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AND HIS MISSION AT ST．ANNE＇S， FANJAKEE．

路T A RECENT MEETING of the Es－ ecutive Committee of the Board of French Evangelization the Secretary－ Treasurer，Mr．Warden，and the writer were commissioned to proceed to St．Anne＇s for the purpose of enquiring into the circum－ stances of the mission and to make such arrangements as might seem best calculated to promote the interests of the work，so far as this could be consistently done by the Board．The distance from Montreal to Chi－ cago is 842 miles．St．Anne＇s，situated about 67 miles due south of that city，occupies the highest site in the state of Illinois and has the reputation of boing a very healthy place． It is surrounded by rich prairie land which， with ordiuary skill and industry，might be made the garden of America But where nature is so lavish of her gifts the science of agriculture is frequently ill－nnderstood，and it looks as though that wore true of the county of Kankakee the genernl appearance of which is less inviting than other parts of the country through which we passed，great－ If inferior to it in natural fertility．Wo saw nothing to equal the Province of Ontario from Kingston westward．Indeed you may travel much farther than to Chicago before you find a better country，and a pleasing feature of it is that almost every station glong the line is synonymous with the name of s Presbyterian congragation．We encoun－ tered only tro obstructions in our onward course towards the setting sun．The first was that natural barrier which divides the Festern peninsula of Ontario from the State of bichigan－the river St．Claire，which was
so entirely covered with field ice as to present the appearance of an impassable gulph．Yet how easily was this difficulty overcome！By an ingenious contrivauce the whole train of a dozen carriages，each seventy feet at least in length，was transferred to a huge pontoon propelled by powerful twin screws which crashed through the fields of ice as though they had been but foam，and no sooner was the opposite shore reached than a fresh engine took hold of the three segments of our train and，as soon as they were re－united，darted off with us at the rate of forty miles an hour．Ob－ struction number two was caused by the collision of two freight trains，resulting in a temporary scene of confusion that was sufficiently appalling to look at，but had no worse consequences than the utter demol－ ition of a considerable amount of railway plant and the damage of a good deal of merchandize．The rapidity with which the broken fragments of the wrecked trains were got out of the way was surprizing．This ＂accident＂gave us a day to see the lions of Chimago．One could scarcely believe that this city of 503,000 inhabitants is hardly fifty years old，and that ten years ago one half of it was reduced to ashes．Yau can hardly see a trace of the fire fiend about it－ so＇completely has it been renerved．Its po－ pulation has nearly doubled in that short time．We spent the hour after noon in the rooms of the Young Meu＇s Christian Associ－ ation，where we had an opportunity of study－ ing the Interastional Sabbath－school lesson for the following day in company with some four hundred others，among whom there were evidently a large preponderance of teachers who had come together to compare notes．

We reached St．Anne＇s on Saturday，at 11 p．m．Late as it was，the venerable iatier met us at the hall door and made us wel－
come to his stately prairie mmsion, which as we learned had been erected during Mr. Chiniquy's absence in Australia. There is not a finer" "manse" in all the Presbyterian Church. The gardens, orchard, and grounds are laid out with exquisite taste, and the hospitality. of our host made us feel that for him, and at the moment, for us, the lines had fallen in very pleasant plases. Nothing was left undone to further the objoct of our mission, and to make us acquainted with the history and the progress of the work that is being carried on at St Aune's. So far as the limit ad time for observation jastities the expression of opinion, it may safely be said that it is a good work, possessing features of encouragement and grounds for thankfulness. It may be as well for the benefit of the uninitiated to refer in a few sentences to its origin. In the year 1851, Father Chiniquy, then a priest of the Church of Rome, resident in Montreal, was induced to go to 1 linois for the purpose of founding a colony of French Canadian Catholics in that new country. He was accompanied by a party of some five thousand of his co religionists. From time to time others followed, and in a few years the colony soread itself over an area of forty square miles of the finest land in America. They had not been longsettled however, before dissensions were created by the oppressive and unjust conduct of the $k$ C. bishop of the district, whom Mr. Chiniguy "withstood," and so successfully that he was eventually removed. While these struggles were going on Mr. Chiniquy had his eyes opened to the orrors of the Church of Rome, and it was not long before he resolved to cease his connection with it. In 1856 he , and a large number of his followers, declared themselves Protestants and placed themselves under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Chicago. Some five or six years later, a fresh cause of disturbance arose which culminated in a division. The minority continued their adherence to the Presbytery of Chicago, while Mr. Chiniquy and amajority of the people applied to be taken into connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. Mr. C. Was accordingly 1 eceived as a minister of that Church in 1863, and his congregation placed as a mission under the spiritual care of the Presbytery of London. From that time until now there have been two Presbyterian congregations at St. Anne's, not always on the most friendly terms with each other. With the exception of five years spent in Montreal, and two years in Australia, Mr. C. has been the pestor of the First Congregation. The minister of the Second Church is Mr. F. Boudreau, a graduate of the school at St. Anne's, who received his theolopical training in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was for some time minister of Danville, Que., and
who has recently been translated to his pre. sent cluarge.
So much by way of preface. We shall now describe, as brietly as possible, what came under our notice on Sabbath, 4 th of April. leaving the reader to form his own con. clusions. At the noorning service there was an attendance of 2.50 personsa In the evening the chapel was quite full, the number present being alout 350 . The only peculiarity in the form of worship was that while the congregation kept their seats during the singing of the hymns they stood up when the Scrip. tures were read-a mark of reverence which seemed becoming in the circumstances of a people so recently brought to a knowiedye of the truth, and to whom the Bible had been previously a sealed book. They joine l very heartily in the singing which was lead by an organ and a choir of about a dozen young people. The chapel is a plain but comfortuble room, about 75 feet by 35 feet. in the upper story of the building-the ground flat being used for school purposes. It is a wooden structure painted white and in good repair. Attached to it there are several geres of land, part of which seems to be devoted to the recreation of the pupils. A portion of it is occupied as a burying ground. The property is enclosed with a neat fence painted white and is flanked by wooden sidewalks. The Sabbath school held at 2.30 p.m. seemed to bo well orgauized and efiiciently conducted by an intelligent stati of teachers-young men and young women of the congrepation. It is superintended by Rev. Mr. Lafontaine, the Principal of the secular school or college, who has been connected with the institution for about sixteen years, and who appears to berell qualified ior the duties of his office and thoroughly devoted to the work. The attendance this afternoon was entered in the roll-book as follows,-boys, 37 ; girls. 74; teachers, 13: visitors, 20 ; Total 150. A number of the older people are in the habit of attending the Sabbath-school and pass the time in reading the Scriptures together. Some of them come here to learn to read. They use the International Series of Lessons, and the pastor usually reviews and comments upon the lesson of the day for the benefit of old and young. The discipline of the school is ercellent. It is common with them to spend one hour in the class exercises and to devote an additional half-hour to what they call an "entertainment"-a concert in fact, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and re-citations-which, on the principle of becoming "all things to all men, that some might be saved," the Apostle Paul himself, were he to visit Kankakee, would probably condone. It is wortby of mention that Mr. Boudrenu cancelled his own evening service,
and, with his congregation, attended and took part in the service held in Mr. Chiniquy's chapel. We learned that at the regular week day services the two congregations not unfrequently worship together, which gives some reason for the hope that the time may soon come when they shall see eye to eye, and when there shall be one pastor and one church where there are now two congregations, neither of them strong enough to stand alone. At the close of the evening sarvice the deputation were in the presence of the congregation, and in tbeir name, presented with an elaborate addrese conveying thanks for our visit, and especially acknowledging gratitude to the Presbyterian Church in Canada for unremitting kindness and pecuniary aid during the past eighteen years, and soliciting a continuance of its support and sympathy. It stated, inter alia, that on the previous Sabbath no less than two hundred members had united in the Holy Com-munion-all of them reclaimed from Homan-ism-ono of the number, Mr. F. E. DeCalvello, baing an Italian ex-priest who is preparing himself to preach the Gospel to his cunatrymen in America. Thirty had been admitted for the first time on profession of their faith. The total number of communicants on the roll is about 250 in Mrr. Chiniquy's congregation, and in Mr. Boudreau's, ninety. It was explained to us that the number of Protestants at St. Anne's would be much greater but for the constant emigration westwardslerge numbers having removed to the States bordering on the Pacific where they have founded new settlements and formed new centres of Presbyterianism. As we were obliged to leave St. Anne's at four o'clock on the Monday morning we had no opportunity of in specting the school. It is the only one in the district and receives a certain amount of support from tine State, levied in the usual way, by assessment on the property. Formierly the whole expenses of the echool were paid by the Church, but for the last two years only the salary of the Principal has been paid by the Bourd of French Evangelization. The teaching staff consists of Mr. Lafontaine and two assistants The average attendance of pupils is from 100 to 120 . The branches taught are those common to district achools-affording a good sound education to Protestants and Catholics alike, special attention being given to the religious training of the former. It is creditable to the school and the mission that eleven of the young men who commenced their education here are now regularly ordained ministers, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom in different parts of the world. Before leaving, the deputation had a conference with the elders of the congregation, five of them being present. They were recommended to
associate with them some of the younger men, to institute a system of personal visitation from house to house throughout the different districts of the parish, and to endeavour to obtain from the people such measure of support tor the muintenance of ordinances among them as circumstances may admit of. They were counselled to cultivate the things which make for peace, aid to assume, as soon as possible, all the responsibilities of a self-sustaining congregation. In the meantime they were assured of the co tinued interest of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in their welfare. As to the future of the Mission. the best policy seems to be the continuance of judicious efforts for the amalgamation of the two congregations, with a view to the transference of the entire Mission, as soon as may be found practicable, to its natural guardians-the Presbytery of Chicago. There seems to be nothing to prevent this but the frailties of human nature which are neither confined to Presbyterianism nor to St. Anne`s, but which, wherever found, are burtful to the Church of Christ.
J. C.

POINTE-ATY-TREMRIES SCHOOLSThe annual public examination of these Mission Schools took place on the $2 S$ th April. in the presence of about 150 friends who went down from Montreal on $\Omega$ steamer chartered for the purpose. The proficiency of the pupils, especially in Scriptural history and the leading doctrines of the Bible, was most marked, the discipline was excellent, and the general impression made on the visitors was very favourable. There is but one opinion as to these schools-that they are a most important boon in the work of FrenchCanadian Evangelization, and the Church is fortunate in having as Principal of them a gentleman so thoroughly adapted for the position as is Mr. Bourgoin. The attendance during the session was 102. A private examination of all the classes was held by a Committee of the Board a few weeks before the public examination took place. The schools are now closed for the summer vacation. The Committee have, however, resolved to throw the buildings open during the months of June. July and August, for the admission of a limited number of the sons and daughterr of English-speaking families desirous of acquiring French. The situation of the schools is very fine, on the St. Lawrence River, a few miles Delow Montreal, and is a desirable summer resort. Freach only will be spoken at the table, \&c., and two hours' tuition will be daily given in that language. Application for admission should be made early, addressed to the Principal, care of Rev. R. H. Warden, 260 St . James Street, Montreal.

## Oha Cructixion.

June 5th.
Luke xxill: 83-46.
Golden Taxt. John 12: 82.

