

Crimea. God's judgements are often slighted, and of ourselves, when we think how little of thankfulness for the mercies vouchsafed us we feel or display, we cannot but echo the words of our Saviour in reference to the ten lepers, who were cleansed by His healing will? "Were there not ten cleansed, and where are the nine." May there be many grateful hearts amongst us thanking God for His mercies, and invoking His blessing on our country in the spirit of earnest prayer, for the times are critical.

Europe now sees two ancient enemies standing side by side, arrayed against the great power from the North Country, whose hereditary ambition and aggrandizing spirit threaten to embroil all Europe in the horrors of war. Believing the Parent Country to have been reluctantly forced to take up arms in the defence of freedom and right, our sympathies are with her; and it is a pleasing feature in the contest that, ere engaging in the fight, our soldiers are found imploring their Maker's blessing and protection in prayer, as has been done in recent occasions, for however brief a space. We live in times, big with momentous events. We may be on the eve of the fulfilment of some of those ancient prophecies which Holy Writ has recorded for our instruction and as monuments of God's prescience. But it best becomes us to await in calm dependence on God's will the development of events, devoutly thankful that we are permitted to repose in peaceful tranquillity, removed from the scene of war, and "with none to make us afraid."

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

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Simcoe, per Rev. George Bell,.....	£1 10 0
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Kingston, per Rev. Dr. Machar,.....	16 0 0

JOHN MOWAT,
Treasurer.

KINGSTON, December 29, 1854.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

Darlington, per Rev. J. H. McKerras, for 1855.....	£3 0 0
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Montreal, 1st January, 1855.

THE CONGREGATION OF PICKERING.—We learn that a deputation of the Ladies connected with the Scotch Church in the front of Pickering lately waited upon their worthy Pastor, the Rev. P. MacNaughton, and presented him with a handsome pulpit gown as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his ministrations among them.

Mr. MacNaughton has been settled there for several years; and the presentation, while it evinces the high estimation in which his ability and faithfulness as a Minister are held by his people, is also a proof of the liberality and Christian spirit which characterize the donors.—*Toronto Colonist.*

THE CONGREGATION OF PAKENHAM.
(To the Editor of the Presbyterian.)

Sir,—As you take a deep interest in every thing connected with the congregations of our Church, you may perhaps consider the accompanying addresses with the introductory remarks worthy of insertion in the *Presbyterian*. The gift considered in itself is not deserving of being made public, but the information, elicited on the occasion of its being presented, may be viewed in a different light.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obt., servant.

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In accordance with previous appointment the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Pakenham, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met on Friday, 15th December, for the purpose of presenting their minister with a mark of their affectionate regard. By request their pastor was also in attendance. James Connery, Esq., then, on behalf of the congregation, read the following Address:

"Reverend Pastor and Dear Friend,—Your congregation, by a spontaneous and hearty movement, have resolved on presenting you with these articles, namely, a cutter and buffalo robes, also cap and gauntlets, as being very needful in the case of a minister who, even in the inclement season of the year, has ever shown his zeal for the interests of our Church by attending the meetings of his Presbytery, and his faithfulness to his congregation by never failing to respond to the call for his attendance at the bed of sickness, as well as for other ministerial offices.

"But, Revd. and Dear Sir, it is not so much on account of the real utility of the articles that we beg your acceptance of them as that they may serve as some sort of testimonial of our attachment, and of the very high estimation in which we hold you as a man and a minister in trying circumstances. For these 13 years, during which time you have come in and out among us, you have laboured independently, diligently and in the spirit of love, in this portion of the Vineyard of your Divine Master. We only regret that you have never been remunerated proportionably to your merits; yet we do fondly hope that you will yet see better days in that respect, and that the completion of our renewed House of Worship, after the heavy loss we sustained by the burning of the former one, will be attended with an addition to your temporal comfort, at least with more certainty in the discharge of our pecuniary obligations to you.

"Since entering on your charge here, you have had many difficulties to contend with, some arising from troubles in the Parent Church, and others from the formation of new congregations. But by trust on Him, whose faithful servant you have been, and by the unserving discharge of your duty you have surmounted these difficulties, and now find yourself the respected pastor of an attached and flourishing congregation. Persecution in your case worketh not now openly; the shafts of calumny, however, do still fly occasionally, but, thanks be to the God of all salvation, they fall innocuous.

"Persevere, Revd. and Dear Sir, in your manly and Christian course, persevere in earning the gratitude and the blessing not only of the mature in years but of the young members of your flock, in whose spiritual instruction and for whose eternal welfare you labour so assiduously; persevere and "be thou not afraid of evil tidings, as whose heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord;" "commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass."

"Again, soliciting your acceptance of our comparatively trifling present, we herewith join our humble, fervent prayer that your devout and highly edifying pulpit services and other ministerial labours may be continued to us and ours many years after these articles shall have decayed and disappeared."

The Rev. Alexander Mann then replied as follows:

"My friends, I feel very sensibly this renewed mark of the attachment which exists between me and my spiritual charge. The gift which I have now received is valuable in itself, and as such demands my gratitude. This, however, being only one of many tokens of favour given me during my incumbency, I am conscious of having abundant cause for thankfulness to "the Father of Mercies, and the God of all comfort," and to those whom He has employed as instruments in thus manifesting His great goodness.

"Those with whom I have been connected as a pastor have frequently acted in a manner very creditable to themselves, and worthy of being imitated by others in similar circumstances. In so far as I am individually concerned, I am aware that I have had no special claims to such marks of kindness. I make this statement without the least degree of affectation. During the 9 years I officiated in the capacity of minister of McNab, Pakenham, Fitzroy and other surrounding townships, the duties which devolved on me were greater than I could efficiently perform. In such an extensive field of labour, had my abilities been superior to what they were, I could not have discharged these in a satisfactory manner. But my deficiencies were not only borne with, but substantial proofs were from time to time given of a uniform desire to encourage my heart and