. $\Lambda$ Jubilee celebration was accordingly phanued by the Hawaiian Board for the month of June, 1870. On Sabbath the 12 th of that month the native cougregations in Honolulu, united in the great stone church to hear the Rev. Mr. Kuaea, the distinguished native pastor, preach the Jubilee sermon in the Hawaiian language On Wednesday, the Jubilee Day, the people attended in vast numbers. Three thousand crowded the edifice, while as many more waited outside. Eight hundred Sabbath-school children occupied the spacious galleries. On the entering of the king, with Emma the queen Dowager, and his cabinet, the choir sang "God save the King" in the Hawaiian language. Dr. Clark on behalf of the American Board, then addressed the audience through an interpreter. Referring to the changes wrought in these Islands during the last fifty years, he said,"Who shall measure them? Where else have changes so great and beneficent been witnessed in so short a period? A heathen nation has become Christian : the Bible, a Cluristian literature, schools and churches, are open and free to all; law and order have taken the place of individunl caprice; an independent Government shares in the respect and courtesies of the civilized word ; a poor wretched barter with a few passing ships has been changed for a commerce that is reckoned by millions of dollars: but more than all, and better than all, the seeds of Christian culture, ripened on this soil, hare been borne by the winds and found lodg.
ment in lands thousands of miles rway-in the Marquesas and in Micronesia." The Hawaiian people no longer worship in thatched meetinghouses. With few exceptions their churches are either framed or stone buildings, neatly finished with stats or jews, galleries, steeples and bells. A number of then are furnished with melodions. There are not less than one hundred and fifty church edifices, and the work of building and modifying, to suit the ever improving taste of the people, is still in progress.

The number of ordained foreign Missionaries employed on the Sandwich Islauds from the beginuing is forty-two; of lay teachers and helpers, twenty-one; of female missionaries, chiclly married, eighty-three; making a total of one hundred and fifty-six. Ten of the ordained missionaries died in the field; fourteen returned to their native land. The average duration of service of the sixteen who remained upon the Islands in 1870 is thirty-sesen years, which speaks well for the climate. Most of them are now beyond the age for active service, but the residence of these fathers among the Churches they have planted is a great advantage to the community and among the best safe-guards of the national welfare.

The Extime cost of the mission was $\$ 1,220$, 000 . Never was a like sum of money more profitably invested. The total number of members admitted into communion, up to 1870, was 55,300 . This is an expenditure of $\$ 22$ for each convert. Were a similar estimate applied to some congregations in Britain, and the United States, and our own highly favoured Dominion, we do not hesitate to say that the cost of each genuine convert would be more than tenfold the amount expended in theso Islands of the Sea. Fifty-five thousand thrce hundred ! And the salvation of one soul is declared by the Divine Saviour to be worth more than the world!
Viewed in the light of an experiment, this rission has certainly been successful. In many of its features, indeed, it stands alone. It han no parallel. It differs from the mission to Madagascar in many important particulars. For one thing, it was not required, to pass through the fires of persecution. We read of no martyrs to the faith by violent deaths in the Hawaiian Islands. Here the chiefs and rulem were among the carliest converts and reformers. In Madagascar, the work began among the common people, and was chicfly extended by the natives. From both we learn the vital importance of directing the earliest and most strenuous efforts of missionary societies to the training of naiive ministers, and also, that native churches themselves need missionary ground to be left for them to operate upon. For them, as for us, to maintain life they must become self-8acrificing, aggressive, missionary churches.

## The Sabbath Sckool.

## INTERNATIONAL LESSONS. the saviour's call

May 11th.]
[Isaiah 55: 1-11.
Goldne TrxT:-If any man thirst, let him come wnto me and drink.-John 7:97.

Howr Rralinas:-M. Prov. 9:1-12. T. Isp 25: 1-12. W. Luke 14: 15-24. Th. Matt. $2 \stackrel{1}{2}: 1.14$. F. Lasen 55: 1-13. S. John 6: 47-59. S. John 7: 32-43.

This is snother of the exquisite portions of Soriptare that should be engraven on the memory. The 53rd ohapter foretells the sufferings of Christ this refers to the glory that should follow. Hero is the Saviour's free and gracious invitation to all to comesnd accept His great salvation, with reasons for its acceptance: a prediction that it will be accepted by the Gentile nations, and an exhortation to repentance and reformation. More than an invitation, it plcade with anners to accept "the gift of God."
Verse 1. Mo / hold, stop. attend-as though the prophet saw the world rushing in pursuit of happinees in the wrong direction. Ho / every one-God is no respecter of persons; in every nntion he tiat farreth Him is accopted, Acts $11: 34.35$. All who cinoerely desire to be saved-who thirst after salvation as did David, Pe. 42:1.2-are invited to Comp. Christ Himself expressly invites sll such. Matt 11: 28. The Eoly Spirit invites suoh, Rev. 22 17. To the waters-plural, denoting abundant supply. Ife that hath no money-the gospel is for the poor as well as the rich. Money cannot buy the gift of (Jod, Aots 10:20 It is to bs bought ieithout money-literally to be obtained without price. Christ has paid for ore salvation by His death. Nothing for the sinner to do but to kalieve. repent, and accept. F. 2 Wherefore spend for that which is not $b$-ead. There is the bread of deceit. Prov. 2n: l\%, and "the True Bread,"John 6.32. 35. 48. Sntisfieth not-Ecce. 4:8-nothing short of eternal life can satisfy tho cravings of the soul. Eat ye wohich is good-experimentalls enjoy spiritunl nourishment. John 6:53. Fatness-emblem of rich blessings. Ps. 30.8 . V. 3. Your soul shall live-Christ says. "I am the life." John 14:6. Sure mercies of Droid. i.e., such morcies as God promised to David. Ps. 89: 28, 29. V8. 4.5. Have ginen him-i.e., Messieh-for a voitness, John 18: 37: for \& leader-s king; for a commander-a Isw-giver. Hence Cbrist is called the Kine and Head of Fis Chureh. Behold thou-Messiah hitherto zpoken of is now spoken to. The promise made IIIm in Ps. 2:8 is repeated. Becarsc of the Lord-because the Lord is true to His promises. For he hath olorified thee-when Greeks "(Gentiles) began to enquire after Christ, He said. "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be rlorified." John 12: 20.23. V.6. 7. Sepk yc the Lord ichile-many act as if it made no difference when they seek Mim. A great mistake. The promise is to those who stek him nov. 2 Cor. 6. 2 . Probation has its timit. It onds at death, and sometimes before that-when the character beonmes fixed and the heart hardened. Prov. 1:24. Rom. 2:5. V. 7. Here is a gracious call to the unconverted-to the poicked, living in known sins, to the unrighteous, in the neglect of plain duties. Forsake his ray and return-indicating repentanceand faith No one can come to Christ without first forsaking his evil ways. JIe rill abundastiv pardon-lit. multiply to pardon, 2 Pet. $1: 11$. Vs. 8, 9,10 . God's meros is put in contrast with man's unforgiving spirit. As the rain, \&c.,-so the ontpouring of the Spirit makes barron hearts yield the fruits of righteousmess. V. 11. So ehall my Word be-It shall produce the intonded effect-oither it shall prove a savour of life, or of death. to those who hear it The full accomplishment of this and TB. 12, 13, will be in the final reatoration of the Jows and oonversion of the world. Sabbath-eohool teachers should take specisl enoouragement from this promise

## THK SAVIOUR'S EDNGDOM.

 May 18th.] B. C.710. [Mioah iv:1-4 Gownen Texx:-Come and letwe oo wp to the mountain of the Lord, and to the kouse of the God of Jacob.-Miosh 4: 2.Home Rradimas:-M. Miosh 4:1-8. T. Iban. 2: 1-22. W. Isa. $9: 1-7$. Th. Ps. $24: 1-10$. F. Ps. 72 : 1-20. S. Isa. $11: 1-16$. S. Iss. $32: 1$-põ.

Mican, one of the 12 minor prophets, a native of Moresheth in the S. W. of Judea, near Gath, lived during the reigns of Jothnm, Ahaz and Hezekiah, (ch. 1.). He was one of a remarkable group of prophets of whom Isaiah was the contral gigure. Amof, Hosea, and Nahum were his contemporaries. An eventful period this in the history of the Jews and of the world embracing the captivity of the ten tribes, in 721, rnd the founding of Kome, in 753. The history of this time is found in 2 Kings, che. 15-2), and 8 Chron. 27-32, Joremith, in ch. $2 \mathrm{~h}: 18$. quotes one of his prophecies alnost verbatim. A remarkable prediction of Miosh's respecting the birth of Christ is quoted in the Now Testament. Matt. 2:5-6. The prediotions of Micah refer chiefly to the impendins downfall of the kingdom of Irrael.

Verses 1-3 are nearly identical with Isa. 2: 2-4. In the last dayn-the days of Messieh. The Christian dispensstion whether to be of long or short duration is certainly to be the last. "In these last daye," Mob. 1:8. The mountain of the house of the Lordthe Church of the living Goo shall be erfalliahedpermanently fixed. In the top of the mountainn-it sball occupy a position of moral dignity, conspicuous besond all other religious systoms. Perple shal flow into it. In Isaiah it is-all nations shall flowa more universal expression. The ides is that of spontaneous attraction. When preaching, teaching, and besecching will not be necessary, Jer. $31: 34$. Heb. 8: 11. "I will drave all mon unto me. John 12: 32. V. 2. Many nations shall come-Is nct this receiving distinct fulfilment in our own times, in India, Japan, China, and the Islands of the Sea? and say, come. First, come to Christ, then say, "come" to others. Is not this the essence of a true missionary spirit ?-"Come with us and we will do thee "good." Num. 10, 29. He vill teach us of hu tcay8-not all IIs ways, but so much as is necessars for us to know. Zion and Jorusalem-the centre of religious induences-emblematical of Christ's Church -Vs 3-4. He shall ;udg* among many people-In Isniah, nations. "The Father hath committed all judgement to the Son." John 5:22. Sucorde into nloughshares-The Syrian sword, short and thick, could more easily be converted into a "plough point" than the modern weapon). The tendency of tho Gospel is to make men and nations peaceable. War is a terrible scourge and drain on national rosources. It costs 500 millions of dullars to maintain thearmies of Europe on 8 peacs footing! When arbitration displaces the spord," then military science will be a lost art." V. 4 anticipates the prevalence of the Golden Rule, Luke 6:31. None shall make them afraid-persecution shall cease, and religious tolerstion shall provail. For-wo have God's word for it. V. 5 . For all people voill valh--this is put in the mouth of the Jews in their dispersion. Although the heathen. among whom they lived, worshipped false gods, their resolution was tnken to worsbip Jebovah-in point of fact their captivity cured them over afterwards of idolatry. Profession of religion demands decision for Christ, at once, and forever. Josh. 24. 15. Vs. 6-7 refer to the.Jews in exile. Ifer that halteth-the suffering captives, wearied like foot-sors sheep with a long journey.-A remnantthe faithful fow shall not perish. A strong nationIn them is the germ of Messinh's kingdom. Luke 1, 33 V.8. O Tover! The watch-tower from whid the Shepherd obserres and guards bis finck. The first dominion-the dominion as at first ut der David -unbroken. To the Jrughter of Jervalem-Did not the populace hail Mim as the King of Israel? John 12:12-13 Was not the Goepel first preached in Jerusalem 9 Luke 24: 4 亿.

