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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Leuis Riel has been elected M.P. for Protencher, and will in all likelihood come to Ottawa to claim his seat. All sections of the Lower Canadian French are clamouring for an amnesty which they say was promised long ago by the late mizistry.

The Revival in Scotland and certain parts of England goes on-ever , widening and deepening. From all quarters the same accounts come of greatly increased interest in religious matters, and that msterest manifesting itself chiefly among the digher and better educated classes, though mot to the exclusion of the lower. In some parts of Canada there are also signs of con-.siderable quickening.

Canada seems at present suffering From an invasion of burglars of one kind and another, so that people are talking of organizing Vigilance Committees for helping in the work of bringing to justice these who have proclaimed war against society. We hope that Canadians are too law-abiding to have recourse to the services of Judge Lynch. Might it not be well to fall cack on a law already on our Statute book, requiring all questionable characters who are found toitering around without any visible means of livelihand to show how they are supported?

The elections in the United Kingdom have gone strongly against Mr. Gladstone, who, it is understood, has tendered his resignation to Her Majesty, which it is also aleged has been accepted. There is not the slightest fear that the Conservatives will inaugurate any new reactionary policy. Whether they will or not, they must go forward, and it would not be at all surprising if a Parliament chosen to enforce Conservative principles were found before its close to have been one of the most progressive, and what in other days would have been called the most Radical. The diserdow ment of the Established Churches of Great Britain is coming on to be the all important question, and that and the land question will have to be dealt with and satisfactorily settled by the party in power which over that may be.

Dr. Ryerson, and other officials in the Education office, are very excited over the Attorney-General's proposal to so far liberalize the Book Depository, as to allow ordinary booksollers to supply school trustees with prize and liberary books if it is found or thought to be more advantageous to do so. This seems a very harmless innovation ke such an ado about. If Dr. Ryorson cando business in books more cheaply and more effectively than others he will continue to have the trade he has so long enjoyed, and if not-not. It is not proposed to abolish the Depository, and with that fact the Doctor if he is a wise man will be content. He will never persuade the people of this country that the fate of the whole educational system of Ontario depends upon the book monopoly of the Education office being maintained in all its integrity.

The New Brunswick School Bill threatens still to be a fruitful source of agitation and heart-Lurning. It is said the Roman Catholics are determined to have the terms of the Confederation Act of '67 so charged. by the Federal Parliament as to secure separate schools for the Lower Provinces. and for all other provinces that may be hereafter established; while the Protestant are as determined that this ir atter of school a shall be managed by the local authorities and by them alone. The local Government of New Brunswick, it is further said, her resolved to dissolve the House, and appeal to the country on t e question. There can scarcely be a doubt but that Sir John Macdonald was quite right in stating that it was perfect., competent for the New Brunswich legislature to pass such a School law, and that the Federal authorities have nothing at all to do with the matter. We rather think if the House of Commons at Ottawa meddle with the dispute in the way desired 122 will be trouble.

THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.

The new Education Bill at present before our Local House of Parliament is, in some respects, not so complete as could be desired, while, on cortain points, it is positivoly defective. It is, however, in the right direction upon the whole so that we hope the Attorney General will pass it through, taking care to supply what is wanting and correct what is wrong in the course of its discussion in Parliament. The perfect as they came closer to them,—but strempt to put new life into the Council of PublicInstructionis very praisworthy, though without hard work. As this work was of wo very greatly droubt if the proposed plan is the best in the circumstances. It may, time a few years longer than begin their perhaps, be all right to give Public School work with insufficient preparation. The Inspectors, and High and Public School world could afford to wait for them. perhaps, be all right to give Public School Teachers a certain amount of representation at that Board, but sucely the franchise, in the case of the Public School Teachers, at any rate, ought to be hunted to first, and second class class teachers with Provincial certificates. The constituency would otherwise be very unwieldy and not very well saited for choosing intelligently one to be their representative in the Council. Many of the third class teachers are raw boys and and girls with little matured knowledge on their own special business, while a good many of them are nuns and members of various Roman Catholic orders. If the franchise were confined to those who have definitely made teaching their life business, scholarship and intelligence, then it would be more highly prized, and every one by merensed effort and excellence, could always secure it so that it would be an inducement to study and improvement. It would be exceedingly objectionable to have preparatory departments attached to the High Schools. These departments would be simply competitors with the Public Schools and would tend greatly to degrade and weaken the latter in efficiency and power: while the proposal to give a bonus to the teacher for every scholar that he educated so as to pass the entrance examination into the High Schools bears absardity on the very face of it. There is also an apparent desire to have the right restored to the teachers of the Normal School, of examining their own students, instead of allowing these, as at present, to take their places with the other candidates in the general examinations. Nothing can surely be more indefensible than the idea of persons examing and certifying their own students. For the sake then of the teachers of the Normal School as well as of the students. we hope the clause granting this power will be struck off. No unprejudiced person can have enuch doubt about the wisdom of those parts of the Bill which relate to the Book Depository. The excitement and ill tempor displayed by Dr. Ryerson on the subject sufficiently indicate that something of the kmd proposed was very necessary.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST A RE-MINDER.

