

Gospel privileges, and a memorial of the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada.

Yours sincerely,
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OUR OWN CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received a draft from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for £250 sterling—£150 for the Western Division of our Home Mission Work, and £100 for the Lower Provinces. Mr. Hope, in transmitting it, says,—“it is a satisfaction to us to express in this way, as well as in others, our hearty good-will.” We may add, that to us it is most gratifying to find the parent Churches in Scotland so cordially rejoicing in the Union of our Churches in Canada.

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His Excellency, Lieut. Governor Morris, Rev. Professors Bryce and Hart, and Mr. McWilliam, have been inducted, and Messrs. D. N. Campbell and Walter Laidlaw, ordained to the office of Elders, in Knox Church, Winnipeg. The Union in the North West is, we are assured not merely in name. There appears to be a complete fusion of all parties, and this is what the mission work of the Church demands. We note this fact with sincere pleasure.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

For local details connected with congregational work in these Provinces, our readers should consult the columns of our excellent contemporary, the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, published weekly in Toronto at \$2 per annum. We can only allude, in the briefest manner, to such matters as are specially brought under our notice.

The Rev. John M. McIntyre, formerly of Onnabruck, has been called to Knox Church, Harriston and Cotswood. Stipend one thousand dollars with a manse.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS.—*Primus inter pares*, must be ranked that of Erskine Church, Montreal. The contributions for all purposes during the year 1875, amount to \$17,342.82. The ordinary revenue of the Church from pew rents and Sabbath collections, was \$6167. For the building and other funds, there was raised \$2936; for the poor fund \$344. The congregational Missionary Society collected \$3189, and the *Juvenile Missionary Association*, \$459. Among the disbursements, we find for stipends of two ministers, \$4200; to the Assembly's Home Mission Fund, \$1475, and to the Foreign Mission Fund, \$1180; for French Mission Work, \$333, and for the College, about \$1000. These results are due to systematic agencies begun many years ago, and continued with exemplary perseverance, and by which every member of the congregation is afforded an opportunity, once a month, of contributing to the schemes of the Church. In future, it is intended to make *quarterly distributions* to the several funds. Were this plan generally adopted, we would be able to put a stop to the *expensive* habit of going to the Banks or “accommodation.”

Stanley St. Church, also in Montreal, is not far behind *alma mater*. Of course, it had to make “a spurt” in the erection of such a beautiful church as they have built. But \$3143 was paid for the support of ordinances, and the goodly sum of \$1982 was handed over to the College and Mission Funds of the Church. For the building fund there was contributed \$11,971. The whole amount for the year was \$17,386. A good illustration of what can be done by a willing people.

The thirty-first annual report of the Knox Church, Ottawa, is also before us in a neat pamphlet of 22 pages. It recites the history of the congregation, records affectionate remembrance of Rev. Thomas Wardrope's ministry, extending over a quarter of a century, and of that of his successor, Professor McLaren, under whose administration the present handsome Church edifice was begun. It also mentions how the congregation was