## THE HOLY BPIRTT BROMISED:

 Mavi25th.][Joel 2: 28-32.
ColdrnText:-But ye shall receive power, after that the IIoly Ghost is come upon you.-Acts 1: 8.

Home Rradinas:-M. Joel 1:1-2x. T. Joel 2: 1-17. W. Joel 2: 18.27. Th. Joel 2:28-32. H. Aots 1:1-14. B. Aots 2: 1-21. S. Jool 3: 1-21.

Josl, the son of Pothuol, a native of Judah, was one of the oarliest of the Judean prophets-contemposary with Hosea in Samaria, and the immediate predesensor of Isainh-probably wrote in the earlier years of Uzziah, about 800 or 810, B.C. His style and lansuage areaccounted preeminently pure and rhyth-ynetical-equal in sublimity to Isaiah's. The first olapter and part of the second are ocoupied with an socount of a remarkable invasion of locunts phich is degcribed in the most graphic terms. Whether it is a poetic oreation, emblematio of an invading urmy, or has referenco to an impending plagte of grasshoppers, it would be portectly understood by the people to whom it was addrossed. They know too well the devasting power of the locust. In Cyprus, only a couple of years ago: the government destroyed 62 tons of looust's eggs-representing 50,000 millio. 18 of the insect, part of the crop of a single year. In riew of the threatened judgements-drought and locusts, or the invasion of foreign arinies, or both, as the case mny have been, the poople are exborted in re. 13-17, to turn to God with fasting, penitence, and prayer. What shall come to pass aiterwards, forms the subject of the lesson.
V. 28. Afternards-sn indofinite time; but Peter guoting thls passago, Acts $2: 17$, conneots it with the last days." i. e., with the Messinnio dispensstion: referrod to speoislly by Paul in Meb. 1:1-2 I will pour out my apirit - It is important to emphesive the persomalify of the Iloly Spirit whose adrent is distinotly foretold here. Some of Paul's disoiples had "not so much as heard whether there be anp Moly Ghost" Acts 19: 2. Many do not realize His existence now. That the Moly Spirit is the third person in the Godbead see 1 John 5: 7; and equal with (iod, Acts 5: 3-4. For the office and work of the IIoly Spirit, seo Sh. Catechism, question $29,30,31$. Pour out-an abundant measure compared with the droppings in Old Testament timo, and literally fulfilled at Pentecost, Acts $2: 4$ and $4: 8$, when "they were all tilled." with the Boly Ghost. Upon all fiesh-on Gentiles as well as Jews, Acts 10:45, 47 and and $11: 15$. Your sons and ditughters without distinction of age or sex: shall pros, hesy-speak noder the enlightonment of the Holy Sprit. Women are not debarred from fpeaking for Christ-four in ono family prophesied in Apostolic times. Acts 21 : 9. V. 28 Alto upon the geronnte-In Christ there is neither bond nor free, Gal. 3:23. Co 3:11. V. \$n. I will show ronders-accomplished in part at the death of Christ, Matt. $27: 45,5153$. Suoh signs shall probably occur in more appalling degree before the final destruction of the world though bere it mas reier more immediately to the overthrow of Jerusalem, as of type and figure of the general judgemeot. As well as to the political changes which should precede either of these erents. V. 32. Whosoeder ahall call-Evors one may claim part in this promiso. Isa. 5:1. Aots 2: 39 Rev. 22:17. Shall be delazered-saved, Acts 2:21. Rum. 10:13. Gud brought all mankind into a state of salv: ion by a Redeomer. All who sincerely believe in IIm shall ho sared. In Zion and Jrrusalrm ropresenting the Ee2l and centre of God's kingdum of grace. In the Gospel first proclaimed from Tion: in tho Church JChrist typfied by Mount Zion. "the Jerusalem Which is from above," there is deliverance, a way of escape irom the wrath to como. And in the remnant -urimarily, for the chosen perple who left Babylon, retarned to Jerusalem, and re-established the worship of tyod. there shall bo doliverance; hut also for all the faithful in after ages whom he shall chooso to Himelf, "according to the oleotion of grace," Rom. 11:4.6; not for man's merit or efforts, Ephes. 2: 8,9.

## PROPHECY AGAINST TYRE.

Junc 1.] B. O. 589 [Erekiol xxvi:7-14
Golden Tkxt :- Heaven and earth shall pass atoay but my words shall not pase away.-Mistt. 24 : 35.

Mome Randinas:-M. Isa, 23: 1-18. T. Ezok. 26: 1-21. W. Ezek. 27 : 1-36. Th. Exek. 28:1-i6. F. Ezok. 29: 17-21. S. Ps. 76: 1-12. 8. Matt. 11 : 20-30.

Ezekikl, the son of a Jewish priest named Baxi, (ch. 1:3) was carricd to Babylon, B. C. 599, along with Jehoiakin. 2 Kinge $24: 1 \mathrm{C}-15$, eleren years before the distruction of Jerusalom. An earnest and dovoted servant of the Lord, he fearlossly exposed the ovils of the times warnod his conntrymen assiast false prophots and taught them that before they could return to Jerusalem they must first return to God. He livel near the river Chebar, oh. 1:1: in his own house, ch. 8:1; was married, oh. 24:18; and was held in high consideration by "the IIders," oh. 8:1.
Tyrr, a very old. wealthy, and poyulous city on the sea coast of Phonicia, 24 miles from Sidon, 30 miles due north from Nazaroth : noted for its commeros and munufactures the world over-s little ompire in itself without any landed territury. A double oity-the old town built on the mainlaud, the new, on a small rocky island half a mile distant. Commeroial relations had long existed betwixt Tyre and Jerusalen. King Hirant proved himself a good friend to David and Solomon. A large trade arem up. The Jews and Tyrians had nover any quarrel that wo read of. And now that the fell of Jerusalem was imminent. instead of expressing sympathy, as might have been expected, tho Tyreans displayed a mean. mercenary sprit, exulted over the calamities of the Jews, boasting that thoy should now seoure all the customera who had hitherto traded at Jerusalem ated, in fact, become the resort and sanotuary of people from all lands. "Because ís rus hath said, A ha! she is broken that was the gates of the people.. I shall be roplonished !"(v.2), therefore this propheog against her. And history tells how it was acoomplished. The old town was destroyed by Nebuchaduczear after a seige of 13 years. The new town, protected by triple walls 150 feet high, as well as by its insular position, survired the ruin of the other until 332 B.C., when it was taken amid flames and slaughter by Alexander the cireat Eventually it came under Bloalem rule and rapidly went to decay. Of the old town, not a vestige now remains. Insular Tyre is doscribed by modern travellers as a mean fishing villane. Its lofty walls and towers hare all dieappeared. For a ceutury it has been a quarry out of which have been built Berrnut and Acre. Columns of porphyry, marblo. and gravito lio in confused hosps round the shores of the rea. The sites of her temples and palaces are oithor covered with heaps of rubbish or are bure "like the tops of a rock." Fishermen suread their nets to dry on the ruins of her ramparts. ler harbours, onco alive with gallant ships, are filled with drift-sand. Her commerce and wealth are gene. - What oity is like Tyrus. like the destroyed in the midst of the rea? "Ezek. $2 i=3 \%$ At present it has a squalid population of 35 , $n$, living in miserable huts and rumed vaults. one-half of whum are nominally Christian. The deccription of the seige of Tyre in theso verses affords full scope for the teacher's historical knowledeo and pnwers of doscription. Ample details of the rise and fall of Tyreare to be found in al! Bublo Dictionarics.
THEMAIN Ponts iu the lesson are, (1) The cause of tiod $s$ displensure agninst Tire. (2) The sentence pronnuuced ngainst her and the agency cmployed to give it effect. (3' The actual acrominlzshment of the propheoy. (4) The rarning which these historic judpements ennyey to nations and men for all time. Tyre was a prisileged city, but our erivileges, far greater,imply greater resjonsibilities,katt. 11: 21 and 12 : 41.

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ROM the Presbyteries generally come notes of preparation for the General Assembly which will be held this year at Ottawa, on the 11th June. There is a prospect of a full attendance of Ministers and Elders.

Our acknowledgements this month show that the people are responding to the calls made upon their liberality. Still, we need a steady inflow of contributions from all. It is the lank of some that causes others to be burdened.

No one can read the Foreign Mission news in our Record without feeling that our Church is engaged in a great work for the Heathen and that God is greatly blessing her efforts.

The sessien of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, closed the 2nd ult. The closing exercises took place in Crescent street Church in presense of a large congregation,--Rev.Dr. Jenkins presiding. Nine students completed their course and received dyplomas. Piincipal McVicar stated that the college has now 51 alumni and 65 students. 43 students go out to labour in the mission field. The Alumni had met on the provious day and had founded a $\$ 50$ scholarship. Scholarships, prizes and medals were given according to merit. Rev. W. J. Day, Spencerville, contributes a $\$ 50$ scholarship.

Knox College, Toronto, closed on Wednesday, April 2nd. The closing lecture was delivered by Principal Caven, who presided on the oc asion. The audience was unprecedentedly large. The attendance of students during the session was large and the work done, highly satisfactory to the friends of the College.

The session of the Halifax College closed on Wednesday the 24th Apnl. There were 19 stadents in attendauce, 6 of whom graduated. All go out as Catechists in the Home Mission field during the summer.

The Home Mission Fund of the Westorn Section is seriously encumbered with debt ; but if the spirited example of the ministers will be followed by the elders and people that debt will be wiped out and the balance will be on the right side. Montreal and Toronto are setting an example which will, we trust, be followed throughout all the Preshyteries.