发HAT THE FOUR Evangolista bear anited testimony to the Saviour's Crucifixion with such sublime simplicity, without introducing their own feelings and experiences respecting it, is one of the best evidences of the truth of this part of the sacred history. Compare Matt. $27:$ 35-50. Mark $15: 20.41$. John $19: 16.30$. V. 38. Calvary -in greek Golgothab" a skull." The place probably, of execution, outside the city, Crucifieddeath by the cross-the punishment of alaves and malefactors-was one of prolonged and excraciating agony. That Jesus was nailed to His Cross is inferred from ch. $24: 39$ and John $20: 25-27$. V. 84. Forgive them-This first utterance on the Cross may be regarded as the beginuing of Christ's intercossion for sinners. His raiment-The clothes of criminals were given to the executioners. Lots were cast - only for the seamless vestare, John 19:24. V. 85. Stood beholding-with that morbid feeling which still attracts the basest to scenes of horror, Ps. 22:16. Derided -see Mast. 27:41-43. Saved others, de.-a great truth unconscionsly spoken. Both he could not do, John 12:27. If he $b_{0}-$ The Jerrs believed that he claimed to be d:vine; why should any one in the 19th centary donbt it ? Soldiers also-with coarse jokes derided his pretensions to royalty-which they would deem themselves specially qualified to challenge. V. 38 . Superscription-an ironical title fastesed to the cross. The diversity of statement as to the exact words arises from the different idioms or renderings of the three languages in which it was written. V. 39. Ons of the malefactors - Matthew and Mark, speaking generally, use the plural, "theives," denoting one of the classes who derided him. Luke, who alone relates the conversion of the punitent thief is for that reason more particular in naming "one." Vs. 40-42. The other-speaks and prays lize a true ponitent shose conversion at the very last moment of his life sheds a faint ray of hope on the deathbed of even the greatest sinner. The sacred volume records one such example that none may dispair; but only one, that none may presume. The hardened attitude of his companion shems how dangerous it is to postpone repentance to this late hour. This day, this moment, is the proper time, Josh. 24:15. 2 Cor. 6:2. V. 43. To-day-the thiof looked for a future salvationwhen Christ should come agnin-but receives assurance of immediate bliss. ( ${ }^{2 e e} \mathrm{Sh}$. Catechism 37). He that believeth hath eternal life, John $8: 16$ and $6: 47$. It is a present gift. Paradiss-that part of Sheol-place of departed spirite-opposed to Gehenna. Certainly a place of bliss, for he was to be with Jesus, Phil. 1:23. Rov. 2:7. V. 44. Sixth hour-noon. Ninth hour-8 p. m., when Jeeus gave up the Ghost-His was a voluntary surrender of life, John $10: 18$. His last words on the Crose were from Ps. 31:5. The central point in the lesson is the doctrine of the Atonement, Heb. $10: 14$.

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June 12th.
Luke $24: 13.32$.

## Golden Tcxt, Luke 24:32.

边HE APPEARANCES of our Lord after his cracifixion, of which ton ara recorded, are of inestimable value as proving the gient fuct which lies at the foundation of our Christian belief -the Resurrection of Christ. 1 Cor. 15:12-18. Compare Mark 16:12. V. 13. Trwo of them-not of the twelve, v. 33. One of them was Cleopasor Cleophas, Jn. $19: 25$. The other is not named. That same day-That Resurrection Day, the Christian Sabbath. Emmacs about 73 miles N. East from Jorusalem. Talked together-upon the great theme then uppermost in all minds. What more natural ? Mal. 3:16. Communcd -had earnest confidential exchange of sentiment and ex. perience respecting the facts that had transpired, vs. 18-24. Vs. 10, 17. Eyes were holden-A change had come over the bodily form of Jesus since he hung on the crose, Mark $16: 12$; they did not know him now; even his voice they did not recognize. Besides, it was our Iord's purpose to remain incognito. Are sad-bad to think that so noble a life had come to such a tragic end. V8. 18, 20. As stranger ? Supposing that Jeaus, like themselves, had come to the Passover for a ferr days and was now returning home. Still, "he must have heard the news!" What things! Thus thrown off iheir guard, Jesus found an opportunity of "drawing them out." The artless acc sunt which they now give sherss how favourably they, and the people gencrally, had been impressed by the selfdenying charncter of their Master. Wc trustedThe hope which in corumon with many others they had indulged, that Christ was to set up an earthly kingdom was now, apparently, blasted. The third day -and yot thoy had no cortain eri. dence of his resurrection! They themselpes had not seen him. Ys. 22-24. Certain 200men alsoTheir account of the matter might be true-but it lacked confirmation. The story told by the aoldiers might be true after all, Matt. $28: 13$-15. Vs. 2527. The stranger, assuming the tone of an experienced Rabbi, now directs their attention to the testimouy of Moses (Deut. 18:15) and all the prophets, as centering in Himself, ch. 4:16-21. But for this teaching, the whole design of the interview would have been lost. Ought not? Yea, it behoved Him thus to suffer, $\nabla .46$ and Heb. $2: 17$. "What had seemed to them incompatible with the glory of the Messiah was precisely the appointed way thereto." V. 29. Abide with us-Though Christ be a willing guest in overy sinner's heart, he comes not unbidden, Rev. 3.20. He came to seek sinners, but not to thrust salvation upon them. Constrained him-2 Cor. 5:14. Eyes opened-When the ejes of the anderstrnding are opened we see Jesns, Ephes. 1:18. V. 31. Vanished-made himself in. visible, ch. $4: 30$. John. 8-59. Our hiearts burn ! Now they understood why his conversation had so eleotrified them. Shall not we constrain the Risen one to abide with us? We need not doubt his willing aese so to do. Jn. 14:21-23.

## Chte guspel for the varid.

June 26th.
Luke xxiv: 44-53.

## Golden Text, Mark 16:20.

(1)ORTY DAYS intervened between the crucifixion and ascunsion of our Lord, Acts $1: 3$. Although the Risen Saviour appeared to his disciples often enough to prove to them that he was ieally alive again, there has a marked change in his intercourse with them. Ho no longer went about openly preaching aud drawing crowds about him as formerly. Seving that last transcendent miracle which signalized his depas ture from earth, he spems only once during this time to have shewn his miraculove powers-in the dranghts of fishes, John 21:1-14. The few solemn words ho now aduresses to his eleven chosen disciples were needed to remind them that they are now to carry on the work which he had inaugurated. Vs. 44, 45. These are the uordo-" now you understand the meaning of some of my words that seemed so mysterious to you, ch. $18: 31-34$. Whils yat with you-implying that he was not with them now as formerly. The $L_{\text {ru }}$ of Mfoses-Our Lord's frequent references to the Old Testament stamps these writings as of equal value with the New Testament. The one is to be read and interpreted in the light of the other. Opened their understandings-See S. Catechism 89. Y. 47. Faith and repentance are the great requisites for salvation. They are woll defined in the Catechism 86 and 87 . They were to be the theme of their preaching, Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, 16, whore the promise of the Holy Spirit is given not only to these disciples bat to all, in overy age, who shonld faithfully preach the Gospel. In His name-(1) By His authority: (2) by a constant reference to Him as the Autbor and Finisher of faith, Heb. 12:2-The only name whereby we must be saved, Acts $4: 12$ and $13: 38$. Beginning at Jerusalem-The Jews who crucified the Messiab, are to have the first offer of the Gospel of reconciliation. Rom, 2:10. These in our own conntry have a prior, but not an exclasive claim, 1 Tim. $5: 4,8$. The Gospel is to be preached among all nations-therofor to tho heathen and Mohammedan, as well as to nominally Christian peoples. Hitresses- sssured of these things themselves, they were to certify the world of them. Jn. 15, 27. Acts 1:8. 2:32. 3:15. Y. 19. The promissthat of the Holy Spirit, I8a. 44:3. Joel $2: 28$. Enducd with pozecr-as they notiably were on the day of Pentecost. Acts $2: 1-4$. V8. 50, 51 . Luke, onitting the meeting with the disciples in Galilee, Matt. $28: 16$ and John $21: 1-24$, closes abruptly Fith a brief menticn of the ascension, though bo refers to it again, in Acts 1:9-11. He led them: out-the oleven, that thoy might be eje witnesses. To Bethany-2 miles east fiom Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives. V. 52. 53. They worshipped him -in the strictest sense of adoration. With great joy-"(1) Faith sees in this farewell the highest glorifying of Jesus. (2) Love thinks of His gain, not of its loss. (3) Hope waits unshaken for the fulfilment of all His promises." Consinually in the temple-Every day found them there until the day of Pentecost-the 10th day after the Ascension.

## aldrat ia cegyit.

Exodus 1:1-14.
Jtwy 3rd.
Golden Text, Exodus 1:14.
GTNODUS-means departuro-going out. This book chisily refers to the fact of the Children of Israel's leaving the land of Egypt. The author of it is, without doubt, Moses, Mark $12: 20$. Luke 20 : 37. The statements contained in it aro substantiated in other parts of the Biblo, as in Ps. $78 ; 60: 0$; Iss. ül:10, 15 ; Jer. $2: 0$; 16:14. 1 Cor. $10: 1.5$. As to time, $s 00 \mathrm{ch} .12: 40$, "the sojourning of the children of Israel who dwelt in Egypt was 430 years." Comparing this with Gen. $15: 13$. Acts $7: 6$ and Gal. $3: 17$, the 430 years is computed from the time that Abraham left Chaldea. One half of this interval the chosen rece sojourned in Canaan, which gives 215 years as their sojourn in Egypt. The call of Abralum was in 1791 B. C. Jacob went to Egypt, 1706 B. C. The exodus was in 1491, B. C. The Lesson dato is $1655-1571$, B. C. Vs. 1.5. The names-are given for the zake of exactuess-in all, 70 sculs. Strictly speaking, only 66 immigrated, but adding Joseph and his two sons and Jacob himself, there are 70. In Acts $7: 14$, the number is said to be 75 : but that included five sots of Ephraim and Manasseb, born in Egypt, Gen. $50: 23$, so there is no contradiction. V. 6. Joseph died-aged 110, ahout 70 years after the migration. V.7. The increase of the Israelites is emphasized by a pariety of expression, indicating thst it was exceptionally rapid. In 215 years they increased frcm 70 to 2 millions. An increase by no means incredible when the healthfulmess of the climate, and the early age at which they married are taken into accunt. The land was filled-Gosben conld not contain them, so they spread int other parts of the country. V. 8. A new king- $\Delta$ bout 60 years after the death of Joseph a rrvolution took place by which the old dynasty was overthrown and Upper and Lawer Egypt wers united. This may have been Amosis, or lameses II, either of whom would know little and care less abcut the services of Joseph, dead 40 years before. Ys. 9, 10. Statecraft foresar that these prospersus aliens might some day breed insurrection. Let us deal wiselywith warldly wisdom. They must be kept in subjection. V.11. Taskmasters-overceers, as may still be seen in Egypt, armed with a "lash." To afflict them-to crush their spirit. T. 12-14. The nore they grevo-ovidence that a higher power wes working for them. Fiard bondags-Reduced to a state of "serfdom" they rere put to the meanest of occupations, brickmaking and digging canais and ditches fer irrigation, or employed as convicts in building fortifications. Regard.ng this bondage as a type of Sin, we learn that the service of sin is a very hari and bitter one. Jor. $2: 19$. Rom. 6 : 16,23 . That God sfflicts his people for their good, Lam. $3: 38$. Rom. $8: 28$. If God be for us who can be against us, Rom. 8:81.