Although we have made numerous additions to our list of subscribers during the past two months, we are still a long way from the THREE THOUSAND NEW NAMES TOquired to place this journal on a proper footing. A number of congre, ations have done nobly. Without desiring to make invidious comparisons, mention may be made of Knox Church, Ingersoll, which at present heads the list with 46 names; North Winchester follows close behind with 44; and Boston congregation, -not Milton, as formerly stated-with 40. We understand that Milton will yet come to the front with a large list. From Beaverton we have already a partial list of 31 names, and others to follow. Drummondville and Chippewa. Columbus and Brooklin, Whitby, Nobleton, Brussels, &c., have also devised liberally in sending largely increased orders for the current year.

There are still hundreds of places where we should be sending from 10 to 190 copies to which we now forward only two or three. If a friend in each locality would take the matter in hand, either to get up a club, or work for one of the numerous premiums offered for compensation for canvassing for the Presbyterian, we feet cortain that the result would be most gratifying to all who are interested in the success and wide circulation of an independent Presbyterian family paper.

Our terms being payment in advance, a large number of subscriptions are now due; and friends are carnestly requested to remit without delay. To the individual subscribers the amount is small; but these small sums agregate to the publisher several thousand dollars. We trust that this hint will be sufficient and result in prompt payment from subscribers.

A number of people belonging to the congregation at Alexandria met at the house of the Rov. K. McDonald on Saturday evering of last week, and in the name of the people of Glongary, presented him with a valuable horse and an address as a slight | being involved in another Indian war. As

Prosbyterian College, Montreal.

LUCTURE BY REY, DR. BURYEA. The Res. Dr. Duryen delivered a lecture to the students of the Canada Presbytorian ollegovestorday afternoon at four a clock. Ho begin by saying that generally students, at the beginning of their course, pictured to themselves great difficulty in supplying moster for two sermions on each Sunday of the fifty-two Sundays in the year; but if they worked hard these difficulties disapso great importance, they required much preator preparation for it. Letter to conspoke of the great advantage of a knowledge of the original Hebrow and Greek languages; and although the Holy Spirit might make use of comparatively ignorant men, yet it was but reasonable to give to so greet a worker as the Holy Spirit the very best tools that could be got. The most essential knowledge which a student should seek to obtain, was a knowledge of the mind and tis various modes of action; this gave to the preactor great power over his hearers. The mind must be well stored with knowledge, and this knowledge must be systematically arranged. He referred to some prenchers who, when they had selected the subject of the next Sunday's discourse, went to their libraries and searched all the works which treated on this subject, and at the close of the week they were completely filled with a heterogeneous and undigested and have shown a commendable degree of literary mass, and on Sunday morning they took an evangetical emetic and discharged the stuff promiscuously over the people. Students should train thomselves in the art of dissecting a subject, so as to be en abled at once to look at it from the right direction, like the skilful surgeon who knows the different parts of the human system so well that he knows how much force is needed to perform a particular operation. He told of a man skilled in carving fowls, who sometimes dived with him.
"When a roasted turkey was placed before this man, he only needed to lift the knife and fork, when the turkey seemed to surrender at once. So they should practice themselves in examining the Word of God.

and they need not fear that the subject would run out; for it would take thom four or five hundred years to got through with it. The Bible was like a nugget of pure gold which you could beat out to any size you had a mind. He spoke of the rapid way in which Spurgeon get up his sermons, and said that Spurgeon had his mind so stored with useful knowledge, and had so trained himself to looking at the text from the right quarter, that he had only to hook at it when it would open out before him, and he had only to amplify. He said that a good preacher was like a loather punch; when he struck against a subject he was sure to cut out a piece just like himself. He said that the next most important requisite, after having stored the mind with knowledge, was to acquire the art of communicating this knowledge to others, and to this end they must make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the Queen's English, so as properly to display the various slandes of meaning. Their sermon when written out should be ready for the printer, but in place of that have often were the words tadly spelled, the sentences without punctuation, the capital letters promisenously used, without reference to the requirements of the subject!