The Synod of Hamilton and London met at London on the 8th April. An overture in favour of a Sustentation Fund was adopted and ordered to be sent up to the General Assembly. A full report on Sabbath observance was read, discossed and adopted, and the committee re-appointed. A report on Temperance was similarly disposed of. With regard to the Hymu Book the Synod overture the General Aesembly for further time in the preparation of the proposed book, and that the committee be so enlarged as to contain a fuller representation of the mind of the Church. The next
meeting of Synod will be held at St. Catharines in April, 1850.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

Canninaton: Lindsay :-The Rev. Jobepls Eliot, formerly of Nazareth St. Church, Montreal, was inducted on 3rd April.

Belfast : P'rince Edhu. $l$ Island:-Mr. A. S. Stewart was ordained and inducted on the 25th March.

Niagalla: Mamilton:-The Rev. William Cleland, formerly of Guillimbury and Innisfil was inducted on 27th March.

Meafond: Owen Sound: The Rev. E. B. Rodgers, formerly of Leith, was inducted on the 5th March.

St. Marthew's Church; Montreal:-Rev. W. R. Oruikshanks, inducted 15 th April.

Congregational Reports.
S. Andrew's Church, Outaza.-Communicants, 378. Families, 272. Contributions for all purposes during the year, $\$ 8,695$. For Home Missions, $\$ 400$; Foreign Missions, $\$ 200$; French Evangelization, $\$ 150$; Widows' Fund, $\$ 100$; Aged and Infirm Ministers, $\$ 50$.

Finst Phesbythilan Church,St. Catharines, Ont.-Communicants, 244. Increase during the year, 23. Receipts, $\$ 3,204$. The sum of $\$ 390$ was raised for Missionary and other Schemes of the Church.

Knox Church: Winnipeg:-Receipts during the year $\$ 2601$. The new church building will be open in June, costing over $\$ 18,000$. Communicants, 212. Increase during the year 53.

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GLENGARRY: 18th March.-The following were appointed Commissioners to the © General Assembly:-Revds. John Praser, D. H. McLemman, Dr. MeNish, Dr. Lamont, Ministers: Messrs. H. McLan, D. C. Mumro, D. B. McLennan. Q.C., and John Simpson, Elders.

Lanark and Renfrew : The following have been appointed Commissioners to the Geseral Assembly :-Drs. Main, Bain, Mersrs. Lochead, McKillop, Bunns, and R. Campbell, Minislers; Hon. Alexander Morris, Hon. George Bryson, Messrs. Bell, Hunter, Jamicson, and Wilson. Rev. Dr. Reid was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Saugefn: 11th March.-The following were appointed Commissioners to the Gencral As. sembly:-Messrs. Wm. Park, A. C. Stewart, S. Young, and D. Frastr, Mfinisters; Messes. D. McMillan, Joseph Nishet, Isaac Starrott, and James Allan, Elders. A call was laid on the table to Rev. C. Cameron of Glengarry from Coltswold. The application of Rev. Gilbert Smith to be received as a minister of this Church was recommended to the favourable consideration
of the General Aseembly. The report of the Assembly's committoc on "the continuous supply of mission stations" was unanimously approved. In regard to a separate Supplementing Fund (a Sustentation Fund), it was judged insdrisable to endeavour to establish such in the meautime, "as it would result in an additional amnual collection, and doubts were entertained whether it would produce the desired result."

Goblph: 18th March.-Mro Macdonald of Blora, accepted a call from Seaforth, and Mr. Dickie of Berlin a call to Central Presbyterian Church, Detroit. The following were appointed Conuissioners to the Geueral Assembly,-Drs. Wardope and Mackay, Messrs. D. Smyth, D. B. Cameron, J. C. Smith, H. IL. McPherson, W. S. Ball, and J. Middlemiss, Afinisters; Messrs. Thomas McCrae, C. Davidson, A. D. Fordyce, J. M. Mrir, Robert Wood, John Kay, A. Burnett, aud A. 1. Ferris, Elders. The resignations of Mr. Mrinnis of Erin, and Mr. HeDiarmid of West Puslinch were accepted. Mr. Bentley tendered the resignation of the charge. of Onion Church, Galt. Some time was spent in examining the new Hymn Book, which was altimately referred to a committee. Dr. Cochrane ras unanimously nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly.
Hamilton: 18th March.-Mr. Fenton was appointed Moderator. Eighteen Session Records were submitted for examination. The following Commissioners to the General Assem. bly were appointed:-Revds. John Laing, J. Black, W. Craigie, J. G. Murray, G. Bursou, S. C. Fraser, S. Lyle, D. H. Fletcher, Dr. James, R. J. Laidlaw, Ministcrs; and Messrs. W.Bunton, Dr. James, R.J. Laidlaw, Ministers; and Messrs. W. Bunton, Dr. McDonald, W. McCalla, A. Wilson, H. Young, J. Renton, J. Hutchison, J. Wallace, Mr. Applegath, N. Henderson, Elders. Twenty in all. The remit of the Assembly anent a Supplemental Fund was disapproved by the casting vote of the Moderator. Arising out of a confurence on Sabbath Schools, it was agreed to memorialize the Geupral Assembly to appoint a stan ling committee to examine books and periodicals prepared by publishers for the use of Schools sod to issue from time to time a list of such books as may be deemed suitable, and thus aid Suprintendents and teachers in the selection of proper literature for the use of scholars.
Stratfond : 18th March.-Circulars letters, were read intimating the intention of four ministers of other Churches to apply to che General Assembly for reception,-Mr. McLinlock, of the Presbyterian Church in England, Mr. J. Ellivt of the Episcopal Methodist Church, and Kessrs. L. M. Reikie, and J. A. R. Dickson, Cougregationalists. A call was presented from Point Edward in favour of Rev. John Cameron of North Easthope. The fellowing were ap-
pointed Commissioners to the General Assembly, -Mesers. Croly, McLeod, Waits, Boyd, and Mitchell, Minisiers; Messrs. Thomas McePher80n, M. Ballantyne, A. Mundall, William Dunn, jr., and John Reanie, Elders. Rev. Dr. Cochrane was nominated Moderator of the next General Assembly. A committee was appointed to prepare a deliverance ou the Hymn Book for next meeting.

Owen Sound: Presbytery met on the 18th March.-Lake Shore Churoh of Sydenham was separated from Knox Church, Sydenham, and joined with Johnston Station. The following members were appointed representatives to the Assembly, Messis. MacLennan, Mordy and Somerville, Ministers, and Messrs. Christie, MacKuight and Mitchell, Eldors. Mr. Stevenson gave notice that he would move at next meeting to have the Moderator appointed for six months. Presbytery agreed to meet six times a year, instead of four as at present, for ordinary business, viz: on the third Tuesday of January, March, July, September, and November, and on the first Tuesday of May. Mr. Currie was appointed to receive the reports on the State of Religion ; Mr. Mordy the Sabbathschool reports, and Mr. Somerville the state and financial returns and tabulate the same. The Hymn book was alsc, considered-and the Home Misgion Report of the Presbytery-Mr. McDiarmid got leave of absence for thres months.

Bamere: This Presbytery met at Barrie, on 24th and 25th March. Dr. Fraser's resignation of the charge of First Gwillimbary was considered. The resignation was left over till means be taken for securing return of allowance from the congregation and from the Aged and Infirms' Ministers Fund. Application will be made to the assembly for leave to retain Dr. Fraser's name on the roll with full status in event of the demission being effected.

Commissioners to the General Assembly wers clected as follows: Dr. Fraser, Messrs. R. Rodgers, J. Gray, J. Leipek, A. Findlay, R. Scott, Ministers ; and Messrs. T. Dallas, R. G. McCraw, J. Wedye, J. Brown, Jr., M. McKee and Jos. Telford, Elders. Dr. Cochrane was nominated Molerator of next General Assembly. Mr. Rodger's resiguation of Convenership of Presbyterv's Hone Mission Committee was accepted and Mr. R. Moodie was appointed his successor.

A scheme for Presbyterial Visitation of congregations vias adopted, and the Presbytery agreed to hold a Visitation at Central Church, Innisfil, on Tuesday, 15th April, at one p.m. An overture contemplating the decrease of erpenditure of the General Assembly was agreed on.

Peterboro: This Presbytery met on the 20th March-present 16 Ministers and 5 Elders. Home Mission business received due consider-
ation. Messrs. Torrance, Bell and Bennet, Ministers, with Sheriff Hall and John Carnegie, Elders, were appointed a committee on tho state of religion. Miessrs. Bennet, Duncan and Bell were appointed delegates to the Assembly by rotation and Messrs. Hodnett, Sutherland and Fotheringham, by election. The Elders appointed were Messrs. Gavin Craig, Grafton; A. C. Singleton, Brighton ; James Gray, Perrytown; Walter Riddell, Coburg; John Fitzgerald, Lakefield, and J. D. Armstrong, Millbrook. Messrs. Bell, Duncan and Bennet were appointed to support the overture anent the "Statns of retired Ministers." Rev. Dr. Gregg wes unanimously nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The Committee on Sabbath-School work was reappointed. Messrs. Ballantine, Cleland and Beattie (Port Hope,) were appointed a committee to draft a minute on the proposed book of Hymns to report at Guelph during meeting of Synod. Presbytery disapproved of the division of the Home Mission Fund, and re 'yed to overture the assembly on the subject of a General Sustentation Fund, as the best method of increasing the salaries of ministers. Messrs. Sutherland, Bell and Bennet were appointed to prepare the overtare and to support it on the floor of the Gencral Assembly. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Millbrook, on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock s.:n.

Torunto: This Presbytery met on the 8th and 9th of April.-The Hymn Book in part was considered. Papers were read, and parties heard, anent a new arrangement of West King, Laskey and East ling, and Aurora congregations with a view to foim two pastoral charges, and relieve the Assembly's Home Mission Committee of making two supplementary grants. The Presbytery recorded its gratification with this proposal, and appointed a committee to confer with said congregations, and report as to the best mode of securing the end proposed. Agreeably to application, leave was given to the congregation of West Church, Toronto, to sell their present church and site, erect a new charch at the South West corner of Denison Avenue and Wolsey Strect, and borrow a sum not exceeding $\$ 10,000$. Mev. J. S. Eakin was appointed to moderate in a call at Sutton, on the 23nd, and Rer. W. Frizzell, at Qupensville on 21 st current. Dr. Topp gave notice of an orerture for next mecting anent the propriety of makiug the number of pastoral charges in any presbytery, instead of the number of ministers on the roll, the basis of representation to the General Assembly.