## (9ut aun Cilurch.

fHE GENERAL ASSEMBLY is appointed to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Wednesday, the Sth of June, at half. past seven o'clock p.m. The subsequent meetings will be held in the new buildings of the Queen's University, which are admirably adapted for the purpose. Preshytery Clerks are requested to forward List of Commissioners, reports of changes in the rolls, overtures, and all other official documents intended to be presented to the Assembly, to the Clerks of isssembly, at least eight days before the meeting. The conveners of Standing Committees are expected to have their reports ready to be placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the second sederunt of the Assembly. Arrangements have been made with the leading lines of Railway and with Steamboat Companies for reduced rates of travelling. Certificates, entitling members to this privilege, have been sent to all whose addresses have been furnished. Should any not have received them, they should at once notify Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto.

ACCOMMODATION :-The Local Cormmittee will do everything that lies in their power for the entertainment of the strangers within their gates while the Assembly lasts. Commissioners from a distance are requested to correspond with Rev. J. Fowler, the Chairman, and any parties who have made private arrangements are requested to notify Mr. Fowler of the fact. Timely attention to these matters will go far to prevent confusion and disappointment.

THE PLACE OF MEETING IS CENTRAL and easily reached. Kingston is beautiful for situation, and its inhabitants are noted for hospitality. If any other reason need be given why the nembers should muster in full force, other than loyalty to the Church and a sense of duty to their constituents, let it suffice to say that the ensuing Assembly promises to be one of the most enjoyable that has been held since Union. So far as we can see, there are uo burning questions to come before it that might mar the harmony of its proceedings. The College question, as such, will nover more disturb the peace of the Church. Whatever difference of opinion may arise as to the details of management, there is a settled conviction that our six colleges are to be retained, and that each will
be allowed to use all lawinl means for its maintenance and better pquipment. The motto of all of them will be,-:' Live and let Live." The remit of last General Assembly on the preparatory studies of candidates for the ministry will be discussecl on its merits, irrespective of its npplication to individual colleges, and we may expectito find a hearty ar quiescence on the part of all in whatever may be the judgment of the Assembly in this regard. The Remit on Roman Catholic Ordination, left over from last Assembly, may or may not be finally disposed of at this time. But it is one of those questions which do not suffer from cautious bandling. The only other remit of special interest is that on the formation of $\Omega$ Sustentation Fund. (in this very important question it will be found that there is scarcely unanimity enough in the several Presbyteries to warrant immediate action further than the sending of it down to kirk-sessions, in order to ascertain the mind of the congregations in reference to it.

THE COLILEGES will be able to report a good winter's work, that they have sent out from their Halls some forty young men, who are now ready for licensure, and one hundred and fifty who will spend the summer months as missionaries, supplying ordinances to many thouands who would not otherwise have them, and in various parts of our vast Home Mission field laying the foundations of future congregations.

THE ELDERSHIP, it is to be hoped, will be fully represented, not that we have the slightest fear of clerical domination, but because it is their privilege to be there, to give expression to their opinions, to share the responsibilities of the Committee rooms, and to make themselves familiar with the details of ecclesiastical administration.

IT IS exceedingly gratifying to learn that all the Missionary Funds are in a prosperous condition. The discussions that will follor the reading of the reports on the Home and Foreign Miesiors and French Evangelization will be especially interesting. We bespeak for the Sabbath-School a larger share of time and attention than has usually been be stowed upon it. There is no branch of the work of the Church which deserves a heartier recognition than that which devotes itself to the religious instruction of the young. It will not do to put it in a corner. The questions respecting its welfare and efficiency ought to be dealt with in a manner befitting their acknowledged importance.

FOR MODERATOR OF ASSEMBLY-The following nominations have been made ly the Presbyteries:-Rev. Dr. Black, IKildonan; Principal MacVicar, Montreal; Principal Caven and Professor Maclaren, of Toronto; Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford.

KNIGHIIIOOD, it is said, will shortly be conferred upou two ulready distinguished membera of the Presbyterian Churoh-Principal J. W. Dawson, L.L.D., of McGill V'niversity, Montreal, s'al the Hon. Alexander McKenzie, of Sarnia.

In MEMORIAM, -_The Rev. E. A. MeCurdy, of New Glasgow, has piven the Presbyterian College Board, Halifax, a sum of money as a momorial of his late son, hoy McGregor, whom he had sedicated to the ministry, the interest to be devoted to the purchase of works on Missions for the Librarv.

RLV'. DR. G. L. MACKAY.-We are sorry to learn that our enthusiastic and devoted missionary has been laid aside by sickness. But we are not surprised. Few could have stood the strain of mind and body that he has endured during the last twelve months of incessant labour. Dr. Mackay requires rest.
MORRIN CUILLEGE.-A friend of thisins. titution he given five scholarships of one hundred dollars each, to be competed for next session. Others are expected to be given also. While intended specially for students preparing for the ministry, these scholarships will be onen to all.

KEV. A. B. CRCCHET salled last month for the " white fields of France." The hevs. C. A. Doudiet and Rev. C. E. Amaron, will follow later in the season and help to gather in the sheaves.

THE CALENDAR IEAR would be infinitely better than the Ecclesiastical for all financial purposes. Is it not possible to induce the General Assembly to instruct the Treasurers of the different Boards to close their accounts on the 31st December instead of the 30 th April, sud so prevent the hurry and confusion that often result from the present system?

OCR FUREIGN MISSIONARIES.-_Should not their names be on the rolls of Presbyteries". Might there not be a prominent place found for them in the printed volume containing the Proceedings of the General Assemibly?

THE INTERNATIONAL SABBATH. SCHOOL CONVENTHON meets in Toronto on the 22 nd of this month. A proposal will be maña to institute a Deminion Sabbathschool Trion similar to that which has been productive of so much good in the Cnited States.

## ORDINATIONS AND INDC゙CTIONS.

Dovglastown: Miramichi: The Rev. Jas. Murray, late of Wallace, N.S., was inducted on the 3rd of May.
Chelfenhay and Mocnt Pleasant: Toron-to:-The Rev. J. R. Gilehrist, formerly of Shelburne, Ont., was inducted on ?4th IFay.

Bnockyille, Ont,:-The Rev. Robert Jardine, S.C.D., late of Chatham, New Brunswick, was inducted to the charge of st. John's Churci on the 6th of May.
Coldstraan: I'ruro:-Rev. W. 'I. Bruce, M.D., late of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River, was inducted on the 10 th of Mrav.

Hillaburgh: Guelph:-The Rev. W. C. Armstrong, formerly of Forence and Dawn, was inducted on 2 bth A pril.

Callis:-Kev. Dr. Waters, of St. David's Church, St. John, N.B., has accepted a call from the North Reformed Church, Newark, N.S., Enited States. Rev. A. W. Mcleod, declines the call to Sherbrooke and Goldenville, N.S.
Demision:-The Rev. Lachlan, Cameron, of Thamesford, London.

FIRE.-St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, has made a narrow escape of being totally consumed by fire. As it was, the organ and a portion of the pews were destroyed. The loss is covered by insuranco.

THE SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KIN: STUN mee in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, on the evening of the 3 ru May. There was a full attendance of members. The opeaing sermon was preached by Rev. Robert Torrance, of Guelph. The Rev. John Smith, of Toronto, was elected Moderator. An overtuxe was read from Brock Street Church, Kingoton, anent the providing of a new version of the Psalms in metre to be used in public worship. After discussion it was rareed that the overture lie on the table. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Rev. Donald Fraser, Convener. It stated that drunkenness and resultant crime flourished: that drinking habits were increasing. The Committee recommended the formation of temperance societies in the congregatinns, that circulars should be addressed to Kirk-sessions asking them to report on this subject, through Presbyteries, to the Supreme Court, and that the General Assembly issue a pastoral letter to be read from the pulpits. A lengthened discussion followed bearing chiefly on the provisions of the Scott Act for the suppression of intemperance. The motion of Professor McLaren. finally prevailed:-

[^0]means of advancing the life and work of the Church, which gave rise to an animated debate, especially upon the clause recommending the Aseembly to set apart one or more qualified ministers to the office of Evangelist. The report was in tho main approven-that part of it referring to the appointment of evangelists boing remitted to a committeo. Rev. Mr. Wilson, Kingston, gave in the report on Sabbath Observance. The report on Sabbath schools, by Rev. J. M. Cameron, Toronto, was very full and satisfactory. Serenteen students of divinity were recommended to be taken on trial for licensure. The ladies of Bowmanville provided a social entertainment for the mem bers of the Synod, and by their abundant hospitalities made their three day's sojourn a very pleasant one. Joun Gray, Clk.

THE SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA met in Knox Church, Ottawa, on the 10 th of May. After sermon by Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa was chosen Moderator. The commission appointed br Synod to visit Lomptville reported a satisfactory settlement of the difficnlty there. The overture from the Presbytery of Montreal anent examination of candidates for lioense was read and supported by Rev. R. Campbell, and transmitted to the Assembly for its favourable consideration. Applications were made by Presby. teries to take six students on trial for license and granted. The Synod appointed its next meeting to be held in Stanley Street Church, Aifontreal. A memorial from the Dominion Alliance on the subject of Tem. perance was read, and a committee appointed to frame a reply. Tae Sriod, upon the invitation of the Principal, visited the Young Ladies' College, and a feoling of satisfaction was expressed with this Institution. The report on the State of Religion was read by Rev. Mr. Burns. An interesting discussion followed. Pev. J. Scrimger was appointed Convener in room of Mr. Burns who leaves the bounds of the Synod. The report on Sabbath-sohools was read and considered. The report was of a very encouraging nature and was adopted. The report on Mission to the Lumbermen was read by Rev. D. M. Gordon, convener, and adopted. The Report of the Committee on Temperance was considered clause by clause. Continued sympathy with the Temperance cause was expressed and it was resolved to petition the Lagislature. James Watson, Clk.

THE COLUEGES.
Qubens Thifbrsity at Kingston: 26th and 27th April:-The closing ezercises of "Old Queen's" being for the first time ob-
served in the now buildings, they wore cele brated with special interest and eclat. The proccedings of the first day consisted of valedictory addresses by representative stu dents of the diffarent facultios, and the real. ind of the priz $y$ yom, entitled " Nausica," by its author, Mr. T. G. Marquis. The even ing was devoted to a banquet in the Hall which is to receive the Museum of the University. Over two hundred guests were in attendance, and it was altogether a brilliant affair. Mr. Sandford Fleming, of Othawa, the Chuncellor, occupied the chair. Ad dresses were given by Principal Grant, Dr. Sullivan, Profess or Watson, and others. The final convocation was held on the second day, when the prizes and scholarships wore announced. The laureation of graduates took place with the usual ceremonies. Twents-two candidates received their diplomas as Bachelors of Arts; three as Masters of Arts; one, Mr. J. Ross, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Sixteen were created Doctors of Medicine. The graduates in theology were seven in number, namely: -Mobrrs. John Chisholm, B.A., David Tiellock, James W. Mason, B.A., Daniel McCannel, B.A., Malcolm S. Oxley, B.A., and James Ross, M.A., B.D. Words of affectionate counsei were addressed to the gradustes by the Principal and Professor Williamson. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon the following gentleman:-Sir Wm. Young, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia; Mr. Louis Honore Frechette, of Montreal, and Mr. Alpheus Todd, of Ottawa. Principal Graut, in closing the convocation, referred to the munificence of the people of Kingston in providing the splendid buildings in which they were assembled, and expressed the hope that other buildings, such as should clustar round a great university, would be added in due time. The college grounds now comprise twenty-one acres of land. The only parts of the new building not completed are the Library and the Museum. Queen's is now open to women who desire an University education, as well as to the sterner sex. The Faculty of Law has been revived. The Board of Trustees have appointed Mr. John Fletcher, B.A., Oxon, of the University of New Brunswick, to be Professor of Classica in room of the late Professor Mackerras. The venerable and venerated Dr. Williamson tendered the resigostion of his chair of Natural Philosophy, but was requested to retain it until the end of next session.

