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A MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year to everybody who reads THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN.

A MID so much issuing from the press of the United States at the present moment that is wild, rash, exciting and warlike in tone, we quote with pleasure the following and reciprocate its sentiments, from the *Springfield Republican* of Massachusetts, one of the ablest and most influential of the American papers:

"Let the American people remember Lincoln, the great peace lover, patient, slow-moving, long-suffering, just. It is not time for the language of war, and the plain folks will distrust the men who employ it with thoughtless haste. There will be those all too eager to let loose the infinite woes of an armed conflict, and ready in inflammatory speech to set the two great English-speaking peoples flying at each other's throats. Sensationalism is sure to offer this fruit of discord. But such advisers will be repudiated by all sane minds as public enemies. With these two nations, the United States and England, rests the world's hope, and they should and will be allies in all helpful offices of a true and Christian civilization. The mass of citizenship in each case is to be trusted. Be sure that no small differences can divide or permanently estrange them, and all the higher interests of the world's destiny are to be advantaged by them. Along that line lies the true grandeur of nations—of these two peoples at least—and the people know and feel and will act on their conception of such moral relationship."

NO war that ever stained the soil of old mother earth would be so horrible, so utterly disgraceful as a war between Great Britain and the United States. No other war could be such a blot on civilization, such a cruel caricature on our boasted Christianity. And yet the politicians in Congress, took what might easily be the preliminary steps, in as light-hearted a manner as if they were arranging to go on a pleasure excursion. And that too after their own country has so recently been deluged with blood. We do not wonder that the sober-thinking people of the United States treat politicians with loathing and contempt. We do not wonder that the term "politician" is fast becoming a synonym for everything that is shameless and vile. Nor can we in Canada throw stones at our neighbours. Look back over the last ten years and see if just as vile and dishonest means have not been used to rake in votes in Canada as the lowest politician in Washington can use. It is true that we never tried to make political capital out of human blood, but the reason may have been that it is not in our power to wage war with any other nation. It is humiliating to think that the property and lives of peaceable and good citizens, are at the mercy of politicians who are ready to traffic in character and blood; but who sends them to Congress or Parliament?

KNOX COLLEGE.

THE JUBILEE MEMORIAL VOLUME.

AS subscribers to the memorial volume are continually making inquiry as to the date at which the book is to be published, and as such correspondence is increasing, it seems desirable that this brief statement be sent to the columns of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN. It gives the committee pleasure to announce that an earnest effort is being made to place the volume on sale, and to fill all advance orders not later than next April.

But a vast amount of work remains to be overtaken, and patience is likely to continue to be as much a necessary grace on the part of the Editor

as on the part of any of the subscribers. Much of the information required is difficult to obtain. Much of the information volunteered is plainly in need of verification. Much of the information asked for is supplied in such a partial way that it has to be asked for again. Thus delays, generally quite needless delays, often rather exasperating delays, have from the first confronted the committee at every step.

Take, for example, that section of the volume which is to be devoted to the graduates of the college, and for which items of biographical information have been diligently sought for during the past twelve months. A year ago a blank form, containing a series of inquiries, was mailed to every alumnus of the institution. Time and pains were cheerfully expended in ascertaining the correct addresses of the graduates, many of whom live abroad, and some of whom did not eventually enter the ministry. And what was the result? About one-half of the blanks were not returned until the secretary repeated the request that they be returned "at once," and fully one-third of them have not been returned yet! Will every alumnus who has not filled out and remailed the blank in question kindly re-mail it this week. It is not the wish of the committee to omit from the honorary roll which is being prepared even one name that ought to appear in it; hence every endeavor is still being put forth to make the record complete. If additional blanks are needed, they may be had for the asking.

It is gratifying to be assured of many an evidence that the Memorial Volume will be greeted with a very cordial welcome.