Montreal : 1st April:-There was a very large attendance of members, about thirty-three ministers and sixicen elders being present. The following members were elected commissioners to the General Assembly : Ministers, by motation,

Rev. Dr. Jenkins, D. Paterson, R. Campbell, D. Rose, J. Irvine; by ballot, Rov. R. H. Warden, Dr. MacVicar, J. Scrimger, D. W. Morrison, and: P. Wright, Elders:- IIessrs. Joseph Mackay, D. Aikman. A. C. Hutchison, John Brodie, Alex. Macpherson, J. Murray, J. B. Cushing, W. P. Rodger, Dr. Rodger and Dr. Christie, M.P.

The report of the Presbytery's Home Missio Committee was submitted by Req. R. H. W.rden. The ministers of the Presbytery concributed $\$ 300$ at the meeting in aid of the Home Mission Fund, and Messrs. Warden, B!ack, 1. Campbell, McCaul, Scrimger, Judga Forrance, A. Macpherson, J, Sterling and T. W. Darling, were appointed a committee to collect 25 per cent. struck off the grants to missionaries by the Central Committee.

The following stadents, graduates of Montreal College, were examined, and it was agreed to ask leave from the General Assembly to license them :-J. Muvro, B. A. ; S. J. Taylor, B.A.; M. H. Scott, B. A.; D. L. McCrae, C. E Amaron, B.A.; W. Mullin, J. W. Penman, J. Mathesen, B. A. ; and A. Internoscia.

The Rev. B. Ourière tendered the resignation of the charge of Canning street Church, Montreal, the continued ill-health of his wifo rendering a change of climate absolutely necessary. The Presbytery agreed to cite the congregation. The report of the Presbytery's Sabbath-school Committee was considered at a conference of teachers on Tuesday evening, an interesting report having been submitted by the Rev. J. S. Black. The new hymn-book was considered at length, and certain changes and additions recommended to the General As. sembly.

Bruce : This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Paisley, on the 1st and 2nd instant. A call was sustained frorn Pinkerton and West Brant in favour of the Rev. John Eadie, late of Milton. The salary is $\$ 550$ per annum with manse.

The next mecting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Paul's Churcl, Wal. kerton, on Tuesday, 2tth day of June next, at 3 o'clock p.m.
The remit of Assembly anent the formation of a sustentation fund was considered when it was agreed that the Presbytery ueither approra of the formation of a sustentation fund ors separate supplemental fund at present.

The remit aneat the collections of Hymas sent dorn by the Assembly's Committee к\$ considered where it was resolved:

1. That this Presbytery respectfully suggst to the coramittee the rejectios of Nos. 5,26 , 64, 70, 97, 167, and 232.
2. They suggest the following Hymns from the Scottish Hymnal, viz: $42,75,88,89,121$, 128, 187, 150, 192 ; from Gall's Spiritual Songs $38,159,35,60,78,01,108,118,142$; from Bateman 80.
P. E. Island, March 12th,-The Presbytery sustained the trials for ordination of Mr . A.S. stewart, who had accepted the call to Belfast. Arrangements were made for his ordination and indaction.

Protou, March 25th.-The Presbytery held a visitation of James Church, New Glasgow, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Pastor, and expressed gratification with the prosporous condition of the congregation. They commended the fidelity and efficiency of the Pastor and elders, and liberality of the people.

Miramicit, April 1.-Applications for supplements were agreed to as follows, - New Carlisle, Queber, $\$ 200$; Tabusintac $\$ 200$; Redbank $\$ 100$; Bass River, $\$ 100$; Black River $\$ 140$, to be reduced $\$ 40$ when the manse is completed. The hymn-book was considered and additions, changes and rejections were recommended. A call to Mr. John Boyd, from New Richmond, was sustained. Mr. B. is not yet licensed; but his theological course was completed several years ago. He is expected to apply for license thortly. The Presbytery will report its proeeedings in the cese to the Synod. Rev. Dr. Cochrane was nominated for Moderator of the General Assembly, and Rev. D. Macrae for Moderator of Synod. The following Commissioners were appointed to the Gencral Assembly: Rev. Messrs. McBain, Flerdman, Houston, and Johnstone, and elders J. B. Mchenzie, Dr. Benson, J. R. Nicolson and D. Davidson, with R. Busteed and J. Hardie, alternates.

Trumo: April Sth—Rev. Dr. McCulloch was nominated Mcderator of Synod; and Rev. Dr. Reid, Moderator of General Assembly. Mr. Iogan reported that his congregation at Acadia Mines had come into sole possession of the Union Church there, by purchase of rights held by others. The Presbytery approved, and recommended a loan from the Hunter Church Building Fund, Acadia, Coldstrcam, and Parrsborough congregations were recommended for Supplement. The Presbytery approved of the Report of the Assembly's Committee on a Sastentation Fund. Dr. McCalloch protested zgainst the Presbytury entertaining the Lssembly's Remit of Hymn Books inasmach as it sets aside the object of the Rarrier Act.The Presbytery approved of the Hymons as a rhole, but recommenaed the oraission of certain hymms which were considered objectionable in their sentiment, and also an increase in the number of Hymus for children. The following Commissioners to the Assembly were appointed :-Rev. Mesers Cameron, Grant, Sinclair and Legan, and Elders, J. K. Blair, Patrick, Ionghead, and S. Ilack.

Lonfaburg and Yarmoetit, Aptil Sth.Rev. T. If. Miurray withdrew his demission of the Riversdale congregation, in deference to the views of the Presbytery and the congregartion. Bev. D. McGiregor declined the call from

Clyde and Barrington. A report on the Hymn Book was adopted and ordered to be forwarded. Kev. E. D. Miller and D. McGregor, ministers, and Mcssrs. Gow and Eisenhaur were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. In the report on the State of Religion it was found that family worship is sadly neglected, where one of the parents is a member there is family worship observed by one in three; among adherents the proportion is but one in thirty. The stipend paid averages $\$ 7.25$ per family throughout the Presbytery.

Hahrax: April 8th.-Rev. A. B. Dickie accepted the call to Milford and Gay's River. Dr. Burns reported that the congregations of Cornwallis, West and North, were willing to unito.

## MANITOBA ITEMS.

Dr. Reid, Toronto, and Jas. Croil, Montreal, are again representatives from Manitoba to the Grneral Assembly. Dr. Heid is also nominated as Moderator. Immigrants are pouring into the North-west. Several thousands have already arrived this season. Three or four more missionaries are urgently required. The congregation of Springfield and Sunnyside have callez hev. Alexander Matheson to be their pastor. The Rev. S. Polson has been stationed temporarily in the Pointe des Chenes group of stations. There is ground for believing that the Marquis of Lornc intends to continue the medals given by the Earl of Dufferin to Manitobs College. The Ladies' Aid Socicty of Knox Charch, Winnipeg, divided the gatherings for the year as follows: Home Missions, $\$ 200$; Foreign Missions, $\$ 50$; French Evangelizatien, \$30; Widows and Ophans' Fund, $\$ 15$; Rosean Indian School, $\$ 22$ 22. Knox Church added during the year $S 3$ communicants, lost 35, has on the roll now 235. Total cash contributions by the congregation for the year, including a little above $\$ 7000$ towards new building, are \$10,080.16.

## Eficlesiastical 㰴etos.

4 EV. Dr. Robd, formerly of Cook's Charch, Toronto, was installed as pastor of the Preshyterian Church, Galway, Ireland, on 4th March. His numcrous friends in Canada wish him much happiness and grat usefulness in his new sphere of labour.

The Rev. Dr. James Ingram, minister of the Free Charch at Unst, Shetland, dicd within a month of the completion of the one hundred and third year of his age, having been born in Aberdeen on 3rd April, 1776 . He was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1800, and crdained a minister of the Charch of Scotland in 1803. At the Disraption he became a minister of the

Free Church. He was a man of robust constitution, and preached pretty regalarly to his congragation until he was close on a hundred years of ago.

The answer of ths Committee of the Free Church of Scotland to a communication from the General Assembly of the Eitablished Church on Union and Co-operation, recently published, is coached in courteous and conciliatory terms. Whatever may come of it, the correspondence is highly honourable to the parties concerned. Both concede that great evils have arisen from the divisions of Scottish Presbyterianism, and express their desire for the removal of the obstacles which prevent a union. And while both profess their steadfast adherence to the Westminster Confession and to the Presbyterian form of Government and worship, and also admil that there should be a national recognition of the Christian religion, they both confess to :grave difficulties in yielding any of those points to which particular importance has been attached since 1843. The maintenance of the Established Church, as such, is stated to be a fundamental principle with the one. On the other hand it is frankly acknowledged "that a re-union of the Churches in connection with State endowments cannot be accomplished in a satisfactory monner. The committee refer the claim of Right and the Protest of 1843 as emBodying the principles on which alone the divided sections of Presbyterianism can ever be re-united, and on these principles they hope in due time for actual re-union. It is diflicult, indeed, to discover in the circumstances any substantial ground for hope oí a speedy reconciliation. but no small importance shouid be attsched to the frank admission of the evil results of dis-union and of an houest desire that it should cease.

Mrutual concessions is the next step in order. "The Free Church recognizes, in the meantime, the immense importance of combined Christian effort to carry on the work of Christ, accurding to the old Presbyterian doctrine and discipline of the country." Sir Alexander Gurdon has introduced a bill into the House of Commons in. tended to go still further than the abolition of Patronage in the direction of liberalizing the Established Church. The General Assembly is to have sole and final power to decide what persons are to sit as members of the courts and judicatories. All matters relating to the election and settlement of ministers is to be left to the final decision of the Assembly. Congregations and sessions joining the Established Church can be simply added to the congregation and session of the bounds. Rev. J. C. Burns has secepted the nomination for moderator of the Free Church Assembly. The New Deer case goes by appeal to the House of Lorna, Jev. Or. Campbell, late of Kilwinaing, died recently in the Jith your of his age. The noted Dr.

Talmage, of Brooklyn, has been under triat before his Presbytery in charges of want of truthfulness and straight forward dealing. The debts of Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati amount to at least $\$ 4,000,000$. A majority of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have declared in favour of the plan submitted for reducing the representation in the. General Assembly; but the vote is close.

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## LETTER FROM REV. DR. PATTERSON.

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4many of your readers may be interested in my mission to Britain, on behalf of our North West, I may give a brief statement on the subject. Immediately on my arrival in the old land, I put myself in communication with the committees of the threo Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, and of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and afterward had an opportunity of pleading the cause of the North West and Manitoba College before each of them. I also addressed various other bodies, and in this way as well as through the press, and by private intercourse endeavoured to circulate information regarding the object of my mission, and to excite interest on its behalf. In this I was to some extent at least successful. All the committees expressed themselves deeply interested in my statement, and I believe are fully alive to the importance of the work on which the church is engaged in our North West.