Mr. John A. Snodarass, son of the ex-Principal of Queen's, is pursuing his Theological studies at the University of Edinburgh, where he carried off two prizes last sessiouone of them the University medal for Hebrers.

Presbyterian College, Halifax.-The closing exercises of the session wero held in St.

Andrew's Church on the 28th April, Dr. Burns, Chairman of the Board, presided. There was a large attendance of ministers and of the Halifax congregations. The Chairman gave a brief sketch of the colleges of the church, beginning with Winnipeg. There are nearly 200 theological students in our inetitutions. The annual cost of the colleges is about $\sin , 000$. The Maritime Synod pays about $\$ 10,000$ a year for educational purposes. The amount collected for the building and endowment is $\$ 6,0,000$. It is intended to make a determined effurt during the summer to completa the Fund. The Professors, Dr. Macknight, Dr. Pollok, and Mr. Currio, gave biief reports of their work during the sfssion. Dr. Sedgwick delivered an impreesive and elcquent address on the place which the college should hold in the affections of the people. There were seveliteen students in all. Five graduates, viz. A. McMillan, Andereon Rogers, M. Campbell, A. Sillars, and J. A. Forbes. Principal McKnight addressed the graduates. All the students are enfaged as catechists during the summer. The next session of the college will open on the first Wednesday of November.

## LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL GRANT.

Mr. Editor:-I entirely sympathize with the spirit of a paragraph in the May Mecond on " lhe College Question," but as one statement is certain to give rise to misapprekension I must ask you to make a correction. You speak of "a magnificent edifice, and Silu, 000 as good as acded to the Endowment" of Queen's. We have the edifice, but unfortunately, not the addition. We bavo $\$ 100,000$ subscribed, but each instalment as it is paid does little more than make good an eyuivalent amount that we are losing, 10 that there is no addition to our revenue. At the time of the Union to which you refer, Queev's hadean annual grant from the Colonial Committee of $\$ 2,700$, which had been enjoyed so long that it was considered endowment. At the same time, several of the Professors were made beneficiaries of the Temporalities' Fund, an addition to our revenue amounting to $\$ 1,950$ a year. That is now locked up, and whatever the decision of the Privy Council on the whole case may be, you are my authority for stating that the Fund is so reduced that the Professors may be removed from the list of beneficiaries. Losing, in the two directious indicated, $\$ 4,650$ a year, equivalent to a oapital of $\$ 80,000$, how much will our addition-when we get itamount to? I think that you have also exag. gerated the Endowment of Halifax Theological Hall, but Halifax can speak fcr itself. I
heartily congratulate Knox and Montreal on the large additions made to their Endon ment since the time of the Union. When one nember is benefitted the body is benefitted. In conclusion, I put thiee questions to the filends of Qubexs, for the y have proved that they are able to give practical answers:-(1.) If the The ological Colleges of the Church require quarter of a million of dollars-and they do- for the endowment of each of them, how much is required for the endowment of an Cniversity that has a Theological College as one of its ciepartments? (3.) Is there not a nobler and more economical way of accomplishing the end desired than by requiring Principals or Professors to neglect their own work and sacritice health or life by canvassing fiom house to house all over the land. (3.) As the Church unanimoualy declartd thirteen years ago that a third Chair in the Theolog:cal department of Quees's was indispensable, bas not the time come for providing the indispersable? Persuaded that this, as well as ali other additions, will be provided in due time.


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突ALIFAX: April 2"th :-Congregations requiring supplement were recommended to the Supplementing Board for the same anounts as lavt year. The call to Rev. C. B. Pitblado from Winnipeg was considered. After all parties $n$ ere heard, Mr. Pitblado, on being asked for his decision, exprersed the difficulty he had in making up his mind, and requested longer time for consideration of the call. His request was acceded to. Five students who had finished their Theological Curriculum, were examined, and l-ave was asked of the Synod to take them on trials for liceuse. A supplementing scheme, proposed by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth was considered at length, and in the main approved. Reports on Sabbath-schools and Temperance were considered and disposed of. Rev. Thomas Duncan obtained leave of absence for three months to visit the old country. Vacancies in the list of commisbioners to Assembiv were filled. Allan Simpson, Clk.

Miramicar: April 2lat:-Moderation in a call was granted to Tabusintac and Burnt Church. Rev. James Murray, late of Waligice, accepted the call to Douglastorn. Din. Jardine was loosed from his charge upon accepting the call to Brockville. S. ifouston, Clk.
Protov: May 3rd:-Rev. R. Laird was inducted at Little Harbour. A minute expressive of the $P_{1}$ nsbytery's high appreciation of the character and services of Rev. A. P.

Millar, late pastor of French River, was adopted. Having resigned on account of the infimities of old age, Mr. Millar was recom. mended to the favourable consideration of the Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. In reference to Satbath echools the Presbytery adopted a report on the subject and recommended sessions within their bounds to give increased attention to this importani department of the work of the Church. The Presbytery recommended the people under their charge to give their cordial support to the Canada Temperance Act. Mr. John A. Cairns, B. A., Halhousie College, graduate in Divimty of Princeiown Seminary, and a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., applied to be received as a licentiate of this Church. The Presbytery expressed satisfaction with his testimorial.s and agreed to transmit his application to the General Assembly. Trials for licenso were prescribed to Mr. John F. George. E. A McCurde, Clk.

Trero: April 12th:-A committee was appointed to prepare an overture to Synod in favour of a Ladies' Seminary at 'Truro. A resolu tion was adopted recommending the people to support the Canada Temperance Act. Mr. Thorpe was appointed to Maccan and vicinity for the summer. Application was made to the H. M. Board for three catechists. May 9th: A memorial anent the Ladies'Seminary was submitted, adopted and ordered to be transmitted to Synod. Rev. J. D. MeGillivray was appointed a Commissioner to Assembly in the place of Rev. E. Grant. M ases. H. 'Tupper and Alex. Miller, of Truro, and J. B. Fairbairn, of Bowmanville. Ont., were also appointed. J. H. Chase, Clk.

Lunenburg and Yarmoutif: May 3rd:Rev. Will:am Robertson was appointed to attend Assembly instead of Rev. E. D. Millar, resigned. Reports were received from man agers of New Dublin and Mahone Bay regarding payment of arrears. It was agreed to apply for same supplements as asked last year, in $411 \$ 35()$. It was agreed to overture the Synod of the Maritime Provinces totake into consideration the whole matter of sup. plementing weak charges, and ask them to overture the Ass mbly to amend the consti tution of the Supplementing Scheme now followed, in accordance with a draft to be submitted by this Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Millar and the Clerk were appointed to support the overture before Synod. The puhlic were invited to the evening meetings, which were made popular. On Tuesday, the 3rd, the reports on State of Religion, and contributions to schemes of the Church; and on Wednesday, those on Temperance, and Sabbath.schools were read, discussed and sdopted. The State of Religion is on the whole low, and not very encouraging, though
indications of advancement are not wanting. Intemperanco and accompanying evils prevail, but are on the decrease, except in a fer localities. The temperance sentiment is highest in larmonth Co. In ten congrenations there sre 17 Sabbath-schools, 107 teachere, 819 pupils, contributing $\$ 113$ to missiors. The increase of contributions for main schemes of the Church is 24 per cent. over last year, and for all schemes it is $3 \because!$ per cent. Rate per family, $\$ 1 ; 4$. D. Stims, Frasen, Clk.
(atesec: 20 th . Ipril:-The congregations of St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds were united as a pastoral charge. Mr. Mackay's resignattion of Leeds was allowed to lie on the table till next meeting. A call from Melbourne and Windsor Mills in favour of Rev. F. I'. Sym was sustained. Dr. Mathews reported in very favouruble terms regarding the Presbyterial visition to Three hivers. The Assembly's circular on lemperance was discussed. On motion of MIr. Dewey it was agreed "that the Psesbytery earnestly recommend its members to aid in the promotion of temperauce in the communities in which they reside." A conference was held in the evening, in Chalmers' Church, on the State of Religion, Mr. McMaster presiding, rihen adriresses bearing on the suliject were delivered, followed by a discussion which proved interesting and profitable. It was reported that Mr. J. C. Thomson, of Quebec, had given a site at Little. Metis on which to build a church for the accommodation of fummer visitors; also thet the Students, Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, had resnlved to open a mission station at Rivière du Ioup. F. M. Dewbr, Cll.

Whitby: 19th April:-Report on the State of Religion was read by Rev. W. M. Roger, and followed by an interesting conference. The following were elected com-missioners,-Messrs. J. J. Canuerod, J. A. Carmichael, T. Atkinson, and A. A. Drummond, ministers; Messrs. Beith, Nesbitt, Gunn and Yellowleef,-elders. Principal Caven was nominated as Moderator of As. sembly. Mr. Littla presented the seport on Sabtaih-school-. A petition from the Wi aran's Foreign Missionary Society of Whitby, was sead asking recognition by the Presbytery which was cheerfully granted. A report on Temperance was adopted and ordered to te trarsmitted to the Assemily. A. A. Dmr nosi, Clh.

Tono:to: May 3rd:-The rusiness was chiefly of local interesi. Rev. G. M. Milligan was granted leave of absence for three months. Rev. J. M. King submitted the report of the Presbytery's Howe Mission Committee, from which it appeared that there are now within the bounds, six mission
fields with eleven stations. A new church had been erected at C'amilla. The contributions of the Presbytery, as a whole, to the General Assembly's ITome Nission Scheme were less by si79 than last jear. The report was ordered to be printer?. R. Monteath, C'lh:

London : May 10:-l'ae report on Temperance was real hy Rev. J. is. Duncan. and after discussion it $v$ as recommitted to the Commitee to whin'l the following names were added:-Messr-Goodwilie, MeKinnon, and Goldie, ministers; Messrs. Vidal and Fordon, elders. A deputation appointed to visit West Williams and Adc!aile reported in regard to the disorganizel state of that congregation, and presenterl a petition from the West Williams congregation requesting the Presbstery to advise the minister to resign. The unheard of character of the petition was etrongly conclemned by the mem bers of Preshytery. An interesting Iliscussion was held on "the means by which the attachment of the young to the Church may be secured and promoted, and by which, in due comse, they may be brought into fill communion:" The infroluctory paper, by Lev.I. B. Duncan, contained many valuble thoughts and suggestions upon this impoitant subject. The following, among other means, were suggested by the members, who took part in the discussion. (1) That the young shoull bs attiorded opportunities for labour in connection with church work. (…) The home circle is not male so attractive as it should be. Parents should ascoriate to a greater extent with their young people than they do. (3.) fieater stress should be lain! unon the duty of family worship when heads $0^{\circ}$ families seek ardmission to the membership of the Church. (4) The Catechism should be more thoroughly trupht in the family. (5) Senator Vidal spoke of the excell int influence of keeping young men, in concection with the Sabhath-school till they were, say, twenty five years of age. The secret of dealing successfully with young prople he thought was in keeping before them the salvation of their souls, rather than adopting the usages of the world, such as mere musiral services de. (i) A miniter said that ministers ought to pay mare stten tion to the young in their pastoral work. Messrs. Duncan Mecoll and D. Stalker, stardents of Knox Collere. were duly licenced to preach the (iospel. 1: Cictubentsos, Cllk.

