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MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Fifth Session of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church will be opened in the city of Ottawa, and within Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 2nd of June next, at half-past 7 o'clock, p.m.

Commissions in favour of Ministers and Elders should be forwarded by Presbytery Clerks to the Clerk of the General Assembly at least eight days before its meeting.

The attention of Synod Clerks and of others is earnestly invited to the following Standing Orders and Notices: Reports of Ordinations, Inductions, Licenses, Deaths, Demissions and Depositions, within the respective Synods, shall be sent by their respective Clerks, so as to be in the hands of the Clerk of Assembly at least eight days before the Assembly meets.

There shall be a Standing Committee on Business, consisting of the Clerks of the Assembly and of Synods and Presbyteries, who may be Commissioners, who shall arrange all such business as may be requisite, prior to the first diet of the Annual Meeting of Assembly; and such Committee, together with a minister and elder from each Presbytery, appointed by the Presbytery itself, shall constitute the Committee on Bills and Overtures; but in the event of no such appointments being made, such representatives shall be appointed by the Assembly.

All papers for the Assembly, or notification of the same, shall be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee on Business, at least eight days before the meeting of Assembly; and all such papers will pass through the Committee on Bills and Overtures before presentation to the Assembly.

The Convener of Standing Committees shall give in their Reports to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, not later than the second Sederunt of the Meeting of the Assembly.

WILLIAM REID, A.M. WILLIAM FRASER,

Joint Clerks of Assembly and Convener of Business Committee.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements are being made with the leading lines of Railway, whereby members of Assembly will have tickets for 1/4 fare. Tickets for the Grand Trunk and the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railways will be forwarded to members before they set out on their journey. Tickets for the Great Western and Northern Railways will be given at the meeting of Assembly. Special attention is called to this notice.

The C. P. Church at Gananoque is prospering under its new pastor. From a lengthened communication we learn that the inside of the Church building has been greatly improved; that the outside is now receiving attention, that the attendance is increasing, the finances flourishing, and everything going on most harmoniously.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

We regard the movement for the establishment of a Ladies' College at Brantford so much important that we give in our present issue the prospectus in full with the list of subscribers so far as there have been as yet secured. It is exceedingly creditable to the friends in Brantford to be proceeding in the matter so spiritedly and liberally.

PROSPECTUS.

The want of a Presbyterian Seminary in Western Ontario for the training of Young Ladies has long been felt. In Church courts and through the public press this matter has frequently been discussed, but so far without any effective steps having been taken in the direction indicated.

It is now proposed to supply the lack by the establishment of a first-class Young Ladies' College in the Town of Brantford. The magnificent residence and grounds of the Hon. E. B. Wood, have been secured for the purpose, and the promoters confidently appeal for support and encouragement to the Ministers and Members of the Canada Presbyterian Church. At a public meeting called to consider the desirability of establishing such a college, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That it is desirable that as a guarantee for the character of the educational and moral training of the pupils, said College should be in connection with one of the Evangelical denominations, and that as the Episcopal, the Methodist and the Baptist churches have already established successfully such institutions in Ontario, it is considered advisable that said College should be in connection with the Presbyterian Church."

The location secured for the College is all that can possibly be desired as a home for Young Ladies. While offering the most complete retirement for study, it is at the same time within easy walking distance of the principal business streets of the Town, and commands a view of the surrounding country that cannot be surpassed for extent and loveliness. The house has been finished with a degree of elegance but seldom found in first-class private residences, much less in public institutions. The grounds extending to 3 1/2 acres, are beautifully laid out, with flowers and fruit trees of the choicest varieties, interspersed with fountains. Conservatories and greenhouses of the most modern description are attached, and everything provided that can conduce to the health and comfort of the pupils.

To make the present building suitable for the college, a commodious wing will be added, which with the purchase of the house and grounds and furnishing of the entire building, will, it is estimated, cost a sum total of \$4,000. Of this amount arrangements have been made to allow \$10,000 to remain for a term of years on a Mortgage on the property, at a low rate of interest. It is proposed to secure stock to the extent of \$60,000, divided into 600 shares of \$100 each. It is not expected that more than 50 or 60 per cent. of the capital will be called for during the present year, the balance remaining until such time as the success of the institution, in the opinion of the stockholders warrants further extension. On the second page will be found a list of the stock already taken in the town of Brantford, amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars. On the third page will be found a subscription sheet for intending stockholders. All communications in the meantime may be addressed to the Provisional Treasurer, Alexander Robertson, Esq., Bank of British North America, or to the Rev. Wm. Cochrane, M.A., of Brantford.