But as to raising a permanent fund for Manitoba College, the state of trade was such, that it was considered hopeless to attempt it at present. The dapression of business would not of itself have entirdy precluded an effort, but tine failure of the City of Glasgow Bank had produced a state of thinge, which can scarcely be imagined in this country. The loss by thai institution was enornots, very widely spread, and among a class, not usually affectrd hy commercial disaster. But worse than this was the destruction of confidence, and the jranicky stato of the public fecling, in consequence on no ers in fnowing what was to be the issue, and all fearing something dreadful. But what rendered an appeal for any foreign or distant object hopeless was that so mach sympathy was excited for the unfortunate shareholders, that whatever men were disposed to give, they felt it their duty to give for their relief. In each of the churches, I was told by those connected with the management of their schemes, that they could not atiemp: anything special in their own wort, and would be glad, if they conld iseep their arizinary funds to a point suff.
cient to meet expenditure. In these circumstancor, I was advised not to begin the effort for Manitoba College, but was encouraged to expect, that, under more favourable circumstancer, liberal assistance would be given. All that could be done then in the meantime was, to seek annual grants to maintain the institution for a few yoars. I therefore made application to this effect. The F. C. Committee at once complied, granting $£ 150$ sterling for this year, which it is expeeted will be continued ior three years. The United Presbyterian Church are at present somewhat embarrassed by a faliing off in their funds, but their leading men are interested in the object, and thry will do what they can. The Established Church have now under consideration the whole question of grants to the colonies, and the conmittee can do nothing in the matter till the mecting of the General Assembly. I submitted to them a strong appeal on behalf of the North West, and should the Assembly decide favoursbly, as is anticipated, the committee will act liberally in the mattor. In this state of matters an earnest appeal is made to the friends of missions to the North West and of Manitoba College to contribute foward the fund for the present maintenance of the institution which at the time of the last General Assembly was $\$ 3,600$ in debt. Contributions may be forwarded to Rev. Pr. Ririd, Torontn, or Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Hamilton, conventr of the assembly's committee.

## Britisk Columbia

REPORT FROM REV. R. JAMIESON.
To the Convener of the Home Mishion Conmittee-West.

E have great pleasure in laying the following report before our readere, and we do not assume too much in saying that, though separated fron us by so great a distance, and though now for a time in another ecclesiartical connection, Mr. Jamieson enjoys the confidence and the esteem and sympathy of all his friends in the Presbyterian Cluurch in Canada. We are delighted to hare his testimony as to the kindness receivel at the hands of the Presbytery of British Columbia.-Eds.

New Westminster, B. C., 4th March, 1879.
The following is my report from St. Andrea's Church, New Westmisster, for the past ycar. There bas been in some respect a little progmss made. My labours have been confined to the tomn. Tho state of my health compelled me
to give up the monthly supply of the North Arm Station, 15 miles down the river which 1 have so long attended. The Rev. A. Dunn, stationed at Langley, about 20 miles up the river, now supplies the North Arm once in a weeks, in addition to 4 other stations, 3 of which were formerly attended to by me for many years. There has been quite an increase of population in those districts, and the attendance at Mr. Dunn's services is very encoaraging. To overtake all the wants of our chureh in this district, however, we ought to have another missionary at work at onee. The money question is the barrier. It is 80 far encouraging that the conditional $\$ 800$ required towards my salary is now made up by the tewn: congregation alone, and paid weekly. St. Andrew's formerly paid $\$ 600$, and the North Arm $\$ 200$. We have had the parely voluntars system of support in operation for some years. We have no perr-rents, no subscription listar (for ordinary revenue), no envelopes nor cheak of any kind :-just the sabbath collestions in the ordinary way, appealing to all to givo " upon the first day of the week as God hath prospered then." Hence the practice above stated-weekly payment of salary. Our stutal congregation is small, and the general attendance very irregular, yet the sabbath collections amount to $\$ 860.61$; including special collection yesterday of $\$ 43$ for the Alinisterm Widows' and Orphans Fund. It is to the fore regular wonshippers we are indebted for the far greater portion of the whole amount. Proceede of sorial meeting at re-opening of charch $\$ 112.50$. Total ordinary revenue, $\$ 973.11$. Raised during the year for repairs, alterations and additions to the church, with liberal assistance from friends in the town and elsewhere in the Province, $\$ 1,100$. Total for all purposis, $\$ 2,073.11$. While the charch mas undergoing repairs we worshipped for about two months in the Court House. The debt on the church is still $\$ 300$. Towards its payment we have obtained a conditional promise of $\approx 50$ sterling from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. That Church pays yearly five thousand dollars towards the smpport of fire ministers in the lrovince, three of them from Nova Scotia, and two from Scotland; besides grants of $£ 50$ sterling to the building fund of every ner church erected. Onr chareb would have loitered far behind in this Prorince, but for the prompt and liberal action of the old Kirk four years ago. And yet some hare thought it strange that the ministers sclected by and sent out at the expense of that rhurch should form themselres into a Presbytery in connection with it! As things now appear, we hope to be abie rery soon to do much more towards self-support in New Westminster. This country, homever, has been such a continual scenc of disappointments all along, and of railkay "surprises" since con.
federation, that we must not make rash promises. If the people had never heard of "railway," and had settled down to work more and waste and drink less, we would all have been much better off to-day in every respect. We shall relieve you of the burden of our supplemeutary support as soon as it is possible for us. to do so. Connected with St. Andrew's we have 33 families. Communicants, 35 ; excluding North Arm. Three elders. Seven baptisms. Communion quarterly. Prayer meeting weekly. Two services every sabbath. Fifty names on Sabbath-school roll. Five teachers. International Lessons and Shorter Catechism are used; also Westminster Question Book by the teachers. A Sabbath-school paper, the $V_{\text {ISitor, Philadel- }}$ phis, given out every week, and some copies of the Sonbeam to the younger scholars. Fortythree copies of the Presbyterian Rscord for the Dominion of Canada are paid for by the congregational committer, and distributed monthly. Though the regular congregation is small my labours, and I trust usefulness, are not to be understood as limited to it. There is a constant succession of people belonging to our Church passing and re-passing, and remaininga longer or shorter period in attendance upon our services whom no statistics can include. Indeed, for the seventeen years I have spent in the Province, it may be said that my work has been really an "itinerating mission,"-with this dif. ference, that I remain in one place, and the people do the "itinerating." Hence our very slow growth, and our anusually long need of the liiberal pecuniary assistance geverously granted by the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
Thonsands of our people have been more or less benefited by the ministrations of our church in this country, but they do not help our statistical tables-in this world.
I feel very much assisted and comforted in my worl, since the General Assembly in Canada granted me permision to connect myself with the Presbytery of British Columbia, in sonnection with the Church of Scotland. My many years of isolation under the most discouraging conditions made the change a preulinrly gratifying one to me. The connection has not only strengthened my hands in many ways, direct and indirect, but my respected brethren have shown me mach kindness during my very severe illuess last winter, and a similar attack this one from which I am just now beginning to recover. With some help from Mr. Dunn, and the conducting of services on several Sabbaths by Mr. J. A. Hallitay, one of the elders, and MIr. John S. Clute (public school teacher and collector of canstoms respectively), wo have been able to rejoice in uninterrupted Sabbath supply. I am very glad to say that there was an encouraging attendance apon the temporary services. I regret to say tinat the Presbyterian Church in the Provinco
does not present, as yet, an undivided front. The first Presbyterian Church, Victoria, is not connected with our Presbytery, nor with any other Presbytery or Body. Its able and much respected minister the Rev. John Reid, is connected with a Presbytery on the American side. The cause of the want of union does not ariss from denominational partiality or prejudice. It is purely local and limited to a fey on each side, and therefore it is to be hoped only tem. porary.

Robeit Jamieson.

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${ }^{4}{ }^{2}$T would be a benefit to divinity studenta and young ministers the world over if they were put in possession of a copy of this brief and practical treatise by one of the greatest of living preachers. We hare never heard com. mentaries decried without some misgivings as to the soundness of the dictum, but now wo are confirmed in our own riews by Mr. Spargeon's outspokeness, and h.s emphatic admission of their value to himself and to all who seek a thorough acquaintance with the Scriptures. "The temptations of our times," he ssys, "lio rather in empty pretensions :o novelty of sentimpnt, then in a slavish iollowing of accepted guides. Usually we have frund the despisen of commentaries to be men who have no sort of acquaintance with them; in their case it is tho opposite of familiarity that has bred contempt. A respectable acquaintauce with the opinions of the giants of the past, might have saved many an erratic thinker from wild interpretations and outrageous inferences."

Appended to the lectures is a list of commentaries respecting which the author gives his opinion in a sentence or tro for each. Admit. ting that his acquaintance with many of them is of the most cursory kind, it is evident that the labour expended upoz this little volume has been enormous. And it cannot fail to be interesting, and may prove useful, to select from this catalogue a few of the commentaries which Mr. Spurgeon spesially recommends to the notice of his students.
" First among the migity for general usefur. ness we are bound to merition the man whose name is a household worl, Matthew Hemify. He is most pious, pithy, suund and sensible, suggestive and sober, terse and trustworthyglittering with metaphors, rich in analogies overflowing with illuatra:ions, super-abundant in reflections. It is the poor man's commentary, the old Christian's compan on, suitable to evorybody, instructive to all. Every minister ought to read Matthew entirely and carefully

[^0]through once at least. I' should recommend fon to get through it in the next twelve months after leaving College. Begin at the beginning, and traverse the goodly land from Dan to Beersheba. You will acquire a vast store if jou read with your note-book close at hand."