Miron: May 3th:-Tbe union contemplated betreen the congregation of Frsser Church, Bidululph, in the I'resbytery of Ion don, and that of Exeter, in this Preshytery, was abandoned for the Fresento Mr. J. A. Turnbull, B.i., student of Inox College, was licensed to preach the (iospel. Sympathy mas expressed with the chject inaugurated
by the Alumni of Inox College to raise a Library Fund of $\$ 12, C 00$. A. McLean, Clk.

## Obituary.

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Th EV. Joun I. Srwart. Tilings have just reached us of the death of this amsable and accomplisbed young ministerat Nadisnr, Florida, whither he hal gone in search of health. Mr. Stuart was the ellest son of Rev. James Stuart, formenly of Woodstock, now resident in 'ioronto. lie was ordained as a missionay in Montreal, ?2nd July, 156. On the Pith Neptember, in the same year, he was inducted to the charge of Trenton, in the Prentytery i $i$ Kingston, where ho bas since ministered to a congregation who appreciated his many excellencies, and who now deeply lament the less of their beloven pastor. IIe died on the fith May, when his brother was on the way to visit him.

Mr. Irchmald Barker, of Markham, diel on the 13th of 1 piil, in the fi3rd year of his age. The deceasell was a native of Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, scotland, and has resided in Canals since $1 \times 2$. For trenty years he was an c:lder of the Kirk at Markham, and, previous to the Urion, was an active member of the Church Couts. Few men living in the rural ristricts wielded as much influence over athers as aid Mr. Barker: is merchant, post master, captain of volunteers, tow n ccuncillor, dc, de., every one in the county knew him, and respected him. Ilis home was always open to receive ministers and others who visited Markbam on church busivess. The Prestyterian congregation tbere, of which Mr. Barker's scnin law is the winister, will feel his loss leeply.

Mf. James Carruthers, for thirty years an elle: in the congregation oi Graften and Veruonville, died on 26th November. He also was a native of Dumfiesshire, but for minre than forty years resided in Capada. By bis zealous jatours in the Sabbath sehool, bis reguar presence in the prayer-mecting, and in many other ways be shoired himsejf al says reatly to do his duty fathfully. His death was sudden-as he long expected it would he. IIe diell a; peare with man and with his Goll, leaving others to learn from his consisteat character the leasons of a gnod life.

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[^1]Free St. George's, Edinburgh, and the Rev. Willam Fleming Stevenson, of Rathgar, Dublin, have each received the degree of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh. The Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, of miesionary fame, is making an extensive tour of the Missions in India, China, and Japan, and reports favourably of progress at every point. The enquities into tae Blastire Mission scandal have given rise to much unfavourable comment as to the manner in which this Mission in Eastern Africa has been conducted. The report of the Rev. Di. Rankin, who visited the Mission in person, goes to confirm the statements of Mr. Chirnside-a traveller who happened to spend a few days at Blantyre some time ago-that unnecer sary severity, in the maintenance of discipline, had been practised on the natives by those in charge of the Mission. The Foreign Mission Committee of the Church o! Scotland, as well as the Commission of Assembly, have marked their disapproval of such ill judged conduct on the part of their agents by ordering the immediate withdrawal of the missionary in charge and others acting under him. Several of the Presbyteries of the Free Church have petitioned Parliament against the opening of places of amusement on the Lord's Day. A number of the Presbyteries of the English Presbyterian Church have adopted overtures in favour of "disestablishment." The Presbytery of Jondon, however, declines to commit itself to the movement at present. The Literary event of the month, and of the century indeed, is the publication of the Revised New Testanevt. Messrs. James Campbell $\&$ Son, of Toronto, have secured the exclusive copy-right of the authorized edition for Canada, and have made ample arrangements for supplying, through the trade, the demand, which is likely to be unprecedented. There is no foundation for the idea that this new version is immediately to take the place of the Testament now in use. That can only be done after it has been approven by the recognized ecclesiastical authorities, and formally sanctioned by the Queen. Objections may be raised which might have the effect of sending it $b a \cdots$ to the Committee for amendment, although that is not at all likely. Its publication now is to enable the public to judge of its merits. Even more important than the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury will be the endorsation of the great B:ble Cocieties of Britain and America, who have a larger interest at stake than any individual church or publisher. The Committee appointed to revise the Old Testament aro quietly, but diligently, prosecuting their labours. They have finished their sixty-eighth session, which brought them to the serenth chspter of Ecclesiastes. A con-
siderable time, years perhaps, must therefore elapse before the whole Revised Bible shall be in the hands of the public. A Memorial, signed by twenty-two thousand laymen, has been presented to the Archbishep of Canterbury, in opposition to the claim recently nade for "the recognized toleration of wide diversities of ceremonial" in the Church of England. The feeling which prompted the memorialists is describet as one of profound uneasiness lest, under the plea of toleration, ceremonial practices and doctrines skould obtain recognition which are alien to the spirit of the Prayer Bcok. Messks. Moody and Sanker have decided to re-r.sit Britain and Ireland during the present year, and have accepted an invitation to attend the next Christian Convention in Dublin. As the result of their labours in San Francisco and Oakland it is said that between one and two thousand members have bien added to the churches. Dr. Samuel Manning thus speak; of The Relighos Movement in France:-I say it not from vague reports, I say it fion personal investigation of the facts; I do not believe that in the world, since the days of the Reformation, there has been such a morement, such a rerival, such an arrakes. ing, as eeems now to be commencing in France. Meetingr, attended by thousands, are being held in Paris, Marseilles, and in many other cities and towns, and some of the districts have been entirely evangelized. There are now about eighty Protestant Sabbath schools in Paris. Mer. Dr. A. N. Somer. rille, after spending fire weeks of unremitting evangelistic labour in St. Petersburgh, removed his headquarters to Moscow. Notwithstanding the tragic events at the capital and the impediments which ther neces sarily threw in the way of holding rublic meetingr, the Doctor's mission was very successinl. The Salratiox Army has been gettiog into trouble in Paris and elsewhere. They made a very strong muster lately in Exeter Hall, London. Among the speakers was "Cap. tain" Howard, who gloried in the hard usage which he met with the day before from a furious mob, and expressed his determination to expose himself to the same rough handling again. A notable event in connection with Yocng Mex's Chimisiay Associations has been the recent re-opening of Exeter Hall, London. Five gentlemen had given donations of $£ 5,000$ each tomards the purchase and adapting of the $H a l l$ to the purposes of the Associatisn. The whole expense incurred has been about $£ 50,000$. The membership of the Society is about 3,000 at present. The Church books of Mr. Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London contain the names of $5,2 \mathrm{St} \pm$ members. The additions to the roll last year were 453. Dk. Taliage, of Brooklyn, states that during the
rerival services held in his Tabernacle, in a fow weeks, more than five hundred persons had protessed conversion, and above 300 had $j$ jined the church. The Lifingstone Inland Mission, established three years ago with a view to erangelizing, by means of Industrial missior stations and self-surporting missionaries, the vast valley of the Upper Congo, Central Africa, has already a chain of stations extending 220 miles up the river, and eleven missionaries in the country. Four additional missionaries hare recently juined the Mission, taking with them a sta am launch and a seven-roomed house in section, to be erected as a depot as the mouth of the Congo. The PhiladieIphis l'resbyterian is re sponsibie for the report that the Presbyterian Church of Austra!ia proposes to undertake, as som as possible, the entire support of the Presbyterian Missions in the New Hebrides.

THE REV. WILIIAM MORLEY PEN. SIION, LL.D., the eminent divine and eloquent orator of Wesleyan. Meth.dism, died at his residence in L.onilo", England, on the 14th of April, in the sith yeur of his age. Cut down in the midit of a career of great usefulnees, while comparatively soung: his death is sum unspenkable loss to the Church of which he was a distingu:shed ornament. But there is a sense i:2 which men like Morley Punshon belong not exilu sively to any denomination. They are a gift to the Church of ciod, and when they are taken away a sense of birravement fralls upon every branch of the Church.
THE PRESBYIERIAN CIIURCH OFENG. LAND:-The sixth Synod of this Church mei at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 25 th April. Dr. Donald Fraser, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon, and afterwards nominated as his successor in the chair the Rev. J. C. Bruce, LL.D., who was unanim ously elected, though contrary to gen eral expectation, inasmuch as his appointment had been keenly objected to in some of the Presbyteries on the ground that the nominee, albeit a licentiate of the Church, was not an ordained minister. Whether, technically, layman or clergyman, Dr. Bruce seems to hare acquitted hinaself with remarkable ability. The report on the State of Religion gave rise to a proftable discussion. Among the deputies from other churches were Dr. Main and Professor Calderwood, Moderators of the Free Church and the U. P. Church of Scotland respectirely. The Home Mission report shewed that more had been done in the way of evangelistic work than in the organization of new congregations during the past year. The revenue had equalled the expenditure, but ovidently this result had been attained
rather by close economy of the funds than by a regard to the opportunities that offered for establishing missionary centres. The Sabbath-school report dealt with matters of common interest to all such organizationsthe importance of training classes for teachere, the Presbyterial examination of schools, dic. The teachers seem generally to approre of the International series of Lessons, already largely in use. From the Foreign diession report it appeared that there are in connection with the China Mirsion fourteen ordained missionaries, of whom five are stationed at Sisa'ow, five at Amoy, and four in Formo. sa. Besides these there are five medical missionaries and three lady missionaries; of native evangelists there are sixty-five, and of native students thirty-six. There are theological colleges at each of the stations. The total number of communicants in the three stations is 2,342 , of whom 1,023 are in Formosa. There is also a medical mission in India under the care of Dr. Morison, in connection with which Zenana work has been successfully carried on. The Sustentation Fund had yielded an equal dividend of $\$ 1000$ to earh of the ministers entitled to it. The year's income was $£ 37,426$. The question of Disestablishment was discussed in a crowded and excited assembly, says the "Weekly Revicu," and in the end a resolution was carried deeming it inexpedient for the Synod to come to a deliverance upon the subject.

