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The Argentinian Advertiser says: "The Year Book is in its second issue, and shows improvement even in the excellence of the first. It is, in short, a real boon for Presbyterians, and ought to be in the hands of all belonging to the Church, especially its officers."

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THE PREMIUM PHOTOGRAPH.

We have not yet exhausted the stock of photographs on hand, and shall continue sending them out in the order in which we receive subscriptions until further notice.

THE LATE REV. GEO. BURNS, D.D.

Our obituary of last week contained a notice of the death at Edinburgh, Scotland, of the Rev. George Burns, D.D., only surviving brother of the late Rev. Dr. Burns of this city.

SIR A. T. GALT'S PAMPHLET.

Since the appearance of this pamphlet, it has received a very large amount of attention, and provoked a great deal of comment from the press of all parties and creeds.

One thing which is constantly overlooked by the political press or purposely kept out of sight, is the political character which the Romish Church everywhere assumes. We are told by some that the change in Quebec, where it is admitted that any has taken place, is a matter of internal regulation in the Church with which we have nothing to do.

objects of the alliance are concerned there is no reason why it should not include liberal Catholics. If the word Protestant is offensive, there is no reason why liberal Roman Catholics should not form a similar alliance, and nothing should hinder the two organizations, working in harmony so far as they can go together for purely civil and political purposes.

ANGLICAN INTOLERANCE.

"Whom the gods wish to destroy they first drive mad," is an old proverb, but one which it seems altogether impossible for many ever to profit by.

A bill, known as the Burials Bill, to deprive the Church of this sacred right to flaunt its arrogant supremacy in the faces of dissenters, and would if not positively insult them, has been before the Imperial Parliament again and again, and though always defeated is likely very soon to be carried.

This circular draws attention to the alarming degeneracy of the Conservative party which has allowed the majority against this bill to be three times smaller than according to good Conservative principles it ought have been.

These precious secretaries of this precious Society are treated to a bit of Mr. Lewis's mind in a way that, however richly they deserve it, we fancy they did not expect.

make. Let me assure you that my constituents know me a great deal better than you do, and that they would (for the first time I hope and believe) have a well-grounded feeling of contempt for me if I were to prove myself capable of being influenced by such a proceeding as yours.

The irony of the closing sentence is very fine, and must have been very much relished by Messrs. Kitson and Ridley: "To save you trouble I shall communicate this correspondence to my constituents by sending a copy to each of the local papers.

Nothing can be more encouraging or more helpful to those who are seeking the overthrow of State Churches than just such conduct as the above. All that is needed is just to let alone such infatuated advocates of Church Establishment as these honorary secretaries, and they will by their own hand seal soon and forever the doom of a church to which they so anxiously labour to preserve the power to domineer over and trample upon the just rights of others.

HOME MISSION FUND.

By a reference to another column, it will be seen that the Home Mission Committee for the Western District (Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia), meets on Monday evening, 3rd April.

"Let the churches throughout the Dominion gird up their loins and apply themselves with a will to the work given them to do in their Home Mission fields. No other work can have such claims upon them as that of giving the Bread of Life to their own children.

"There are many thousands of our countrymen, who, without our aid, must toil on for long years without hearing the sound of the preacher's voice. And there are devoted preachers who must either abandon fields already occupied, or be doomed to lives of drudgery, with the cheerless prospect of encountering 'age and want, oh! ill-matched pair!'

A CHINESE Professorship is to be established at Oxford; and a Chinese Embassy has been appointed at the English Court.

ARCHBISHOP TACHEREAU is said to have written in reply to the Anglican Bishop of Quebec, censuring as unseemly the conduct of Father O'Connor, in his entering the national school and haranguing children who were not Roman Catholics on their heresy, and stating that such a thing will not be allowed to occur again.

THE great elm on Boston Common has been growing down. It is supposed to have been blown down 1680. Some of the early executions in the old colony took place on its limbs. During the revolutionary struggles, it was a place of constant resort by the Sons of Liberty, who illuminated it with lanterns on festal occasions.

BROOKLYN ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The proceedings of the Council held recently in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, in reference to the case of the famous Henry Ward Beecher are most instructive as illustrating the principles of congregationalism. We have no doctrs to comment on the charges which have been brought against Mr. Beecher, and in the present situation of affairs it would be unjust as well as ungenerous to do so.

Had Mr. Beecher been a member of the Brooklyn Presbytery, we are satisfied that the case would have been disposed of long ago and to the satisfaction of all parties. The first sound of the rumour would have called the brethren of the Presbytery together. They would have enquired secretly into the matter in the first instance. It would have been much easier to have got at the facts at the time than it can be now.

The entire "get up" of a council is most unsatisfactory. The Plymouth Church invites the representatives of as many congregations and as many ministers without charge as it may choose. The invited guests may come or not, as they like.

With the Presbyterian system of government the case is entirely different. The Presbytery is a fixed body. Every member is bound to be present at every meeting. If absent, he may be called to assign a reason. In a case of discipline, once it comes to be of the nature of public rumor, every member of Presbytery must do his duty in reference to it, whether he likes it or not.