Next iu order, Mif. Spurgeon ranks "that prince among men, Joun Calvin. These 45 goodly volumes are worth their weight in gold. Scant purses may debar you from their purchase, but if it be possible procure them. Of all commentors I believe John Calvin to be the most candid. He is not always what moderns would call Calvinistic. He was no trimmer and pruner of texts. He gave their meaning as far as he knew it. He laboured, in lact, to declare, not his own mind upon the Spirit's words, but the mind of the Spirit as couched in those Fords." Of Mattinew Poole, he says, "If I mast have only one commentary, and had read Hatthew Henry, as I have, I do not know but what I would choose Poole: he is very prudent and judicious, not so witty and pithy as Henry but more an expositor. He is profoundly learmed." Joun Trapp is characterized as incomparably sententious and suggestive. "Trapp is my especial companion and treasure. Trapp is salis pepper, mustard, vinegar, and all the other condiments; I can read him when I am too weary for anything else." A very distingished place is given to Dr. Gill's Exposition on the Old Testament. "For good, sound, massive, sober sense in commeuting, who can exceed Gill: No man since his day has at all equalled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning." Next to Gill Mr. Spurgeon ranks Adams Charks among "the chief of Expositors-a prince of commentators." Thomas Scott is commended as being thoroughly sound and judicions, but "mere milk and water" as compared rith Matthew Henry. "Adinert Barnes, placed alongside of the great masters is a lesser light, but no minister can afford to be without it. Kirto is highly commended for family ase. Bengel's Gnomon of the New Testament is "the scholar's delight." Alfond's Greek Testament is considered an invaluable aid to the critical stady of the text of the New Testament. Tas Critical Comaritart, by Jamieson, Pansset and Brown is mentioned in very high terms-""me consult it continually, and with gromiug interest." This "portable commentars," may be had, unabridged, for $\$ 3$. With Laige, Mr. Spurgeon is somewhat disappointed. "It is costly, and, if you had it, you would not tam to it for spiritual food." Of its kind, however, it is admitted to be unequalled. Mr. Sporgeon enumerates sixty-ive commentarics on the whole Bible and upwards of a thousand on detached portions of the Scripture.
7fr. Spargeon's comments on "Commenting" we characteristic of himself and very much to so point. "Arvid all pedantry. As a rule,
those who know the least Greek are the most sure to air their rag of learning in the pulpit. They miss no chance of saying, - The Greek is so-and-so." The whole process of interpretation should be carried on in the study; you are to give your congregation the results. Never strain passages when expounding. Be thorougily honest with the Word. It is the Lord's own Word, be careful not to pervert it in the smallest degree. Many daub the text with their own glosses, and laying on their own conceits. Thero are enough of theso plasterers abroad, let us leavé the evil trade to them and follow an honest calling. Do not be carricd axay with rew meanings. Plymouth brethren delight to fish up some hitherto undiscovered tadpole of interpretation, and cry it round the town as a rare dainty; let us be content with more ordinary and more wholesome fishery. Other and wiser men have expounded before us, and everything undiscovered by them it were well to pat to test and trial before we boast too loudly of the treasure trove. Do not needlessly amend our authorised version. It is faulty in many places, but atill it is a grand work taking it for all and all, and it is unwise to be makingevery old lady distrust the only Bible she can get at, or what is more likely, mistrust you for falling out with her cherished treasure. Aim to be good readers, and be the more ancious about it because few men are so, and all preachers ought to be so. It is as good as a sermon to hear our best men read the Scriptures. Never open the Bible in the pulpit to read the chapter for the first time, but go to the familiar page after many rehearsals. You will be doubly useful if in addition to this you "give the sense." Commentaries, expositions, interpretations, are all mere scaffolding ; the Holy Ghosthimself mast edify you and help you to build up the Chuech of the living God."

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## Exiract from a letter or Dre. Stbect, Sydnet, N.S.W.

Stinngy, 30th January, 1879.

密HE Rev. W. Wall and wife sailed for England on the 7th. The Rev. T. Neilson, wife and family, are at Melbourne, and leave for England in the end of February. Mr. Chiniquy has been lecturing in this city and throughout the Colony since his arrival in October, and has ererywhere received a welcome. Many good collections have been gotHe has now gone to Melbourne. The young men who were studying in Melboume with a viow to tho mission, have withdrawn just as they were about to be licensed. We were willing to take one of them, as we have failed to
got a missionery. We are again disappointed. We are very badly off for preachers, and have too many vacancies. My secund son who was lately licensed, is about to be ordaned to a district about 80 miles from Sydney. Another young licentiate is ready, and we have two more who will be ready this year. But we could take a dozen more. I am amused at the course of "Report" in exaggerating circumatances. The tablet I got erected to the memory of Dr. Geddie was of wood, hung up on the wall of the church at Aneityum. In the Canadian Record, it is now stated to be marble. This is copied in the Free Church Children's Record, \&c. I am glad the words I chose meet with such world-wide celebrity, though I do not deserve the credit. They were suggested to me by the record of an ancient historian, regarding Gregory of Cresarea, that "there were only 17 Christians when he went there, and thare only 17 heathens when he died.

Robert Steel.
LETTER FROM REV. J. ANNAND.
Aneityum, 7th September, 1878.
We are still enjoying good health and plodding along in our work. We are rcceiving ercouragement enough to make us hopeful for the future, but not sufficient to warrant us to call upon you to rejoice with us. Progress is undoubtedly being made, but it is not of such a marked kind as calls for any special notice. There is very much that is dark and saddening amongst us yet; still I can confidently state that the work is in a better and more healthy condition than it was a twelve months ago. The people are all quiet and they are attending very fairly to all the means of grace within their reach. This is true in reference to the whole island. Since last writing you we spent three weeks in Mr. Inglis' late charge. While there I visited all the schools on that side the island-twenty-six in all. The prople were very kind to me, and did all they could to facilitate my work among them. The food provided was so abundant, that after leaving one half for our friends there, we had a good boat load home with us.-l mention their liberality in giving us food, because, that in the eyes of a native is the vory strongest evidence of good will that they can possibly shew a person. These people are not exactly epicureans, but they do certainly give great attention to the things that perish....I can cheerfully say that I found christianity in a more healthy state amongst the mass of the people than I expected. As is the case on our own side the isle all the districts are not equally advanced. However giving an impartial statement as to the relative condition of the two aides, I must bay that there are a
greater number of the encampments farther advanced on the Anname side than on our orn side. There is a smaller proportion of wild young men on that side also. Still the worst district on the whole isle belongs to that charge namely Anananse. Even there all is quiet now ; and when I preached there a fortnight ago all the people attended the services, even all those who were engaged in heathen dances last jear.

## whole island visited.

I have now visited every encampment on this island, forty eight in all. Though the isle is only about thirty-two miles in circumference by water, yet that statement gives but a very poor idea of the actual distance by the native paths, or of the labour expended in walking around the island. This isle is just one mas of high hills and deep ravines. The highest peak is 2788 feet. Some of the school-houses are down in the ravines where the hills rise almost perpendicularly more than a thousaud feet on each side; while others are situated on sheltered nuiks on the hill sides. The scenery is grand in some parts of the island. While visiting the Anname charge $I$ took a new cen. sus, which reveals anything but a hopeful pros. pect for the future of these people. Since October 1876, when Mr. Inglis completed his last lists until the middle of August, 1878, there have been eighty-two deaths and only thirty-one births. The total population noy on that side is 622 . It is not the old and the feeble alone that are dying but all classes, the majority being young people. A year ago we had 604 on this side, so that you see the total number is falling every year.

## death oe williamu.

While we were staying at Anname, Williamo, an elder and chief, who was home to Britain with Mr. and Mrs. Inglis some seventer $n$ jeas ago, died after only twenty-four hours illness. He had been suffering for scme time pre viously with Rheumatism in his legs and feet, but 1533 able to walk about. On a Wednesday night he took what seemed like a cramp in his feti and legs which gradually extended over his whole body, and on the next night he died. We did not know that he was seriously ill urtil he was dead. He had charged the partisa waiting upon him not to tell the people that bs was ill. He was a very intelligent natire, and the one who has done more than any other to spread the gospel on his own side the island. You may remember something about him from letters published years ago. The people respected him more highly than they do any ont now remaining. Their mourning for him 5 si sincere and prolonged. Perhaps a ferv werds descriptive of their customs with the dead mighi not be unintereating to you.

## MOURNING CUBTOMS.

$\mathrm{In}_{\mathrm{n}}$ account of their lamentations over Wil-
Siama may stand as representative of their Wourning over the death of any leading man Woman amongst them. But, of couse, the Brief over the death of a women is never so great as over that of a man.
$0_{n}$ that Thursday night above referred to, The were awakened from sleep near midnight by the toud cry of men as if in agony; the house of the deceased was about a quarter of a mile trom the station; but so loud was their howragd that we thought that it issued from our herd. On enquiring for whom the cry was, we Terea told that Williamu was dead. We knew their that some one had breathed his last, for and cry when once heard is not soon forgotten, thd we heard it many a time before. They rept up this loud wail all night and with very the intermission until we buried him at noon ${ }^{4}$ next day.
After sunrise I went to the house of mourn. uhir. The corpse was dressed in a gray print the white trousers and a red sash tied around 4h waist, and laid out on a clean mat under a the fy tree. The women were sitting around on body in a circle, as closely to it as they pald, and beating the mat with their open ${ }^{0}{ }^{0}$ el ly traits that had characterized his life. beey were the very picture of grief itself, having and thissembled for five or six hours and crying theis time. While the women were thus onanged around the corpse, the men were standing and sitting around in the background and althis lely howling in the loudest strain. It was ${ }^{\text {this }}$ loud wail of the men that awakened us and ${ }^{\text {ept us }}$ uwake through the night.
When I reflected, as I had ample time to do ne hile lying sleepless in bed, on the facts the Mal census revealed, that eighty times this dismal Wail had resounded through these forests ${ }^{0} \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{ne}} \mathrm{Mr}$. Inglis had left, and that only thirty${ }^{\text {the }}$ had been born within that period, it seemed 4 De to be the death-wail for the Aneityumese deo people and a race. However we may yet in the facts revealed by the census, reversed ${ }^{4}{ }^{4}$ few years. While there is life there is hope,
as be as true of a people as a person.

## RITES OF bURIAL.

Our burial rites here are much as at homs, the ${ }^{4}$ people being accustomed in their heathen of to throw the bodies into the sea. A man con homan of rank is honoured with a rude Whild usually made from an old canoe, while and those of little worth are rolled up - mat and put into the ground. While we - on the other side of the island a little girl borned to doeth whilo playing with iro.

She had kindled several little fires in the graes and was amusing herself in trying how near she dare run to them, when her grass skirt caught fire, and every particle of clothing she had on was burnt off her. She lived till the next day, the greater part of the time in agony.
Since coming home, one of our best friends and leading men died quite suddenly. He was a teacher and the leading man in his encampment. The older and more reliable class of these people are dropping off. However, Waihit, the first Christian native of the New Hebrides is still living hale and hearty. You will well remember what a friend he proved to your first missionary in the earlier stages of this mission. There are many names here yet who were prominent men twenty.five years ago. May they be spared us at least until we have others fully qualified to take their places.