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丞EV. Alex. Camprell writing from Stonewall says:-I left Little Britain on the 1st of February andreturned toit on the 28 th, thus fulfilling the requirements of the Presbytery to spend a month at Rat Portage and on the C. P, R. Taking the train at Vinnipeg I had an opportunity on the trip to judge of the character of those to whom I was sent to preach. Such profanity and drinking ot liẹuor I never witnessed. The bottle was passed continually from one to another, notwithstanding the prohibitory law. In fact one of those whose duty was to look after the infraction of the law partock as freely as others. Arriving at Keewatin, nearly 150 miles from Winnipeg, we left the train and were driven over a corner of the Lake of the Woods to Rat Portsge where we stayed over Sabbath, holding service at Keewatin on the afternnon in the house of Mr. Mather, and in the evening in Rideout Hall where there was a good audience and a good collection, \$11.50. I started out on

Monday morning on a tramp up the line in the midst of a heavy snow storm, making about 20 miles the first day with the assistance of a lift from the loaded teams of Gillespie, McLaren d. Co., contractors for supplies. Three weeks were spent in the camp at hat Portage and Eagle Liake, about 55 miles east of the Lake of the Woods. I conducted service twenty times to very varied congregations, both as to number and character, and made collections on behalf of their late missionary, Mr. liussell, amounting in all 10 $\$ 135$ after deducting necessary expenses. I may say that almost without exception 1 was courteously treated by all who were inclined to come to the services. A very large pro portion of the men belong to the Roman Catholic Church, from some of whom I received the greatest kindness and attention. The temptations by which the men are beset are ver'y great. We have already mentioned the dreadful profanity and the intemperance; gambling and licentiousuess complete the fearful quartette of vices. sad indeed is it to think of our young men being thrown in the midst of such surroundings with little of any gracious influeuce to help them to with stand the attacks made upon their character by the wiles of the wicked one. Shocking accidents were of fretpuent occurrence during my month's visii, by which men lost the use of their limbs and some, their lives. Un one occasion I was constrained to act the part of surgeon fro tem to a poor fellow suffering agony from the loss of both his hands. It is amazing how soon the effect of such a warn. ing passes away. At the end of my three weeks tour 1 returned and held service on Sabbath again at Feewatin and liat lortage to fair audiences. During my visit I succeeded in enlisting a number of workess in the Sabbath-school, with Mr. Lyon, stipendiary magistrate, as superintendent. Aftermy return from the railway we had a busy time at Selkirk and Little Britain with communion service, and socials assisted by Mr. Lawrence of Grassmere, who exhibited by help of his magic lantern views of scenery and animals in South Africa. At Nellirk $\$ 23$ were netted for Sabbath-schonl purposes, and at little Britain $\$ 70$ for re? $\%$ necessary repairs to the church.

## LETTER FROM REN. W. HODNETT.

BIMTLE, the littie village from which the Mission takes its name, is a pleasant little spot, on the Bird Tan Creek. The history of the village dates back about two years, when the Hamilton Colonization Company settled on it as the site of a future town. It consists of nine or ten houses and a few more in course of construction, two stores, de., good
saw mill-a grist mill in immediate prospect. We have no chureh yet in Burtle. I hold Sabbath service there once in three weoks. The country around is good rolling prairie land with sevesul good blufts of timber in many of the sections. Most of the land is already taken up. We have nine or ten families of our church settled in and around the village, and several others within easy reach, to that we hope to have a nice con. gregation soon. Fort Ellice, twelve miles to the west, is a place most beautiful for situation on the west bank of the Assiniboine liver. Settlement can hardly be said to have yet reached lont Ellice. It is simply a Hudsou's Bay trading post and a halting place for the traveller to the inierior. But its chief: factor, Mr. A. MeDonald, is logal to the Presbyterian Church, and generally contrives to collect a small congregation when I come around once in three weeks. Thrty miles nouth of Fort Ellice is the Shell liver Nottlement, with only one house between the two points. Here there are several familie, from scotland aud from the North oil lreland. There are aboni sisty claims already taken up, but sheil liver, like many other paris of this country, is rich in bachelors. 'Though the settlement is not more than a year old they have a poit-office, a store, good wells, good houses, and many other signs of push and energy. I am sony I am not able to give the people at Sheil River Sabbath services, though more than half the families are ours. There are some tifteen or sixteen families, de., of the Church of Englamed there, and they are talking of getting a minister of their own body to give them services once in two weeks. I hope we shall soon be able to treat our people equally well, and if we do not, can we blame them for going where thes can get Sabbath services?

Fifteen miles north of Birtle is what is known as Todd's Settlement. There are about tweuty claims already taken up there, and fully two-thir's of the settlers lean to our Church. I $\%$ there one Sabbath in three. Nine miles further up the creek is hossburn, a well settied neighbourhood. We have there at present ten families, representing some twenty-five or thirly claims, on each of which we hope to soe a prosperous and happy family residing in a fer years. Fifteen miles east, on the skirts of the liding Mountain, is what we call the Oak River Settlement, one of the oldest and one of the finest in the whole Mission. At Uak River we have some twelve families, representing more than twice as many claims. More than half these settlements are owned by young men. About nine miles south of Oak River is Findlay's Settlement, with nine families of our Church, and representing more than
double that number of homesteads. Here they have a small Sabbath-school, and the settlement has also the honour of the first dayschool in the district, Mr. Mobert Findlay tindly gathering the lew children of the settlement for instructior in the elements of education. Six miles farther south we strike the main trail at Shoal Lake. There are not many settlers here as the land is a little wet, and people are very particular about sections there being so much to choose from. Preaching at Oak liver in the morning, and Findlay's settlement in the afternoon, I reaca shoal Lake on the evening of every third Sabtath where, at the house of Mr. S. Moatt, a gentleman from Ottawa, who is doing business at Shoal Lake, 1 find a goodly company waiting to hear the Gospel. About three to four miles south-west of Shoal Lake is the Doyle Settlement, bordering on the Indian Reserve, or, what is known as "Solomon's Indians." We have had but very few here, but several promising settlers from Scotland and Ontario have recently taken clains, and we hope soou to have a prosperous settlement. A drive of fourteen miles north of this brings me back to Birtle aftera trip of about two weeks. I remain in the village perhaps a day, or if much correspondence has accumulated, two days, and set out again for Fort Ellice, returning ayain on Sabbath evening to preach. After this you need not be told that I want help. How can I meet new comers or even put old affairs into shape?
I hope to see help coming very soon.

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He FOREIGN MISSIUN BOARD, EASTerx Section, met at New Glasgow on the 9 th of May. The Rev. Kenneth J. Grant consented to remain in Sova Scotia till the end of the month, to meet the brethren in Synod. He will then proceed to Central Canada, and may be expected to ad dress the General Assembly on the Trinidad Mission. He has already received such an amount towards meeting the Trinidad estimates for IS'S] as justified the Board in passing these estimates in full. This is a great relief to the Board and to all concerned. The town of Pictou has agreed to give $\$ 500$ to meet the salary of a native preacher in Trimidad. Rev. Robert Burnet (of the old liiki) being one of ten to furnish the required amount. That is also a matter for congratulation.

TUERE is no limit to the possibilities of success in Mission work, but such as is set by our want of faith and consecration on the part of professing Christians.

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Seventh Annval Report by Rev. Thomas
M. Christie.

Couca, 1st January, 1 s $\$ 1$.
I Exchange Schoon. - This had furmerly been conducted as two half-day schools on Exchange and Cambden Estates. This year I was enabled to erect a central building in Exchange village, near my house, and form a Central School 10 the village and Cambden, Exchange, and Perseverance Estates. This has been under the clarge of Gajadhar who is proving himself a very eflicient teacher. Mrs. Christie has veen able frequently to visit the school and has started a sewing class for the girls.
II. Brechin Cattle or Sevilla School.This is held in our Church, a part of which is titted up with desks. In the neighbourhood of this school there are a large village and two large estates with a great many children, but from various causes it has been dificult to induce many of the latter, to attend the school. In the hope of making the school more attractive and efficient, I, in June employed as teacher a young man named Alex. Camploll from Cnited Church, New Glasgow, a second year's student in Dalhousie College. l'nder his management the school has improved and the average attendance for the year is larger than ever betore.
111. Espreraxiza School.-Like Exchange, this school formerly consisted of two half-day schools, on the Esperanza and Phomix Park Estates respectively. About the middle of the year I had the Esperanza school-house moved to a central position, and since then school has been kept in the one place all day. The results so far hare been satisfactory, but the attendance was diminished greatly by the excessively heavy rain which for weeks rendered much of the road near the school house almost impassable, and which also was the cause of a large amount of sickness among the chiluren. All the schools have suffered greatly in these ways. This school is taught by a Creole who is assisted in collecting the children by a Creole convert named Narsyan who gives his chief attention to the instruction of adults, teaching now regularly more than tirenty-ive. A Sabbath-school is kept up in connection with each of these schools. The statistics are as follows,-
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Preaching Services have heen kept up as usual. On Sabbath on Mr. Burnloy's estates at 9 am . ; at 12 , noon in the church. This is
followed by a Bible-class at which usually from 20 to 25 adults attend. In the evening I have a service on one of the estates near my house. About the end of Ootober, at the request of a number of Scotchmen, I started an Englizh service at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The attendance , on it has not been very satisfactory and it cannot yet be considered as on a permanent footing. Five marriages were solemnizsd; cleven adults and seven children were baptized. The collestions in the church amounted to $£ 22163 \mathrm{stg}$. The work for the past year has been outirely confined to the estate and the neightouring villages, but there are needy fields within a very short distance. Three of the largest Free Coolie Settlements in the Island are situated within five miles of my house, and in them there are a number of children growing up who have been, when on the estates, attendants on our schools. I foel the importance of following them and receive many invitations from them to do so, and as soon as the church will furnish the funds I desire to inake the attempt.
tunapuna, Rev. Joun Morton's New Station: 24th March, 1851. At a meeting o? the Mission Council, Dec. 23rd., it was decided that we should remove to thin district after the arrival of Rev. J. W. McLeod. We accordingly remorert on Feb. Sth. A railway runs East from Port-of Spain to Arima, 16 miles. Tunapuna is at the eight mile station. The district consists of a row of Estates extending up and down from Tunapuna for about five miles, with a side station, on the railway to Couva, sbout the same distance away. There are 25 estates and five villages in the district, and the Indian population cannot be far short of 7000 souls. I begin Sabbath work at Frederich, on the Couva Railway, at 8 a m. Here a piece of land has been offered us and we are waiting information from Scotland before deciding about a building. At ll a.m. we have service here in our own bired house. No house or even room for meetings can be obtained so we propose buying land and building as soon as possible. At 2.30 p.m. we have service at Aronce, four miles above this in Rev. Mr. Dickson's church This service has been well attended, and a school has been opened in an unused school-romm. At 4.30 p.m. I have a service at Orange Grove Estate in the Estate school room which is midway between this and Aronca. It is too soon to do more than indicate what is being done or prepared. We need a building and a school at Tunapu. na, Frederick, Curepe Village, and St. Juan. The successful occupation of these posts is only a question of means. Circumstsnces are somerthat adverse. We have scarcely revenue enough for present current expen-diture-our estimates sent home were not
voted in full by the F. M. Board for want of funds. From continued and excessive dry weather our sugar crop is very short, and free labour cannot get regular employment. Planters and people thus feel the pres:ure or hard times. We cannot, however, stand still or even wa:t. We will take up one burden at a time, and begin with Tunapuna building-for school and church.' The outlay can scarcely be set belo:v $\$ 1,200$, that is, say, $\$ 400$ from Coolies, $*+100$ from Europeans here, ald $\$ 400$ fron friends in Nova Scotia. Might it not thus be accoruplished? Who will help? Who will sacrifice a box of cigars for this object? Forty boxes of bext Ilsrana will be about all that is asked from the four Provinces. And 100 hoxes, with a corresponding efliort hero, wouid pretiy effectually secure the buildiogs so urgently needed for school and church purposes. Jonn Morton.
MISS BLACKADDAR'S SCHOOL was examined in presence of abuut 20 European:In reading, both English and Hindustani, in spelling, writing, mental arithmetic, and geogrephy, the results shown were most gratifying. The department of the children reflected the highest creditupon their teacher. Gentleness and authority produce cheerful and loving obedience. At the close of the examination a very handsome communion service was presented to Rev. John Morton, with an affectionate and appreciative address which was signed by scholars past and present of the Savanna Grande School. Mr. Mnrton expressed his thanks, and hoped the teavhers would co-operate with his successor ss they had done with him. One of the pupils read a spirited little speech on behalf of the pupils about to leave school to enter upon some employment. On behalf of the:e, and of the whole school, he thanked Miss Blackaddar for tho fidelity with which ohe had taught and watched over them for the past three-and-a-half years. The proceedings wound up with a service of cake, delightful to the young ones. Miss Blackaddar is sup. ported by the Halifsx Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

FREV. KENNETH J. (iRANT, missionary at San Fernsndo, has made a short visit to Nopa Scotia and New Brunswick. He ad. dressed a meeting in Chalmers' Church, Halifax, on Tuesday, May 3rd., giving a brief history of the progress of the Trinidad Mission. The first missionary, Mr. Morton, proceeded to the field about thirteen years ago. Two years later Mr. Grant proceeded to the field. Still more recently Mr. Christie was sent, and at the beginning of the present year " 1 r. Mcleod, our fourth missionary, enterer ihe field. The number of baptized converts is now about 500. Schools are
prospering. The Mission enjoys the confidence and support of the government, of the planters, and of the people generally. More woney is contributed in Trinidad than in Canada to sustain the operations of the Mission. Mr. Grant's visit will heip to quicken and extend the interest of the Church in this most hopeful mission.

