

Correspondence.

Concerning Croakers.

(Concluded from last week.)

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

(c) You cannot stop students from being sent into vacant charges, they will take precedence every time. I was a student once. Presbyteries will have them. Presbyteries will evade a church law, and call it an irregularity. What Presbytery keeps the church rules? What congregation, what minister, which elder? Congregations will ever want their youthful and priestly commodity "stodent,"—because they are the cheapest, and hence the best, at least till we get our ex-pastor's salary paid up.

(d) City employment for probationers. What probationer could find employment under these FAT but woo begone city ministers. Better rent a room and open a class for the development of clerical energy. For retired and unsettled pastors let some of those "hangers on" give place to more honourable men, and let some power of the church settle those unsettled pastors over unsettled congregations, and if the unsettled will not go with the unsettled chosen, simply remove the unsettled name from the list of unsettled, for appointment—and supply.

(e) Instructions to moderators. You cannot give instruction to moderators of vacancies, they are too far advanced in knowledge now. They are brim full, cannot take any more, you will need a press first. They WILL advise, instruct, get their man and do as they please and you cannot help yourself. Then instead of putting applications, newspaper ads, recommendations, testimonials, etc., in the waste basket, you cannot afford such waste, "gather up the fragments" and let them be printed and put in pamphlet form for free distribution, and "laws me," help a poor body if you can.

(f) Presbyter pleads for a "recognized system" for vacancies. Talk of making a buck saw into a gold watch, and with certain additions, of course it is not a thing impossible, and "radically adhere to that system for vacancies." Who? ministers, moderators, committees? Talk of perpetual summer in Ontario. "Adhere to." When? Only when those frail creatures are "earth to earth, dust to dust." That is the only recognized, organized and re-organized system ministers will ever radically adhere to. Well, we require something, it is no infinitesimal thing—a mere shift.

1. We want a little band of big hearted men—men of sympathy, no partial men—who will look after the vacancies and the unsettled.

2. They want a law that they can use. You say, oh, we have such a law. It is, as experience proves, a rope of sand. We have the men, you say. True, but are they not like the lepers—"one out of ten." It is said the worst obstruction the probationer finds, are they of his own cloth, but it is also true they are his warmest and best friends.

3. Said one who knows the state of things, good as they are, this whole difficulty of vacancies and settlement lies with the ministers and moderators, but they shirk the load, and the member in the Presbytery of distribution committee declares it is "not I," and so on. This being the case, we want ministers who will recognize existing laws, and congregations which can be controlled by Presbyterian system, and Presbyteries loyal to the same.

4. What is wrong with the appointment of a general superintendent of all the vacancies in Ontario? It is not the least important at the present. Ah, you say, that is deep water, well, "launch out."

5. You say "abide," you are a probationer, and rattled may be. No, but I sympathize with them, I can see and know. "Abide," this will be adjusted at the great white throne, ere long it must be. Presbyterianism has been grinding on those shallows of vacancies and unsettled for a number of years. She can bear it. Very true, but we want the ship hoisted, that she run before the storm. "Abide," tell the meeting of the General Assembly of the first term or the first summer—and then what—more

talk and a report read. As Rev. John McNeil's little boy, on coming home from church, said, "Mamma, papa said he was going to have from this out, less talk and more work." Can we do likewise? Pray for the Divine wisdom. Yours, etc.,

AJAX.

Coligny College, Ottawa.

We are glad to learn that the Young Ladies' College has had a most successful term, the number of boarders being thirty-five with about fifty-five day pupils. The boarders are from the homes of some of our best families in Ontario and Quebec and a happier family it would be difficult to find. The teachers are not only most efficient but are thoroughly devoted to their work and to the young ladies committed to their care, and the whole atmosphere of the Institution is all that could be desired. The next term begins on the 8th of January. Those desirous of sending their daughters should at once communicate with Rev. Dr. Warden, Montreal, as we learn that there are only vacancies for five more boarders.

"Rigby."

When falls the rain and winds are blowing
I do not heed, I do not care,
With a Rigby coat on I am going
I'm dressed for weather, wet or fair,
The rain may fall as from a fountain
And turn the fields into a pool,
The east winds whistle o'er the mountain,
I wear Rigby, I'm no fool.

Weak and Tired Feeling.

ELIZARETHVILLE, Ont., Nov. 10, 1894.—
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