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A TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

WE know not when we have been so much struck by the silent and rapid flight of time, as by the public announcement that Sabbath last was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell B.D., into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church of this city. It does not appear half that time, so swiftly have the years flown by. He is now the senior Presbyterian pastor in Toronto.

The history of the congregation under the pastorate of Mr. Macdonnell has been a notable one. For forty years before he came to it the congregation had worshipped in the then well-known building at the corner of Adelaide and Church streets. Its membership at that time was 181. In five years it became 403. In February 1876 the present building was dedicated and entered upon. Part of the congregation hived off and formed old St. Andrew's, now also a strong congregation, of which Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., became and is still pastor. In 1889, when the membership had reached 839, another colony was set off, which is

now St. Mark's congregation. These off-shoots and the removal of population to other parts of the city have of late years affected the strength of the congregation and the possibilities of its growth, but it is still strong and flourishing. St. Andrew's Institute is one of its well-known benevolent enterprises. Its germ began in 1877, but the Institute proper was founded in 1890 and now it is the seat of a flourishing Sunday School, week day night school, savings bank, gymnasium, kindergarten, young men's and young women's clubs and several other beneficent agencies; hundreds of pupils and scores of workers have from first to last been connected with it. The kindness, the charity and helpfulness of this congregation to every benevolent work in the city, so well represented in the person and services of the late Mrs. Macdonnell, have been conspicuous, while under Mr. Macdonnell's enthusiastic and generous leadership it has taken a leading place among the congregations of the Church in its support of Home and Foreign Mission, and of the fund for the assistance of feeble and struggling charges in the whole Western Section of the Church. This, in brief, has been in so far its outward and visible history.

On its twenty-fifth anniversary the heart of the editor of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN disposed him to worship with his brethren of St. Andrew's Church and he yielded to the inclination. It was communion Sabbath. The elders were at the doors and in the aisles engaged in the gracious office of attending to communicants and others, inviting to the table strangers, members of other churches. When you enter, the church itself is chaste, quiet and subdued in appearance, most becoming a house of God, different from the spic-and-span and new and almost garish look of many church buildings. The pews quickly filled with quiet, devout-looking worshippers, and the organ played softly. Rev. Principal Grant ascended the pulpit, years and work telling upon him in hair becoming gray and thin. The service throughout was devotional, no sermon, but frequent Scripture reading, praise and prayer. One feature was the congregation repeating in concert the Apostles' Creed, and at another part of the service, the Lord's Prayer. While for ourselves we enjoy a brief and earnest sermon in connection with the Lord's Supper, the whole service on this occasion was impressive and very helpful.

In a brief address at the close, Principal Grant, in correspondence with the occasion and the circumstances of Mr. Macdonnell's illness, referred to his whole hearted, faithful service of the congregation in all possible ways, and under all the varied circumstances of its membership during the past quarter of a century, his services to the Church at large so unselfish and fruitful, and the loyalty and love and devotion of the congregation to their pastor. In this connection we may close this notice with mentioning that there was scattered in the pews the following message from Mr. Macdonnell to his people, which for its beauty, and the Christian spirit and warm affection which it breathes must have touched every heart.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

"I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all, making my supplication with joy for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that He which began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ: even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart. And thus I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment, so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ: being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God."

In what more fitting words can I greet you on this twenty-fifth anniversary of my settlement as your minister than in these words of Paul to his beloved friends at Philippi?

I have been made very glad in these days of enforced inactivity by the spirit of unity and earnestness that has characterized office-bearers and members in the prosecution of the various departments of work connected with the congregation. I have been kept constantly informed of the doings of the various associations and of all the work of the Institute; and I cannot but bless God for indications of increased spiritual life. I pray that you may grow in grace, and that your love may become ever more clear-sighted to discern how God may be best served and men most effectively helped.

May this communion season be one of richest profit. I know of no way of celebrating this anniversary more becomingly than sitting down together at the table of the Lord to remember His dying love—the few of you who "remain to this pre-