REV.J.W. MACLEOD writes to Dr. McGregor giving a narrative of his voyage to Irinidad, and his settloment at Princestown. He arrived at Port of Spain on the 19th January, and was settled at the station on the ith February. He is satisfied and hopeful. All possible time is given to learning the language. He has seven schools to visit, from three to ten miles distant from his centre of work. "We have read up to the 25th Matthew in the IIndi character. I like the work and feel more and more the pressing need of men and means for evangelizing the beathen."

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REPORT BY REV. K. F. JUNOR.

$\overbrace{}^{3} \mathrm{Y}$the kindness of Professor Maclaren, Convener, we have been favoured with a perusal of Mr. Junor's report for the year 1SS0, of which the following is a sum-wary:-As might be expected, the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Mackay is referred to as one of the sorrowful experiences of the year. A part from this, the report is full of hope and thankfulness. "Personally," says Mr. J., "we have passed through a yes. of great comfort, because we have had only four or five attacks of fever, and the eense of thankfulness in this direction is very great indeed. More than this, I really believe and feel that the work has made progress......I was left alone, after a year and a half's residence, to carry on the woik of twenty churches- to take all the work that involves from the hands of one looked up to as a father. Humanly speaking, who would not in such circumstances have expected disaster? In some things we are not where we were at the beginning of the year. We have lost three or four from our membership, but they only went from us because they were not of us. Yet we have a goodly number under instruction, whom I have not thought it yet time to baptize, who attend the services regularly. The people have completed repairs on our chapel to the extent of nearly $\$ 200$, all at their own suggestion and expense. It is a good sized chapel, but they regularly test its capacity. Although I could not do so much travelling as Dr. Mackay was able to do, yet I have managed to visit all the chapels seve.
ral times, and all the towns of any consequence, and have found much pleasure in so doing, notwithstanding many dizcomforts. Every where I found more favour towards the Gospel. Nowhere was it reviled. Many praised it. The greeting " Bok su," or pastor, is more extensively met with than "foreign devil," with which you are often greeted all along the streets of a Chinese town.

We start this year (1881) with great hopefulnese. My aim is to teach the helpers and the people that I am here to kelp them to establish the Cross of Christ; that the work is not to be done by foreigners. In the end of Decemberwe had a three days' conference in my house, when written reports from each of the Ilelpers were read and discussed scparately. These suggested a variety of topics convected with the practical workin? of the Mission, which were duly considerer. Nine hours a day were thus spent, and i learned that after the conference closed they all met for prayer themselves, and resolved that this year should not bo as last year. 'They sent one to tell me this, and to say how prolitable they felt their meeting and discus. sion had been. One of the Helpers came to me yesterday and proposed that the people at one of the chapels should meet and collect something to help some of the less able chapels. This is a bopeful sign, and I ans sure will have a good effect. The Hospital year bas closed with a very good record. One thousand three hundred and twenty-five patients have been enrolled, and this althe ghh Dr. linger was away from the Hospital for several months, and a change of doctors took place during the year. The loss of Doctor Ringer was a great loss indeed. Since Uctober of 1880 Doctor Johansen, of Berlin, has been here, occupying the position of surgeon and physician to the foreign community. He has very kindly shown himself ready to take the work of daily attendance upon the Hospital. I have this year taken measures by which, with little extra expense, I shall be able to bring the work of the Hospital more before the people. We issue yearly a Christion Almanack in which the days on which the Sabbath falls are given together with various other matters to make known the Gospel. Mrs. Junor has been ergaged for some months teaching the Bible women to $\mathrm{r} \varepsilon \mathrm{ad}$, she has succeeded most admirably. It is a new thing here to meet with a woman who can read. You may meet with a few who pretend to read, but knowing a number of Chinese characters is a different thing from reading Chinese. This teaching is not teaching them the characters of course, but the colloquial in the Roman character. One of the women can read very well, and is delighted, and in the opinion of the Helpers will be of much greater use. I am glad to be
able to close the old year and begin the new with (to us) so many things to be grateful for. They may, and I make no doubt do, to you seem of less value, but to us they are precious. [ attribute them to the faithful prayers which we never forget are going up for us at so many altars in beloved Canala. No! we never forget this. For the year upon which we have entered our tiith alrealy draws upon the great stores which our Heavenly Father has alrealy given in anticipetion of his waiting peonle. Do not forget, it, for it is of great pronc."

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MRS. Eniza Jtwor: T'amsui, Formosa:My dear Mrs. Harvie,-Mrrs. Mackar would be able to tell you arout her heathen sisters, and any work that has been done among them, and you would hear through Mrs. Mclaren that I had begun to teach our Bible women to read, and how one of them had sone home sick. After an atssecce of two or three weeke, she came back to try again, but she was never contented and made so little progress, that we concluded to let her give it up and return to her home. I think she was tou olll to learn. The other woman whose name is Cohn So takes so much interest in her lessons, it is a real pleasure to help her. She has read the (iospels of Matthew and Mark, and to-day we begin the Gospel of Luke and the hymn book. We bave a book of questions and answers on the New Testament which she has read through, and is now committing to memory. She has also commenced to learn to write. I am very much pleased with the progress she has made. No others have as yet been induced to come and learn like she has, but some come to see and hear. I hope some of them may be inspired by her attainments to desire knowledye, which as a general thing is considered unnecessary for a woman in China. I still believe that the hope of this country is in the children, and that the greatest smount of good is to be done by beginning with then, and I kope it may not be long before we are able to open a schocl fir girls, but before we can do this, we will have to have a building for that purpose. I also hope and pray it may not be long before you are able to send out another missionary and his wife. I think with another lady in our mission, we could carry on a school nicely. My health is so poor, many times I am almost afraid to undertake the responsibility of a school myself. When Mrs. Mackay returns she will probably resume the work the was engaged in before she left -travelling with the doctor and visiting the
women at the different stations. I know that you are making great efforts to send the (Gospel to your sisters who are sitting in the darkness of heathenism, and this is very encouraging to your missionaries, but my dear sisters will you not make still greater efforts and pray the "Lord of the barvest to send forth mere labourers into his harvest.". I often think that people living in Christian lands, and who have never visited a hathen land, in not and cannot realize the blessedness of the (iospel. What a grand and glonious boon it is to mankind even if only in relation to the things of this life! I am happy to be able to tell you that I am much strong. er than when I wrote last, and Mr. Junor never was hetter. We both have great causc for thankfulness for the measure of health and strength bestowed upon us during the past year. We were both much freer from fever last summer, than the two previons ones. We are longing for news from Canada, we have not had any letters for a long time We like to know what is going on in the Church at home. Dr. and Mrs. Murray Mitchell have been in China but were unable to visit Formosa, because they had to be in India in time to attend some meetings, but perhaps we shall have the pleasure of a visit from them in the autumn.

Rev. H. A. Roneitson : Erromar ga, New Hebrides.-In a recent letter, our aevoted and enterplising mistionary on Erromanga. intimates that he has gained possession of the very axe-an American tomahawk-by means of which James D. Gordon was slain. It will be remembered that the murderer had the coolness to follow the dying man from the verandah to the interior of the house and to wrench the axe out of the fearful wound inflicted on his head. He kept the axe as a sort of trophy and would not nart with it on any consideration. After his death it came into his daughter's possession, and from her Mr. Robertson secured the fatal weapon in excharige for a new axe and =ome cotton coth. -The circumstance recalls vividly the sal historv of Erromangen Missions. Williams, the appstolic explorer and pioneer. fell there uith or $\theta$ associate. Manv veals afterwards (ieorge خichol Gordon and his wife fell there after heroic endurance and arduous efforts during four years. James D. Gordon was the first to step into the vacant post, and be occupied it till he too fell under. the stroke of the assassin.-The old saying is proving true in Eircmanga: the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Mr. Robertson's labours are bearing much frut. He and his family have adapted themselves to the circumstances, and have won the conficience and esterm of the natives. Mr. M. urges strongly that another missionary shoulil be sent to occupy one side of that beautiful
but blood-stained isle. We wish it were possible to respond to his request. Meanwhile native teachers are occupying posts of im. portance all over the ifland, and the Gospel is working its way. This stronghold of satan will soon become is centre of light, as Aneitvum and $A$ nima have already become. John Williams and the brothers Gordon sowed in tears and blood; Mr. hobertson has also been sowing abundantly the good seed in hope and faith, and he is suared to see the promise of a rich barvest. Nay his most sanguine anticipations be more than realized!
Rev. J. W. McKemzie: Efate, New Ifebri-des:-We regret that the health of our missionary in Efate, Rev. J. W. McKenzie, is in an unsatisfactory condition. His visit to Australia was of no benefit to him; and it seems quite likely that he will have to revisit his native land for the restoration of his health. The number of missionaries on the group is up to twelve again. Messrs Neilson and Copeland will soon be at their old post. The missionaties and their wives often speak of the usefulncss of the boxes of mission goods sent out year by pear from Nova sco tia and P. E. Island. The Mission, on the whole, has had a year of quiet growth and prosperity. Api, the island occupied for the tirst time last summer, is the most not therly mission field of the group, and consequently the hottest. We shall probably soon hear about it from one or other of our missionaries.
Mrs. J. Fraser Campbell : Mhow, IndiaWe spent most of the cold weather in the districts. We have now visited nearly all the towns and larger villages in our field to the west of us so that we know their size, posit:on, the best way to reach them, $\mathbb{d} s$. As last year, a large number of Scripture portions and tracts have been sold and given away. We met with a number of enquirers, some of whom seened very hopeful, promising to come into Nhow for further instruction. On our return we met with a great disappointment. One of the first things we heard was that a young lad of great promise, in whom we were deeply interested, and who seemed to be spiritually converted last June or July in our bungalow, Lad been. baptised by Mr. ()'Neil, one of the Cowley Fathers at Indore, (nominally Church of England but holding most of the errors of the Church of kome, such as belief in baptismsl regeneration, confession of sins to the priests, prajers to the Virgin, \&c.) On further inquiry me found that, a few weoks before our return, he had been in great distress, his family not allowing him to pray in the house, and that while in this state the Church of England ratechist fell in with him, and after conversing with him only three times, took him to
the chaplain. who in turn harded him over to Mr. U'Neil, who baptised him and sent him at once to their institution at Bombay, where I suppose it is their intention to make a Cowley Father of him. When we were thene for a few laysin January, my hustiand again set betore Ram Krisl na as the lad is called,--the duty of confessing Christ by taptim. H.s difficulty seexed to be how he was to be sup-ported,-knowing that of course he would be cast ofr hy his family. Mr. Campbell would glaclly have supported him but thought it better for the lad's sake not to hold this out to him. But what had been said had evidently stirred him up and he knew nothing of the difference of the teaching of the Cowley Father, from that of evangelicals. However we still hope and pray that he may see their enors and be saved from them. Mr. Camp,bell is out again in the districts but not very far away. It is too hat to be in tents now, and [ hope this week will be the last of it $f 1$. bim till next seasou. My chief reason for not going with him this time was that I might at once renew my visits to the women, which for nearly three months had been stopped. [an so glay to get among them aqain, and they all seem pleased to have me back. I spend some time every day in the girl's school, hearing them read and giving them a short Bible lesson. Two of the litile girls aie now reading in the Third book in Hindi.
Mr. Campien eqyp,-We have been talking of taking a change to the bills. I am in wy fifth year, my wife in her fourth, and we have never had one yet. If only we had more missionaries we could, but now we hesitate much and cannot yet make up our minds. And when we think of the cities, towns and villages in our field, doomed to be for vears apparently without any messenger of God's goodness, it seems cruel to spend even so much as we do unnecessarily.