He next spoke of the pastoral work. He had often heard people speaking of certain ministers, that "although they were not good preachers, yet they were excellent pastors; they were such nice men in the drawing room." Now, that was all nonsense; a man who was a poor preacher was a poor pastor; he might be good at amusing pocple with small talk, but that was simply wasting his own and his people's time. A pastor's duty was to make himsoil thoroughly acquainted with his people m order to increase his power of adapting immself to their necessities. He said there was considerable danger of ministers becoming joalous of each other; they would be taking sidelooks at the doings of their brother ministers to see what accessions they made to the number of their church members. It frequently became a matter or considerable interest as well as effort among the various ministers of a town, who would secure the newly arrived famil-Now this kind of rivatry had a bad effect on both ministers and people; each minister should do "his level hest" and net be jenious of the success of others. ters should forget themselves in their endeavours to serve their Master; their usefulness would be greatly impared if they were thinking of their own doings. After having done his best if the minister failed of success he should look to the Lord for of success its sanding took to the Lord for another field. A minister might not suc-ted in New York, yet do well in New Orleans, yet it was very difficult to judge properly of the success of aminister. There was, at the present time, a great revival in Edugburgh, for which Mr. Moody got considerable credit, yet Mr. Moody was only before Mr. Moody came among them, and they would have been gathered anyway, whether Moody had come or not-although some of them might have been somewhat more weather beaten. But had it not been for the many years of labour by the good old Scotch ministers of Edinburgh, Mr. Moody could no more have gathered such a harvest there, then you could gather a harvest of wheat out of the 100 of the St. Lawrence.

The Dector's lecture was exceedingly intoresting as well as instructive, his witty remarks frequently disturbed the equan mily of his auditors, which included, all ne with the Professors and students, a number of their friends, half a lozon of whom

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Ministers and Churches.

At the annual soirce of the Nowtonville congregation on the 12th instant, \$60 were realized.

The annual soires of Knox Church, Ore heid on the 22nd ult., wer a complete exacess. Over \$100 were realized.

The Annual Tea Meeting of the Bowmanville Presbyterium Church was a most mecosstul affair. Proceeds 4162.

The Rev. Mr. Macpherson, of Hilltown Free Church, Scotland, has declined the all from Knox Church congregation, Galt.

On the 25th instant the Orono Presbyterian Church intend (D.V.) holding a Rounion shich promises to be a pleasant and profitable gathering.

The Congregation at Mayfield, in connection with the C. P. Church, are about letting the contract of their new brick Church which they expect to occupy in another

The Bank street congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church Ottawa, adopted the basis of union with only one dissenting voice.

We understand the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, resolved at a late congregational meeting, by a large majority, in favour of the proposed Presbyterian Union.

To the great satisfaction of all the members of both his congregations the Rev. Alexand Kennedy, Dunbarton, has withdrawn the demission of his charge, and will continue as heretofore.

Recontly the manse, Novis, was " surprised' by a numerous party from the neighborhood of Gutherie, bringing with them substantial tokons of good will and Christian affection. '

The Rev. J. Dunbar, of Glonmorris, recently delivered a graphic and interesting lecture, before the Ayr Mechanics' Institute, descriptive of his recent trip through Scotland.

The Canada Presbyterian congregation of St Mary's has unanimously called the Rev. W. H. Rennelson, M. A., to be their pastor. We believe there is every likelihood of the same gentleman being called to Galt, and to Knox Church, Hamilton.

The Session and congregation of Knox Church, Galt, voted on the Basis of Union on Wednesday the 11th February. The Session by a majority of one, voted acceptance of the Basis, while the congregation rejected it by a large inajority.

Over \$70 were realized from a soirce at Winterbourne. Mr. D. McDougall, Registrar of Waterloo, most efficiently discharged the duties of the chair. Mr. J. King, of Berlin, and a number of reverend gentle. men, delivered suitable addresses.

On the 23rd ult., Mr. McCoy, the officiont Superintendent of the Prescott Presbyterian Sabbath School, was presented with a complete set of Barnes' Commentary on the New Testament, in cleven volumes, along with a very complimentary address. Mr. McCoy made an appropriate reply. The Rev. Mr. Hunter occupied the chair.

"The Hero Martyrs of Scotland," was the subject of the lecture, on Tuesday evening, given by the Rev. W. Cochrane in the Music Hall, Orillia. The lecture was delivered in a forcible and eloquent manner, and, says the Expositor, although much was expected from so popular a minister, none could have been disappointed. The lecture was listened to throughout with in-

The pupils in Miss Gibson's class in the Bayfield Presbyterian Church Sabbath School a few days ago presented their teacher with a handsome gold locket and a me t flattering address. The presentation was made by the children as a mark of their esteem for their teacher, and their appreciation of her unwearying services in instructing them in spiritual things.

The Ladies' Soirce in connection with came off on Wednesday evening last. The object of this gathering was to assist in raising funds for the building of a new Manse in connection with the Church, and we are glad to report that a handsome sum rewarded the ladies exertions on the cccasion. Mr. James Craig, M.P.P., in the course of his address, made the gratifying announcement that the debt on the Church had been ful, paid, with a balance on hand towards building the projected manse.