Stockholders so far as yet secured in the Town of Brantford as—

- William Watt, \$2,000; I. Cockshutt, \$2,000; H. W. Brethour & Co., \$2,000; Thomas McLean, \$1,000; James Kerr, \$1,000; A. Watts & Co., \$1,000; C. H. Waterous, \$1,000; G. H. Wilkes, \$1,000; William Grant, \$1,000; John Viennaug, \$1,000; Herman Wiegand, \$500; Rev. Wm. Cochrane, \$500; Wm. McIntosh, \$500; John Tansh, \$500; A. Spence, \$500; Dr. Nichol, \$500; J. Sutherland, \$500; Robert Russel, \$500; J. Jenkins, \$500; George Foster, \$500; William Buck, \$500; R. G. Jackson, \$500; Terence Jones, \$500; Edy & Co., \$500; Alexander Robertson, \$500; C. Jarvis, Jr., \$500; Bernard Heyd, \$500; Charles Heyd, \$500; Subscribers under \$500 each, 8,000; total, \$25,000.

Good Health.—Happy is the man who has that priceless gift of nature, and sensible is he who knows how to take care of it.

Book Notices.

BLACKWOOD FOR APRIL.

Has come to hand. It is chiefly taken up with stories, and very good ones. There is a paper on International Vanities which deals with orders and decorations in a very unceremonious style.

POPULAR OBJECTIONS TO REVEALED TRUTH

This is a series of Lectures delivered in London, England, and published there about a year ago. It does not appear to have been reprinted in Canada, but simply to have had part of the English edition provided with a Canadian title page, as sometimes is done. The work consists of twelve lectures, written by clergymen of the Church of England, which discuss in an able and popular style the current objections to revealed truth. Such a volume is much needed in Canada as well as in Britain, and we hope it will be widely circulated.

THOUGHTS ON GRAND AND IMPORTANT SUBJECTS.

By the Rev. A. Melville. Toronto: James Campbell & Sons. Mr. Melville is well and favourably known to a large number of the Canada Presbyterian Church. He has retired from stated pastoral work, but still seeks to advance the cause with which he has long been identified, by making use of the press. The volume he has recently published under the above title consists of nineteen discourses on weighty and important subjects, which are handled with earnestness and ability. We bespeak for the volume a favourable reception.

THE HEAVENLY VISION, AND OTHER SERMONS

By Rev. Wm. Cochrane, Brantford. Toronto: Adam Stevenson & Co. 1871.

Mr. Cochrane is well known as an able, zealous, and successful Christian minister. In his varied labours he is most indefatigable, and while attending assiduously to his own congregation, gives the Church in general the benefit of a very large amount of work, through the pulpit, platform, and press. Mr. Cochrane has done good work for Canada during the last ten years, and we are pleased to notice that at the urgent request of many of his people in Brantford he has recently published a volume of sermons selected from those written in the ordinary course of ministerial preparation, seventeen in number, and carefully and ably written, and will, we successfully hope, have an extensive circulation throughout the Dominion. The volume is got up in a neat style, and reflects great credit on both printers and bookbinders.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.

The April part of this standard periodical, recently published, is a highly valuable one. The topics discussed are important, and the treatment of them is done with eminent ability. At present we shall do little more than enumerate the articles with a very few words. They are as follows:—1. "Presbyterianism and the people." The object is to show that Presbyterianism, rightly understood and acted upon, is specially fitted to benefit the people who espouse it with their hearts. 2. "The pauperism of our great cities, its character, condition, causes, and relief." The view which is given of this lamentable state of things, with regard to vast masses of population in all large cities over the world, is heart saddening, and loudly calls for strenuous combined efforts to diminish it. The extreme miseries and demoralization arising from it are powerfully depicted. 3. "Modern Scepticism." Scepticism as to religious truth, has now, we apply, assumed a variety of new and daring forms, and this article is an able exposé of them. 4. "The new Faith of Strauss." Strauss, the German unbeliever, has been a recklessly bold mental speculator, proceeding on from Pantheism and various stages of infidelity, until he landed in sheer materialism, and human annihilation at death. His own decease took place in February last, when he would know that there is a personal God, and a state of immortality of soul or wo for mankind, according to which they were in individual character, and in the sight of the great Judge of all. 5. "Catholic toleration in the State of Maryland." The article shows that there never has been Catholic toleration anywhere, but a most virulent intolerance wherever it could be fully manifested, as all history exhibits in the darkest colours. 6. "Arbitration as a substitute for war." This is a glorious theme, and brings out the grand remedy for doing away with war, that tremendous destroyer and wholesale killer of belligerents on both sides. Britain and the United States, two of the chief nations on earth, have of late most favourably inaugurated the working of this most sublime movement, leading on to permanent peace among all civilized nations, and to the blessed era when everywhere near the brother shall live the friend of men individually and collectively. 7. "The office of Evangelist." This article is penned by a missionary in India; and besides the New Testament view which he gives of the office, his view well deserves the consideration of both Foreign and Home Missions Mission work is not yet clearly understood, or the proper conducting of it. 8. "The