If I remember rightly I think that I said in my last letter to you that we expected a small crop of arrowroot this year, but I am happy now to be able to inform you that we have exceeded our contributions of last year. I have now ready for shipment by the 'Dayspring' seventeen casks, 3465 lbs . The quantities from the respoctive sides of the isle are, Aname 1870 lbs., and Anelcauhat 1595 lbs. Compared with last year Aname has fallen off 141 lbe. while our side has exceeded that of last year by 285 lbs.

Total this year from whole island, 3465.
Total last year................... 3321 lbs.

## PAYMENT FOR BIBLE.

We are still giving all we raise to meet the expenses of the new Bible or rather the Old Testament,-the first instalment of which should reach us next year being the second volume which is going through the press first. It comprises Job and all the rest of the books to Malachi. When we have our Bibles all paid for we hope to do something for the spread of the Gospel in other isles or help to support ourselves.
Four of our lands have done admirably this year at the arrowroot. These four not above the average in population have contributed four casks or a cask each; while in another direction the people of ten lands have only filled one cask amongst them all. One of the above four lands of only twenty-two souls, men, women, and children has given us 213 lbs ., or what will yield about nine shillings sterling for every one of them All the usual voluntary labor has been performed about the station as hereto. fore. Our cases of discipline are fewer than those of last year ; so we see some reason to be hopeful and persevering in our work.

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Mr. Ceristie's Report.

HE Conva field is the latest brought under cultivation by our missionaries in Trini. dad. We give below Mr. Christie's fifth report, which is interesting and encouraging. Mr. Christie is now entitled to his furlough, and will be leaving Trinidad when this is being read, to revisit a portion of the Charch, and will (D.V.) be present at the meeting of the Assembly at Ottawa.

## couva.

The past year has been a favourable one for our work, as far as regards weather, as we have been very little hindered by the rain; and though it has been an unhealthy season, I am thankful to be able to say that I have been enjoying almost uninterrupted good health. A large amount of work has been done and seed sown.

## PREACHING THE GOSPEL.

The principal point of interest in the work of preaching was the opening of a small church for Hindustani service, in May. As this, however, was referred to in the Record, and in your Board's last report to the General Assembly, I need not enter into particulars about it. The attendance at the chnrch has averaged about 50 , chiefly christian adults, many of whom have come regularly from long distances, some from five to seven miles.

My'Sabbath work for a great part of the year has been as follows, and this is the plan on which I wish, as far as possible, to carry on the work in this field:-1st, a service at Spring School House, at 9 a.m. This is at one extremity of my field. 2nd, at 12 noon; the principal service in the church, in the centre of the field, followed by a Bible class for adults targht by myself; and Sabbath-school for the children tanght by one of the school teachees. 3rd, a service at one or more places on Mr. Burneley's estates, at the other extremity of the field. In addition to these, the usual weekly services in the hospitals, and on estates, have been kept up by myself, the catechist and some of the teachers. I am sorry to report that my catechist Balaram has returnee to India; but Mr. Douglas at Indore has promised him work as a catechist immedintely on his arrival, so that although we miss him here, we feel that he is still engaged in the same work. I am supplying his place as well as possible by the teachers, who give a part of their time to the work of a catechist. In addition to the preaching, religious instruction is given on the sabbath in the bible class, at which I have had an average attendance of twenty adults, and in three small sabbath-schools conducted by the
day sohool tewchers. During the year, I baptised six adults and four children, and ro. ceived of regular coutributionc, $\$ 40$; special, $\$ 50$; most of which went to the church building fund.

> SCHOOLS.

This important part of our work shews progress. During the year I was enabled by the kindness of some of the planters, to open a branch school in connection with both Ex. change and Esperanza schools, the teacher spending half the day at each place. In this way 40 or more children have been bronght under instruction without any increase in the cost. There are in the Couva field at present seven good rooms, well furnished with desks, \&c., which besides being used for school purposes, are available at any time for preaching services. Instruction in the Bible and Cate. chism is given in each of the Schools every day A cheering sign in this part of our work this year, has been the return of a number of chil. dren who had formerly been at school, but who had been withdrawn, for various reasons, and had become seemingly lost to us, but who are now coming back, very anxious to learn.

The report for the year shews in the Couras field, 242 children on the Roll. 130 daily average attendance, being an increase over last year of 95 on the Roll and 47 in attendance. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS M. CHRISTIE.
Approved by Mission Council, Dec. 24th, 1878.

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LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MACKAY.
Toa-liong-pong, 12th December, 1878.7
N the 17th ult., I left Tek-chham and walked to Liong.lek in orier to meet 3 If. and Mrs. Junor, I arrived after dalk and just before entering the town, nearly fell headlong over a broken bridge on a heap of stones below. I was sorry not to find them there, but learned the next day by letter the cause of their delay. Wednesday and Thurs. day I spent healing the sick and preaching tos gospel, and when so engaged Mrs. M. arrired from Ang-mng-kang. Friday I went to Lar. kham, and on up the table land towards Go ko-khi and there met Mr. and Mrs. Junor os their way down. I soon learned from then how they were delayed and annoyed by pro voking Coolies at Tamsui. Well, I turaed about and we all hastened towards Lionglet and were sitting in the inn about dark.
The next morning we proceeded to Tek. chham, and spent Sabbath and Monday in the chapel there. The attendance was very god in the evening when we met for service. Thes
day we proceeded to Sin-kang and put up in the chapel there. Wednesday, Mr. Junor and I went to An-lang and tried to do sonvething for our Master there. Thursday we went to a place where there were theatricals and a large concourse of people, on the same mission. Friday, we returned to Tek-chham and Saturday about noon arrived at our Ang-mng-kang chapel. We spent the Sabbath there, and on Monday came to Tiong-lek, and Tuesday passed through two towns on the road, and in the evening were in our An-po chapel. Wednesday morning, started early and halted a few minutes in our chapel in Bang-kah, then proceeded along the river to the Lun-a-teng chapel, where we parted. Mr. and Mrs. Junor went out to Tsmsui, whilst Mrs. M. and myself returned to this chapel. Since that time 1 visited nearly sll our Northern stations, and I am here now making preparations for a meeting of all our converts here in the open air. Now I have no doubt my friend Mr. Junor will send a far more interesting account of our trip than I can do, at the same time I am anxious that you should know that it was quite an undertaking for Mrs. Junor to make such a trip down South. Still, she did it with oheerfulness, patience, and a true godly spirit. Our converts at all the atations were greatly delighted to see her. She is the finst foreign lady that ever visited our chapels there. May she be enabled to make many pleasant and profitable trips from time to time to see our converts in the country. Mr. Janor at every place where opportunity presented itself spoke with great clearness and decision, and thronghout the entire trip manifested very great common sense. I found him a cheerful companion, and obliging friend and devoted servant of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Before Jehovah's throne remember this dis. tant Isle of the sea. Oh remember the perishing thousands and the faithful followers of Jesus in their midst. Remember our native heralds of the cross here who proclaim the glad tidings far and near. Let men come forth from the great Dominion who will be willing to live for Christ, and if need be die for Him. Send us such men and we will shout all honour and glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost !

The Presbyterian Board has two handred and trenty-two mission stations in the following conntries, viz: Mexico, South America, Africa, Biam, China, Japan, Persia, Syria, and among the North American Indians. Nine hundred sid sixty-two missionarics are employed at these stations. There are connected with the various churches of these stations 10,391 members, converted from heathenism. Sixteen thonsand and thirty-nine children are being educated in the mission schools.

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## LETTER FROM MISS FAIRWEATHER.

## To tue Secretary Cbalmers' Cuurch Sab. Sch. Juvenile Missionary Scciety.

Indore, Feb. 8th, '79.

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3OUR very welcome letter reached us two weeks ago, and the parcel of patterns by last mail. My girls are just jumping with fun and delight over them. Long before this reaches you, our good friend, Miss Forrester of Mhow, (from Halifax, you know), will have become the wife of the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell. It is the first marriage in our Indian mission, and my girls are all on the qui veve for wedding presents and yours are just in time. All spare minutes are employed in making up pincushions, tidies, \&c. \&c., for the bride by their dark tho' deft fingers.

I assure you they were welcome and helpful to us. Now, I have a very pleasant story to tell you and one for which I know you will all thank our Father in Heaven as well as we do who are here on the field.

In a village near Harckwar, in the Northwest provinces, lived a Brahmin family. The eldest son, a fine strong fellow, after receiving a very fair education in Uratie, was appointed a "deroga," or official, in one of the provincial prisons. Here he remained until his child-wife, a young Brahmani girl of his own village, died after giving birth to a son. After her death he renounced the world, became a fakhir, or hermit, devoted himself to study and meditation, and was handsomely provided for by his caste, he being now a Brahmin gurn, or teacher of Brahmins. For 14 years he wandered about from shrine to shrine, and city to city. He had heard missionaries preach at the great annual Mela, a fair at Harckwar, but paid no heed to their teaching. At last a New Testament fell into his hands with a little native hymn-book. This Testament he read day and night, and gradually its light seemed to dawn. At Rutlam a gentleman met with him, and entering into conversation, told him of our mission at Indore and gave him Mr. Douglas' name. Here he for the first time saw the Old Testament. He read day and night, only sleeping two hours out of the twenty four. He was at it perpetually. What he did not understand he marked for explanation. He is a fine large, man, with a quick, energetic way of speaking; a keen thinker, and not to be put off with a half auswer. I like him very much. He is so intelligent.