TIIE "DAYSPRING."-The work of the mission vessel for 1851 is the sut ject of a report which has just reached us. After visiting several Australian ports early in $18<0$, she sailed for the New Hebrides on the 10th April. She had then on board four m.s. sionaries with thcir families-ore nenly ap. pointed-three returning after a few month.s of rest. She reached Aneityum on the 27 th April, and made a tour of the Northern Islands. Mir. Ifolt was settled on Api, north of Faté, a new tield. In June the "Dayspring" called at the mission stations and collected the mistionaries to the Synod, at Havanaah Hark our, Faté. We hope our young people will feel that when they are raising money for the "Dayspring" they are doing much to add to the comfort and usefu'ness of our missionaries in the New Hebrides.

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算he managing editor sailed for Liverpool in the "Parisian" on 21st ultimo. He promises to be back again in the beginning of July. Tae Recond for next month will be brought out by Mr. Murray, of Halifax. It will be devoted almost entirely to the proceedings of the General Assembly, which Mr. Murray expects to attend. From the 8th to the 17 th of June, Mr. Murray may be addressed at the General Assembly, Kingston, Ont. Business letters will be addressed as usual to the office of the Record, 260 St. James Street, Montreal. The July number will, as in forner years, be a week later of being issued than usual, in order that it may contain a complete report of the Assembly's proceedings.

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Brief Outline of Presbytbrian Faitir, by Rev. J. B. Scott, Leamington, Ont. price, 5 cents. A very useful little manual that may safely be put in the hands of the youth of the Church, and from which they may learn to give an intelligent reason for the faith that is in them. Lessons fross the Life and Charactre of Robert Shields, by G. W. Crote, Toronto: Hunter, Rose \& Co, 1880: pp. 382-an excellent handbook for the guidance of young men, especially for those about to enter upon commeroial pursuits. A Summar in Prairie Land, by Rev. A. Sutherland; the Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Church of Canada, 1881 : pp. 198 -price, 70 cents:-a pleasant little volume containing a deal of interesting information about the North-West. From Exile to Ofrbthrof: A history of the Jeme, from the Babylonian Captivity to the Des-
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Our Little Ones: The Russell Publishing Co., Boston :-A charming illustrated montsly magazine for the young : price, $\$ 1.50$ per annum.

Tae Maritime Presbyterian, edited by Rev. E. Scott, of New Glasgow, is the name of a nev missionary magazine published at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, by S. M. McKerzie, price, 25 cents per annum in parcels: single copier, 50 cents. It is to be publiehed on the 15th of each month, sud will come in opportunely as an auxiliary and supplement to the Record. The spirit and tone of the first number is good. We wish the editor and his publication long life and much usefulness.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Bruce, at Port Elgin, 19th July, 2 p.m. Kingston, at Belleville, 5th July, 7.30 p.m. Peterboro', at Port Hope, 12 Sept., 7.30 p.m. Stratford, St. Andw. Ch, 5th July, 10 a.m. Lan. \& Renfrew, at Arnprior, 5 th July, 3 p.m. Montreal, at St. Paul's Ch., 12 th July, 11 a.m. Maitland, at Kincardine, 12th July, 1 p.m. Chatham, at Chatham, 5 th July, 11 a.m. Miramichi, at Chatham, 2nd August, 10 a.m. Glengarry, at Lancaster, 12 th July, 10 a.m. Whitby, St Andw's Church, 19th July, 11 a.m. Saugeen, at Harriston, 12 th July, 11 a.m. Huron, at Goderich, 12 th July, 11 a.m. Toronto, at Knox Church, 5th July, 11 a.m Guelph, at $\quad$ 19th July.
Hamilton, at Hamilton, 19th July.
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SOWING AND PRAYING.

Sow. Sow, Sow ;
Eva keep on sowing ;
God will cause the seed to grow Faster than your knowing.
Nothing e'er was sown in vain, If, His voice obeying,
You look upward for the rain, And falter not in praying.

Pray, pray, pray ;
Ever keep on praying;
In the brightest, darkest day, Still His voice obeying.
Never from the gates of prayer
Turn with doubting sorrow;
For the One who standeth there May answer thee-to-morrow.

## THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

Their names are given in the 10 th chapter of Matthew. The Bible only mentions the deaths of two of them-James the son of Zebedee, who was beheaded by order of He rod, A.D. 44 (see Acts $12: \dot{2}$ ) ; and Judas Iscariot, the traitor, who hanged himself, A.D. 33 (see Matt. $\boldsymbol{Z}_{1}^{1}:$ 5.) $^{\text {. }}$ Tradition thus re lates the fate of the other ten. Peter was crucified in Rome by order of Nero, about A.D. 64 or 67 . Not deeming himself worthy to die like his Master he was fastened to the cross with his head downwards. Andrew was crucified in . Achais upon a cross shaped like the letter X-hence called St. Andrew's cross A Sccttish legend affirms that his bones were exaumed and carried to Scotland in A.D. 369-So he is called the "patron saint" of Scotland. John was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil from which he miracalously escaped death, was banished to Patmos, and died near Ephesus in the 93th year of his age, about A.D. 100. Philip, after being scourged, was hanged-some say cru-cified-at Hierapolis in Phrygia. Bartholemew is variously said to have been flayed alive, beheaded, or crucified in Armenia, in extreme old age. Thomas was thrust to death with a lance ty a Bhramin priest in India. Matthew was slain with $s$ halbert at Naddabur in Ethiopis. Jiames son of Alphens, was thrown from the roof of the temple court at Jerusalem and clubbed to death. about A.D. 61. Jude suffered martyrdom in Mesopotamia. shot bs arrows. Simon Zelotes was crucified in Persia, thougb some say in Britain.

## THE SURETY.

Thomas Nolan had been turned out of Sabbath-school. He had become so unruly that it seemed impossible to bear with him any longer, and his influence over the other pupils was so bad that for their sake it was thought best to expel him. But his parents brought him to the school again, begging the superintendent to take him back, aud give him one more trial.
"I should be very glad to do so if I could feel sure of his conduct. But it is a sad thing for such a big hoy to set such a bad example. However, I will see;" and the superintendent went into the school-room.
"Boys," said he, "Thomas Nolan wants to come back to Sabbath-school, and if some one will become surety for his good conduct, I will gladly receive him into the school again"

There was silence for a fer minutes. The larger boys shook their heads, for they knew him of o'd. Then one of the smallest boys said, "Please, sir, I will."
"You!" said the superintendent, "you become surety for a boy twice as large as you! Willie, do you understand what it means to become surety for any one?"
"Yes, sir; it means that when he is bad, I am to be punished instead of him," was Wrillie's reply.
The superintendent then went out and told Mr. Nolan that they would receive Thomas into the school again, as Willie Graham had become surety for his good conduct.

## THE HABIT OF PRAYER.

Some bad boys tried to persuarie a good little boy to play truant. "No, no ; I cannot," said he.
"Why? now why?" they asked.
"Why?" answered the little boy, "'cause if I do, I shall have to pray it all out to God on my mother's knees to-night."
"O, well," they eaid, "in that case you had better not go."

You see what a bridle the habit of prayer puts on a little child. Prayer acknowledges God's goodness, God's pity, God's authority, God's right to us.

## MY MOTEER'S FUIEND.

A little child who had just lost her mother, was asked, "What do you do without a mother to tell your troubles to ?" She sweetly said: "I go to the Lord Jesus. He was my mother's Friend and He's mine." When she was asked if she thought Christ would attend to her, she replied: "He says He will, and that's enough for me." What was enough for her is enough for all.

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## WESTERN SECTION.

Tmis Socierx held its Fifth Annual Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12th and 13th, in St. James' Square Church, Toronto. Mrr. MacLaren, President in the chair. There was a large attendance of Delegates from different parts of Ontario. The sister societies of Montreal and Kingaton and the Baptist Society of Ontario were represented. Mrs. Wardlaw of the Missionsry Society, London, England, and Mrs. Roby, of the North West Society, T. S., were present. The following Ladies took part in the proceedinge,-Miss Ysight, Mrs. Gordon, (Esirington,) Mrs. Nacdonnell, Mra G. M. Clarke, (Ottams,) 3I.r. Roger, ( $\mathbf{1}$ shburn) Mrs. King, Miss Topp, Mrs. Harvie, Mirs. Fairbairn (Peterborough,) Miss Cameron, (Rarnis,) Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Wardlaw, Mre. Lyle, (Hamilton), Mrs. Smellie, (Fergus), Mrs. Roby, Detroit. The following items are taken from the dif ferent reports presented,-Number of mem. bers in general society, 495; number of
auxiliaries, 49 ; average number of members in each auxiliary, 25 ; number of Mission Bands, 9 ; amount raised hy suxiliaries, $\mathbb{S} 2$, 879.51 ; in Toronto, $\$ 1,104.2 \mathrm{~S}$. Eight of the Mission Bands raieed over $\$ 1,000$. Total amount raised during the year, $\$ 4,666.55$. There are Presbyterial Societies in Whitby and Hamilton. On account of ill health, Mrs. McLaren was relieved of her duties as President for one year.
The following Officers and members of Committee were elected:-Presideut, Mr 3 . Ewart ; Vice-Fresidents, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Burns, Mris. Macdonnell, Mrs. Reid. The Presidents of all the suxiliaries are non-resident Vice Presidents of the General Society. Recording Secretary, Mrs. MsoMurchy ; Home Secretary, Mies Topp; Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Harvie ; Treasurer, Mrs. King. A very pleasant and successful Conversazione was held in the lecture-room of Knos Church wher stirring addresses were deiivered h,g Rev. H. M. Parsons, Rev. P. McF. McLeod, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell.


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