taxation of Churches, Colleges, and Charitable Institutions." Here, as on all the other subjects, there is a good amount of sound, just thinking. 9. "The discomfiment of Troy." An interesting disclosure by shaft sinking recently, respecting that very ancient city and monarchy whose besiegement was the subject of Homer's renowned poem, the Iliad. The usual short miscellaneous notices follow, attractive to lovers of new publications. Subscribers for the present year from January, can still be supplied at the modified price of \$2.25, by applying to the Rev. A. Kennedy, London, who also desires to be notified that if any subscribers have not received April No., by sending him a postal card it will be attended to.

Presbytery of Simcoe.

This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, May 6th. Present, seven ministers and one elder. Dr. J. B. Fraser, having applied for license, was examined in Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Theology and personal religion. The examination was sustained as highly satisfactory, and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to take him on trial for license.

It was agreed to adopt and transmit an Overture to the General Assembly respecting the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN to the following effect:—

- 1. "Whereas it is of great importance that a newspaper should be published in the interest of the Canada Presbyterian Church. 2. And whereas such a newspaper called the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN is being published by private enterprise. 3. And whereas the said newspaper is doing a good work by the publication of religious matter, and ecclesiastical intelligence, and by the gratuitous insertion of the proceedings of the Church Courts. 4. And whereas, in the opinion of the Presbytery, the Church ought to support by all means in its power the enterprise of the publishers, so as to promote its efficiency and usefulness. 5. And whereas the General Assembly of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two did favourably express an opinion respecting said paper, and did commend it in the following deliverance: "That the above mentioned paper be recommended to the ministers and members of the C. P. Church as worthy of their hearty support."

It is therefore humbly ventured to the venerable, the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church that it may take into consideration whether the countenance and support of the Church may not be extended to the proprietors of the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN by employing them to do the printing required by the Church, in whole or in part, provided the work be done by them as well, as cheaply, and as expeditiously as by others. Messrs. Gray and Rodgers were appointed to support the above at the General Assembly.

A notice was received from the Presbytery of Montreal, intimating the intention to apply to General Assembly for leave to admit as a minister of the Church, Rev. John McLeod of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Other business was unimportant.—Rob. Moodie, Pres. Clerk.

Obituary Notice.

Died March 21st, 1874, in Stanley township, Mrs. Geo. Forrest. The subject of this sketch was born in the parish of St. Fergus, Scotland. She was the child of pious parents, who endeavored by precept and example to train up their family in the fear of the Lord. She was also privileged to be under the pastoral charge of a goodly minister who took especial care to lead and feed the lambs of the flock. She was early brought to Christ and henceforth to the end of her life witnessed a good profession, manifestly "growing in grace and the knowledge of God."

In the year 1849 she came to Canada, and on July 3rd of that year was united in marriage to Mr. Geo. Forrest in Whitby, by Rev. Dr. Thornton. In the autumn of 1850 they removed to Stanley township where the remainder of her life was spent in the busy routine of a farm, uneventful save as it was enlivened by the joys and sorrows that fall to the lot of all.

A good housekeeper, she did "with her might whatsoever her hands found to do." But while neglecting no household duty she yet found time to visit the sick, the dying, and the distressed, to relieve the necessities of the poor; to take a active part in any project of a benevolent or religious nature; to uphold the hands and heart of her beloved pastor by her prayers and sympathy; to counsel the erring; "to confirm the wavering and establish the weak. For these duties she was eminently fitted both by nature and grace, and in the exercise of them she took great delight. She was no laggard in her Master's vineyard, and although of the most unobtrusive disposition, allowed no opportunity to escape her of "speaking a word for Jesus," and there remain some who owe the conversion of their souls under God, to her faithful loving dealing with them. She took great interest in the Sabbath school, and at much inconvenience, was a regular and pains taking teacher, at all times ready to further its interests in any way.

