

of the summer visitants. Let the fire be kindled at the northern side of Romanism, and God may spread it into a conflagration.

7. I was deeply grieved to see the regular desecration of the Sabbath, by the steamers that ply between these watering places and Quebec. It could easily be remedied, if the company chose, by sailing on Thursday, which seems to be the Sabbath of the crews; and by employing a little more skilful captains, who would not mind a slight fog. I was still more grieved to see two Episcopalian ministers, and one belonging to the Kirk, going off on Sabbath afternoon like any other day; and was told that these were not exceptional cases. The Sabbath Observance Society would do well to take a note of this.

8. Our Church ought to review all the legislation by the Canadian Government on the subject of Marriage. The law, as at present existing in both Provinces, demands correction, and the sooner the better. The Schedule sent down to ministers by the Department of Agriculture to be filled up, anent Births, Marriages and Deaths, shows great imbecility in that quarter.

9. Anxious about the increase of our students and ministers, I have spoken to the parents of one or two boys who show great aptitude in learning, and have a reasonable prospect of being able to get to College, on the duty of consecrating them to the work of the ministry; and to the boys themselves, that they may have this constantly in view. In a few years (D.V.), we shall be able to send some to Knox College. Were such a plan generally adopted, our staff of ministers would soon be greatly increased, and the welfare of our Zion greatly advanced. I think it a mistake not to train boys from infancy for this grand object.

Hoping you will excuse the space occupied, and have a place in your next issue for the above, I am, truly yours,

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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

MR. EDITOR.—Much has been said concerning the necessity of improving congregational singing. Every one is agreed as to the importance of that step. But, as yet no definite plan has been proposed, in order to attain the desired end. The whole is vague, and the question always comes:—How can it be done? It is the question of every individual in the church; it is the question of the church itself. The following plan substantially is intended for an answer:

1. Let a musical institution be established. That institution, in the charge of well qualified teachers, would be the means of giving proper training, and of forming competent teachers. It would be a kind of Musical Normal School.

2. Each congregation would send to that institution a young man of their number (or any other) the most talented in music. There, in less than two months, those young men would become efficient teachers.

3. They would now go back to their respective congregations to teach, at least for a few months. Now, how long would the whole work take? Six months would be sufficient. Two months for preparing teachers, and four to train the congregations, would bring about the mentioned end. The above is the result of experience, and it is hereby submitted for the consideration of all interested.

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(We believe the writer of the above is very well qualified to train young people and others in singing.—EDITOR.)