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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are indebted to our correspondent in Pictou, as I shall be obliged to him for his promised communication. Steps were taken to commend the subject of his letter to the attention of the Synod. It was received too late to take advantage of it through the pages of the last number of our periodical. We approve highly of the suggestion.

We respectfully remind our correspondent in Jamaica of his promised letter on Church matters.

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The Presbyterian.

We are cheered in our endeavours to render this publication useful to our readers, and to that section of the Church to which we belong, by the increased manifestations of interest, and expressions of sympathy for our objects, with which we are met in numerous quarters, as well as by the increasing Subscription list, which we are gratified to report. We feel more and more convinced that a serial such as this must prove useful, if conducted in a right spirit, if, while controversy for the sake of controversy is avoided, yet there is no disposition to abstain from a legitimate defence of principle and right; and if

above all a due sense is entertained of the responsibility which devolves upon those who are entrusted with the duty of placing month by month before their readers articles which will leave an impress upon many minds. We often think that in these times of intellectual energy and material progress our Pastors should avail themselves to a greater extent than they do of the Religious Press. In an earnest, prayerful spirit, with an anxious sense of duty, a sermon is carefully elaborated, touching the hearts of the hearers, and awakening and arousing, it may be; but such a sermon reaches but a comparatively limited number, while the same thoughts, somewhat condensed perhaps, might have found an avenue through the Press to thousands. Take the case of this publication for example. Two thousand copies monthly find their way into the hands of as many subscribers and families in this and the Lower Provinces; and, taking as a low estimate but four readers of each copy, it would give an audience of 8000 for such an appeal, a number that but seldom the voice of the preacher, however eloquent, however earnest, however devoted to his Master's service he may be, can succeed in reaching. We commend these thoughts to our clerical readers, and we would respectfully remind our readers generally that we are very anxious to be furnished with notes of all local events of interest to the Church. Within the week in which we write, for instance, we have received two letters of a very encouraging nature, and of a similar tone to many others lately received, one remitting for 24 new sub-

scribers from Nova Scotia, and stating that the character of the paper alone induced our correspondent to recommend it, and trusting that it would long continue to commend itself, as it had hitherto done. Again, another friend writes from Western Canada to assure us of the increasing satisfaction that is felt in the *Presbyterian*, and that in many places it continues to fast rise in estimation. We trust that during the time to come this periodical may be more and more continually permitted to effect some small measure of good amongst its readers, and to tend in some degree to the spread of true and undefiled religion amongst us.

DUNDAS CONGREGATION.

We have much satisfaction in extracting the following paragraph from the *Dundas Warder* of July 1st.

PRESENTATION.—On the 25th inst. the ladies in connection with the congregation of St. Andrew's Church presented their young and talented minister, the Rev. Kenneth McLennan, with a handsome silk pulpit gown. This early discernment and practical appreciation by them of the abilities of their Pastor will, no doubt, prove encouraging to him, and urge him to their further development and exercise. Although the ladies have taken the initiative, as so well becomes them to be found foremost in every good work, yet it is pleasing to state that the lords of the creation are also moving. A commodious manse is about being contracted for with Mr. Scott, the builder, and will shortly be erected on the glebe lot. While so much is doing it might be considered ungrateful here to complain of the limited accommodation which the Church affords, but the fact, that urgent demands are made for seats, which cannot be supplied, calls for and at the same time stimulates to still further exertion. It cannot surely be out of place to notice here how