

which date competitors must be registered as Students.

2. Each competitor is to inscribe a motto on his Essay, and attach a sealed envelope bearing the same motto, and containing his name, with a declaration that the Essay is his unaided composition; and the envelope is to be opened and the author's name ascertained in Convocation only.

3. The successful Essays are to be deposited in the Library and remain the property of the University. They may be printed upon recommendation of the judges.

4. An Essay, to be successful, must be judged to be of sufficient merit.

These Prizes, though instituted by private liberality, rank as University Prizes, and successful competitors carry very high honours.



AS an aid to the public devotion of Presbyterian congregations, instrumental music appears to be gaining ground. In the Canada Presbyterian Church the movement seems to be assuming a tangible form. The

Monthly Record of that church contains a letter from a Missionary in New Zealand, urgently calling attention to the subject, and pointing to the disadvantage under which the missionary labours, in the restriction placed upon the employment of an organ there, the prejudicial effect of which is felt more particularly among the younger portion of the members who are led to attend other places of worship where the service of praise is led by an efficient instrument. In Montreal, we understand, Knox Church, lately erected, has had an organ for some time, without apparently meeting with any opposition from any of the members; and others, if we are correctly informed, are about to follow the example.

During the absence of William Croit, Esq., all communications respecting the Temporalities' Fund are requested to be addressed to Thomas Paton, Esq., Bank of British North America, Montreal.

Correspondents are again requested to send in their communications by the 20th of the month at latest, to insure insertion in the current number.

## News of our Church.

### PASTORAL LETTER.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.



BELOVED BRETHREN:— A few days before the recent meeting of Synod at Toronto a band of armed men from the territory of the neighbouring Republic had stealthily landed upon the western shores of our country, committing a variety of unprovoked depredations, and spreading alarm among our peaceful fellow-subjects. Simultaneous

movements towards other remote points of the frontier showed this invasion to be the attempted execution of but a small part of a great criminal design, directed immediately against the rights and liberties of Canadians, but having in view the ulterior object, boldly avowed, of destroying the authority rightly and benignantly exercised over us by our beloved Sovereign, and of making this Province the basis of operations intended to sever Ireland from the British Empire. Before the members of Synod left their homes they had shared with you these mingled feelings of admiration and grief, which were universally

caused by reports of the engagement at Ridgeway between our volunteers and the invaders. When they assembled at Toronto the solemn impression, produced by the obsequies which had just been performed in honour of its heroic citizens slain in our defence, was everywhere perceptible. It was a time of intense excitement throughout the country, although the feeling of security was never dislodged by the sense of danger. All minds were for a season almost wholly diverted from the purpose and the prosecution of ordinary business, and centred with virtuous indignation, yet buoyant confidence, upon the resistance of the enemy and the defeat of his vile conspiracy. On the principal routes of travel the means of conveyance were either stopped for the sake of safety, or for the most part employed in the transference of troops and ammunition. In these circumstances, the Synod, taking into consideration its own duty and your welfare, was moved to appoint the preparation of a pastoral letter to be addressed to you with the particular design of putting you in remembrance of the privileges which you enjoy, of stirring you up to a fuller appreciation and a more diligent improvement of them, and of invoking your patriotism and your religion against a hostility which, though repulsed, threatens still.

Gratitude is the first sentiment inspired by