A large number of the friends and members of the C. P. Church in Colbornemet at the Manse on Friday night, 23rd ult., for the purpose of giving a surprise to their paster, the Rev. P. Duncan. Having spread and enjoyed a bountiful repast, they prosented the rev. gentleman with an address, a purse containing \$92, and other articles, amounting u all to something over \$100. The address was read by E. Rosevear, Esq., and the presentation made by M.s. Grant. This is but one among the many instances in which the congregation have shown token of their appreciation of his efforts in vet, however, the matter has not assumed their regard for Mr. Duncan in the same behalf of the spiritual welfare of the people very formulable dimensions, and it is to be substantial way. The act speaks well for whom he was placed would continue un-I pastor and people.

Copies of the Tract, "Admit the Bearer -A Sinner," may be ordered from this office at 45 cents per 100, postage pre paid. Already a large number have been sold.

A meeting was recently held at Victoria Merbour, Georgian Bay, at the instance of Mr. Stewart Acheson, student, Knox College, for the purpose of forming a committen to take the necessary steps for building a church, to be deeded to the Presbyterian Body, and free to all denominations until such time as each and every denominatie. shall build a church of their own. A committee was appointed to carry out the object of the meeting, and arrangements have already been complete for erecting a suit able building the coming season.

A soirce was held in the Presbyterian Church, at Claude, on Friday the foth nf. Though the day was the coldest of the season we had up to that date, yet there was a very large attendance present. The chair was occupied by the Roy. R. M. Croll, the pastor of the congregation. After ten was served the Rev. B. Sherlock addressed the meeting, on "The benefit of Christian union;" the Rev. J. W. Thorne, on "The, constraining and expulsive power of right motive;" the Rev. Alex. McFaul, on "The atmosphere in which we live, as typical of our social, political, moral and religious atmospheres." The Rev. J. Baike, on "The happiness arising from social onjoyment, and from the higher moral and aosthotic culture."

We have have before us the 6th annual report of St. John's C. P. Church, Almonte, which is a gratifying exhibit of the position and prospects of this flourishing congrega tion. The total contributions for the year amounted to \$2,408.12, which shows an increase of \$1,953.36 over the contributions of 1868—only five years ago. This is certainly a marked advance in the contribu tions of the members; because the membership has only increased from 120 to 160. But what is better than more material prosperity is the fact that "there have not been wanting, during the past year, cheering tokens of divine blessing on the ministry of the word, showing that the Lord is in the midst of us, and that we are sustained in our work by His good hand upon us."

On the evening of the 10th inst., a large number of the members and adherents of the Canada Prosbytorian Church, Baltimore, gave a surprise to Mr. George M. Hogg, of that place. The object of the gathering was to acknowledge Mr. Hogg's services as leader of the Church Psalmody, for a period of seventeen years. After the party had partaken of the good things brought along, the Rev. Mr., McKay, mimster of the congregation, read a very suitable address, while Mr. Mann, one of the olders, made the presentation. This consisted of a beautiful gold watch and guard, valued at \$100. Mr. Hogg, in snitable terms, expressed his thanks to the congregation for so handsome and unexpected a present. The rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent in "social chat" and singing; and we venture to say few places can boast of musical talen's superjor to those of Baltimore.—Cobourg World.

The Reverend Alexander Smith, of the American Presbyterian Church, Presbytory of St. Lawrence, congregation of Theresa, N. Y., made application to the Presbytory to present his petition to Synod. for admission to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland-and to grant him missionary work within the bounds of the Prosbytery in the meantime. Mr. Smith presented at the same time his credentials from the stated clerk of St. Lawrence Presbyterey, and a letter from the convener of the Committee on vacant charges and ministerial supply. Mr. Smith is a brother of the Rev. J. K. Smith of Halifax, N.S., and though ordained to the Ministry in the United States, comes from Aberdeen, Scotland. His arts course was taken at Marischal College, with one session at Edingburgh. St., John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, The Presbytery entertained his petition, and being satisfied concorning his good standing and attainments, granted Ins regaest, feeling that in Mr. Smith they have acquired an able and devoted worker.

> Prior to leaving for Toronto to finish her studies, Miss Smith was presented with a valuable writing desk by the choir of the C. P. Church, Bowmanville. The presentation was accompanied by an appreciative and affectionate address, read by Mr. Thes. Yellowlees, on behalf of the choir. The Rev. Mr. Smith, on behalf of his daughter, kindly thanked the donors for their renewed good will, both to himself and family. The additional testimony was but another proof of the respect the congregation had always shown him; and although he was not the recipiont of this fresh reperal of their contidence, yet he was none the less pleased to think that a member of his mily had received this mark of their respect. Ho thanked the choir and the congregation heartily, for their kinduess, and hoped, that the happy relationship which had over existed between him and the people over broken.