Her last illness was a long (two years) and excessively painful one, but borne with the most exemplary fortitude and sweet

submission to the Father's will. It was only when extorted from her by intense agony that she allowed a groan to escape her. In this furnace of suffering she was refined as silver is purified by fire, and the Christian graces shone in her more brightly as the end drew near.

Ever considerate of others even in the midst of her sufferings she would not allow them to sit up with her till the night before her death, and would assist them on their lying down to rest. When the poor tortured body was unweary with the restlessness of death, a few words of prayer by some of her attendants, the singing of a psalm or the reading of a passage of Scripture would tranquillize the weary nerves, and for a few minutes soothe them to comparative ease. No doubts or fears were allowed to disturb her mind but divested of every shred of self trust, her soul was filled with calm settled faith in the Saviour who had sought her, and she has left behind her many a precious testimony of the presence of Jesus with her in the dark valley. Deeply attached as she was to her husband and children yet for many weeks before her death she was enabled to submit herself to all the will of God concerning her and to look forward with sweet resignation to the snatching asunder of every earthly tie. On the day before her death she took an affectionate farewell one by one of her family and some attached friends who were present—charging them to live for Jesus and to meet her in heaven. Many sweet sayings that fell from her lips at this time might be given, but it would too much enlarge the limits of this necessarily brief sketch, they are embalmed in the memories of those who heard them.

An industrious faithful loving wife, a tender, devoted mother, a sincere, affectionate friend, an exemplary and useful member of society, a prayerful, humble, zealous Christian, her loss will be sorely felt and deeply mourned by all who knew her.

"A READER" ONCE MORE.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

MR. EDITOR.—Why did you not flatly reject my communications, or, at least, weed them of the verbal thorns and thistles that seem to have so pricked and pained your thin-skinned fastidious correspondent "Philos"? You can testify that I have never sought favor at your hands, nor called for quarter at the hands of my opponents. I may here state that my wish for the success of the "PRESBYTERIAN" is only subordinate to that of seeing it ever the frank and fearless advocate of principles and practices sanctioned by Scripture, and, of course the uncompromising enemy of whatever is subversive of God's glory and human weal both as regards the present and the coming. Alas for its success when it shall admit to its columns the bane and exclude the antidote, even though the latter should not be so savory as errorists could wish. There are necessary and valuable medicines that defy all attempts to render them pleasant to the palate of the patient. Was there ever an erring urechin faithfully corrected who did not think the rod unsuitable and the stripes heavier by a great deal than the case required? Would any terms or style have satisfied "Philos" that conveyed blame for his attack on temperance men and measures, and for his implied endorsement of the rancid liquor traffic? I wot not. His whim would be uttered all the same. A Reader, while ever careful to put down nought in malice, does not hold his stylus or pen in a gloved hand; nor does he intend to do so, and especially when called on to rebuke the propounders of wrong principles, or the abettors of evil practices, among the latter "Philos" has deliberately taken his place. It may induce you to close your columns against aught from my hand. Well, be it so. Such result would be no loss to me, and according to "Philos" would be a gain to you; if so, his judgment on this is much more sound than on the liquor question. That you receive less angular, smoother communications than mine is readily admitted, but any more honest or less malignant is fearlessly denied. That namby, pamby, goody style of writing that would probably please "Philos" (Grecian in name though he be) I utterly detest, as at best essentially silly, and in most cases morally dishonest. Were our utterances, oral and written, characterized by more directness and downright honesty there would be less jangling and misapprehension amongst us. Words are put to a base use when employed to hide our real thoughts, instead of uncovering and clearly conveying them to others.

Lost I should not have another opportunity, allow me to say a word or two regarding some of the changes in the last letter of "Philos." He says that I use "too freely terms which are not very complimentary, nor true either, according to the views of others." "Complimentary"—assuredly not; nor intended to be so. It would be not only absurd but insulting to compliment any one, even "Philos," for holding wrong principles and pleading for wrong practices. But that the terms I used were truthful and appropriately employed every one of them, I will leave to any jury of educated men, provided they have not recently engaged in the liquor traffic. Let me recommend "Philos" to deprecate a little time to writing on a list of all the "uncomplimentary" terms and hard sayings contained in the Gospels and Epistles, that so offended the Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites, Judiazing teachers and other