One day a Court Judge, a Brahmin and one of the Maharaja's council was in my house, he asked to see the Synassi fakhir we had with us. I sent for him. He came and the Judge said, "You haye been reading the Christisn skastras "".
"Yes," he replied. "What do you think of them and of Jesus Christ? "Christ is the true Incarnation, there is no denying that." "Do you believe in Him, and do you intend to profess His religion?" "I can do nothing less if I am a true man," was his answer.
Many of the best educated and wealthiest men here have come to converse with him and in every case he has frankly avowed his belief in Christ as the only Saviour of men.
Night after night, Mr. Douglas sat with him reading and explaining. On Sunday last, Feb. 2nd, he was baptised in our Mission Lecture Room. There were seven native men, (all Brahmins) present in the church, and five more at the windows on the verandalh. All was good natured, not a single angry word heard. He changed his name from "Swami Ji" to "Isa Ka Dass" or "Servant of Jesus."
He read in the Bible how Christ called cieryone to hear, rich or poor, young or aged, it was all the same. So yesterday he weut out to find a congregation just like one of Christ's, he said. After a time he got 14 people together. Then he came for me and my girls. We went of course. The service was held in an old house on the new premises we have bought. Heread and talked with them. Then sang a native hymn and afterwards prayed. Before kneeling he told them how he was going to talk with God, and it must be very reverently, for God was very great. Down they went on their faces with hands upon their mouths, while he in simple words asked God to cleanse and heal. Lately when at Hindustani worship, Mr. Douglas asked him to lead in prayer, and he did so in such a simple, earnest way we were greatly delighted. I am sure you will rejoice with us in that God has raised up a man so well qualified to do work among his own people. Along with him was also baptised a Hindu woman with her child from my own work, Mr. Douglas conducting the service in the vernacular.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The fifth session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be opened in the City of Ottawa, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on Wednesday, 11th Juse next, at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Presbytery Clerks will please forward rolls, so as to be in the hands of the Clerks of General Assembly at least eight days before the meeting.
Reports of ordinations, inductions, licensures, deaths, demissions and depositions within the several/ Synods, should be sent by their respective Clerks, so as to be in the hands of Clerks of Assembly at least eight days before the meeting.
All papers for the Assomidy should reach the
hands of Clerks of Assembly at least eight days before the meeting.

The Conveners of Standing Committecs should have their reports ready to hand to the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the second sederunt of the General Assembly.
Rolls and other documents should be addresod to Rev. Dr. Reid (Drawer 2567), Toronto.

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## RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements will be made with the leading lines of Railway, and with the Steam-boatline, for return tickets at reduced rates. Certificates will be sent so as to reach members by the 24th May; should any not have received them by that date, they will please communicato with Dr. Reid, Toronto.

Presbytery Clerks are requested to send to Dr. Reid, as scon as possible, lists of ministers and elders entitled to receive certificates, with their Post-Office Addresses and the Rallr way Stations from which they will begin their journey. Inattention to this will occasion great inconvenience and trouble.

## THE AGED AND INFIRAE MINISTERS' FUND IN MARITIME PROVINCES.

There are eight ministers this year on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund in the Eastern Section of our Church. The payment for tho last quarter is to be made in April. The sum to be 1 nid is $\$ 425$. The portion of the silary of the Agent of the Church paid out of this fund is $\$ 85$. The expenses for drafts and printing will be about $\$ 8$. The sum paid in annuities for the three quarters which have passed is $\$ 1075$. Thus the whole expenditure this year will be about $\$ 1593$. The accoults are kept from May to May.

Our receipts up to the present date have been as follows :-

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Thirty-six congregations have sent in collections. Seventy-six ministers have paid their rates. A young man in business in St. John's Newfoundland, has given a donation of $\$ 43.33$. It is to be buped other young men in business will do likewise.

If our income is to equal to our expenditure this year, the sum of $\$ 613.60$ must be paid in before the middle of May. It is to be hoped that the congregations which have not yet seat in their collection will take notice of this. It $t$ the collection be made and sent on, be it large
or small. The Aged and infirm Ministers' Fund is a scheme of the church. The Assembly enjoins that an annual collection be made for it. It is a useiul scheme. It is not to the interest of congregations that ministers should be compelled to labour on, preaching and visiting, when they are not able to discharge their duties properly. But how can a man retire if there is no provision made for his support. Is it to be supposed that a minister who receives a salazy of only $\$ 900$ or $\$ 1,000$ a year ean lay by money? It is a necessary scheme. There are only a few congregations that can give a proper retiring allowance. Our Ministers as a class are poor. Many of them, if laid aside from work, would have nothing to live apon. It is a Scriptural scheme. Under the losaic law forty-eight walled cities were given to the tribe of Levi for dwellings. They had also one-tenth of all the income of the other twelve tribes, besides numerous offerings. The Levites who were infirm or aged were supported as well as those who were strong and active. According to the New Testament regulations those who give themselves wholly up to the Church are to be supported by the Church. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

March 7th, 1879.
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## LADIES' FRENCH EVANGELIZATION SOCLETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

President: Mrs. Prof. Campbell. VicePresidents: Mis. Dr. Jenkins and Mins. James Walker. Secretary : Miss Fiushmann. Treasurer: Miss M. H. Gondon.

A Special Mecting of the Ladies' French Erangelization Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in St. Paul's Church, Hontreal, on the 15 th inst., for the purpose of considering the propricty of dispensing with the services of one or more of the Bible women oring to the want of sufficient funds to sustain the work. Deeply impressed with a sense of the vast importance of the labors of the Bible romen, and conscious of the injurious effects certain to result if their number be reduced, the Society ir solved to delay action, and to adjourn the meeting till Tufsday the 6th May, in the bope that the friends of the work will, prior to that date, provide the funds necessary to enable then to carry it on without reducing the number of their laborers.
With this end in view they urgently appeal to all the friends of French Evangelization for contributions to meet the present indebtedness. The Bible Women spend their time, ander the sapervision of the Society, in visiting the homes of the recent converts from Romanism, in in-
structing the young by means of classes, \&c., in obtaining situations and work for the unemployed, and generally in ministering to the bodily and spiritual wants of the French Canadian Protestants. There is abundant reason tobelieve that their labors have been greatly owned of God and blessed in the past.

The salary of each of the Bible women is $\$ 20$ per month. Are there not many who will esteem it a privilege to provide the means necessary to support one of these for a month :Are there not very many who will gladly assist in so doing? The income of the Society has. thus far this year been obtained almost entirely in Montreal. Believing that they have a strong claim on the sympathy and liberality of the Christian people of the Dominion, the Society earnestly appral for help to all who have at heart the best interests of our French-speaking fellow citizens.

All contributions should be forwarded before the 6th May, addressed to the Treasurer, Miss M. H. Gokdon, care of Joseri Mackay, Esq. 1059 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal, by whom they will be duly acknowledged.

Montreal, 16 th April, 1879.

## Piterature.

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HE Missionary" is the name of themonthly Record of the Presbyterian Church, United States, South. It is well conducted and readable, but like many of its contemporaries it does not pay its own way, and some of its fricnds are proposing that it should be knocked on the head. It is to be hoped, in the interests of humanity, that othercounsels will prevail, Apart from the harshness of the remedy, we do not see how theChurch itself is to exist very well or very long. without its monthly missimary.
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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.
Guelph,-Tuesday, 20th May, 10 a.m.
Lanark \& Renfrew, at Carleton Place.-Taes. day, 20th May, 1 p.m.
Ottawa-Tuesday, 6th May, 3 p.m.
Lunenburg \& Yarmouth-Tuesday, 6th May.
Paris-Tuesday, 6th May, 12 noon.
Pictou-Tuesday, 6th May, 11 a.m.
Wallace-Tuesday, 6th May.
Saugeen,-Tuesday, 8th July, 2 p.m.
Lindsay, - Tuesday, 27th May, 11 a.m.
Peterboro, -Tuesday, Sth July, 11 a.m.
Huron,-Tuesday, Sth July, 11 a.m.
Kingston,-Tuesday, 8 th July, $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
Barrie,-Tuesday, 27 th May, 11 ฉ.m.
Bruce,-Tuesday, 24 June, 3 p.m.

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## WHO IS SHE :

Therr is a little maidenWho is she ? do you know :-
Who always has a welcome Wherever she may go.
Her face is like the May-time Her voice is like a bird's;
The srreetest of all music Is in her lightsome words.
Each spot she makes the brighter As if she were the sun;
And she is sought and cherished, And loved by every one.

By old folks and by children, By lofty and by low.
Who is this little maiden 1
Does anybody know ?
You surely must have met har : You certainly cau guess.
What ! must I introduce her ${ }^{3}$
Her name is-Cheerfulness.

## LOOK AHEAD.

Two children were crossing the Straic of Dover. The girl's face was turned to the land they had just left forever; but the boy looked forward to the white cliffs they were approaching. Lulu's eyes were filled with tears. She was leaving the land of her childhood for a home among strangers.
"O Fred!" she cried, "how fast the land recedes ! I can just see a delicate purple linesoon it will be out of sight.
"Yes, but never mind France, Lulu. Look ahead, and see the new home we are nearing," replied Fred, as he gazed over the tossing sea to the land.

How, like Lulu, we are apt to weep for the joys gone, and to mourn for the world we must leave. But how, like Fred, we should be looking ahead, beyond the angry waves to our new home in the distance.

## "A DREADFUL THING."

A little girl said to me one day, "Please sir, may I speak to you 2 minute?" I saw that she was in some kind of trouble: so I took her hand and said, "Certainly, my little maiden. What do you want?"
"Please, sir," said she, as her lip quivered, and tears filled her cyes, "it's a dreadful thing; but I dou't love Jesus."
"And, how are you going to love Him!" I asked.
" I don't know, please sir; I want you to tell me." She spoke sadly, as if it was somo. thing she could never do.
"Well, St. John, who loved the Lord almost more than anyone else ever did, says that 'wo love Him because He first loved us.' Now, it you go home to-night, saying in your heart, 'Jesus loves me,' I think that to-morrow yon will say, 'I love Jests.'"

She looked up through her tears, and said very softly, "Jesus loves me." She began to think about it, as well as to say it,-about his life, and his death on the cross,-and began to feel it too. So she went home. The next erening she came to me, and putting both her hands into mine, she said with a very hafyy face:
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## FOOTPRINTS.

" What is that father ! " asked Bennic.
"It is a footprint my son, and it is a sign that some one came into our front gard last night."
"It must be," replied Bennie, "for then could not be a footprint without somebody had been there to make it."
"That is true, Benjamin ; and now show ms some of the footprints of the Creator!"
"I don't understand ycu, father, Bennis said.
"Well, who made all these beautiful flowers; these splendid trees; the clouds up in the sky; the great round earth; and the mighty gan flaming in the heavens, and started the bright moon to rolling around the world!
" 0 , God to be sure."
"Then all these things are bat the footprint of the Creator. They are the sign that there is a Creator, and that He has been here. Set this ice-plant that I hold--man could never have made it; see all the glistening grass, hear all the chirping birds-man did not, nor conld not, make them! God made them, and thes are all simply 'footprints' of the great Creator, to prove to us that there is a good and grest God, whom we love, worship, and obey. Do you understand?"
"Yes, father, I undorstand very well now, and I thank you for teaching me that lesson."

## ONE GATE.

The old city of Troy had but one gate. Go round and round and round the city, and you could find no other. If you wanted to get in, there was but one way, and no other. So to the strong and beautiful city of Heaven there is but one gate and no other. Christ says, 'I am the door.'

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