

auxiliary in the home. The duty of systematic giving, of self-reliance, with the view of arriving at self-support in our French churches, could be made clearer through the press.

The paper will act as a missionary in many homes of converts scattered all over the country where the sound of the Gospel is seldom heard, and where there is no other means of edification.

It will be the means of giving saving light to hundreds of so-called Romanists who never go to their own churches, cannot for the present be induced to enter our churches, but are willing to read a good paper.

It will also act as a bond of union between the various missionary societies and help to unify the work, encourage, stimulate and guide, especially the young missionaries.

Finally, it will be one of our strongest powers, in the present state of things in Quebec, to prevent his rebellion against ecclesiasticism from continuing into a godless and lawless rebellion.

A few weeks ago I was passing through Montreal, my intention being to return to the United States, where I have been for the last nine years engaged in French evangelistic work. I was urged by the leaders of French work in Montreal to return to Canada and take charge of this journalistic enterprise. I hesitated a good deal, largely because the duty of raising the funds as well as the editorial work would all fall on me. The duty seemed pressing, and, trusting in God, I accepted. I feel the responsibility keenly; wisdom, prudence, courage and faith are needed. I trust that the financial cares will soon be settled so that I may settle down to the real work—that of speaking in love to young, middle-aged and old from week to week and lead them to higher planes of duty, culture and spirituality. I have no doubt that many of those to whom I speak will consider it a privilege to be co-workers with us in an enterprise so far-reaching in its results. Consider no offering too small. May the great Father bless all these means to bring into His family many a wanderer. May He hasten the day when this whole country shall recognize no other head, no other priest but Christ.

### Taxation of Churches.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Council was held last week at the lecture room of Knox church to confer as to the bill now before the Legislature regarding the taxation of church property. There were present a large number of trustees and church managers of the various city Presbyterian churches. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. A. Paterson, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Turnbull. The discussion on the subject to be considered was begun with the resolution moved by Mr. A. M. Smith, and seconded by Mr. W. W. Hodgson, "That all exemptions be abolished except church buildings." A large number of members spoke to the motion, and the majority of them were in favour of the abolition of exemptions, but expressed the opinion that the proposed bill did not go far enough.

After considerable discussion, the bill was amended, at the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Turnbull, and with the consent of the mover and seconder, to read as follows:—"We, the Toronto Presbyterian Council, are in favour of the abolition of all exemptions from taxation, except in church buildings, but are opposed to the bill at present before the Legislative Assembly, on the ground that it is only a partial measure, and unjustly discriminates against church property and burying grounds."

Rev. G. M. Milligan opposed the motion. He considered that the fact that church property was not taxed was an assurance of the Christian sentiment and belief of the community. He therefore moved in amendment "That this meeting, without expressing any opinion on the general subject of exemption from taxes, is opposed to the bill number 68, now before the Legislative Assembly for the taxation of church property."

The motion was put and carried by a majority of one, but on a demand for a recount it was defeated. Several gentlemen proposed other amendments, but Mr. Hodg-

son insisted on having the original motion put to the meeting. At length Rev. Mr. Burns succeeded in having the following amendment considered and voted on:—"That the Presbyterian Council disapproves of the bill number 68, before the Legislative Assembly, inasmuch as the question of exemptions is not fully dealt with in the bill."

The motion on being put, was carried by a substantial majority, and the chairman, Mr. J. A. Paterson, Rev. Dr. MacLaren and Rev. G. M. Milligan were appointed a committee to wait on the Government and express the views of the Council.

THE annual social meeting of the Haynes Ave. church, St. Catharines, was held on the 1st inst. There was a good attendance of members and others. The Rev. W. H. Geddes, the pastor, presided. The programme was very interesting. Seven reports, covering all the work of the congregation, were read. The reports were encouraging, showing the church to be in a healthy condition. A very cordial address was presented to Rev. Mr. Geddes by the elders and board of managers. Mr. Geddes has been four months settled over Haynes Ave. and St. David's congregations, and is much esteemed and beloved in his field of labour. The organist, Miss S. Hare, was presented with a very complimentary address, and a valuable gold watch and chain.

### A Word to the Wise is Sufficient

A considerable number of objections have been raised against life insurance, but as yet none have proved sufficiently effectual to induce the large number of people to drop the policies they hold in the different life companies.

Any person who has taken an interest in the theme will come to the conclusion that during the past few years the life insurance companies operating in Canada have made rapid strides in regard to their financial standing, and it can be truly said to-day that most of the old time prejudices against it are gradually disappearing.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, whose name is known over the whole American continent, uses the following language, expressive of his views on the subject: "Life insurance companies help most of us to provide for our families after we are gone, but if we have money to pay the premiums, and do not pay them, we have no right to expect mercy at the hand of God in the judgment."

We are worse than Tom Paine, worse than Voltaire, and worse than Lafontaine. The Bible declares it we are worse than a field of corn.

"But, says some man, I mean in the next ten or twenty years to make a great fortune, and so I shall leave my family where I go out of this world very comfortable."

"How do you know you are going to live ten or twenty years? If we could look up the highway of future we would see it crossed by pneumonias, and pleurisics and consumptions and colliding railway trains, and runaway horses, and breaking bridges, and funeral processions."

Are you so certain you are going to live ten or twenty years you can warrant your household any comfort after you go away from them? Besides that, the vast majority of men die poor.

"But, says another, I am a man of small means, and I cannot afford to pay the premium. That is sometimes a lawful and genuine excuse, and there is no answer to it; but in nine cases out of ten when a man says that, he smokes out of ten, and drinks down in wine, and expends in luxuries enough money to have paid the premium on a life insurance policy which would have kept his family from beggary when he is dead. A man ought to put himself on the strictest economy until he can meet this Christian necessity. You have no right to the luxuries of life until you have made such provision."

"The utter indifference of many people on this important subject, accounts for much of the crime and pauperism of the day."

"If there be anything more pitiable than a woman delicately brought up, and on her marriage day, by an indulgent father, given to a man to whom she is the chief joy and pride of life until the moment of death, and then that same woman going out with helpless

children at her back to struggle for bread in a world where brawny muscle and rugged soul are necessary—I say if there be anything more pitiable than that I do not know of it."

After perusing the above you should act at once, by communicating with the agents of some responsible life insurance company, and endeavour, if it lies in your power, to place some insurance on your life. A life company that has a record for the prompt payment of its death claims and liberal treatment to its members is the one in which you should insure your life.

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## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The regular half-yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee, will be held on

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH,

At 9 a.m. in the lecture room of

St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

Claims for the past six months, and extract minutes of Presbyteries bearing upon the business to come before the Committee, should be forwarded to Dr. Warden or the Convener, not later than the 25th of March.

Congregations who have not sent in their contributions for Home Missions and Augustinian, should do so at once, as the Committee can only make payments according to the 'unions in their hands at the date of meeting.

WM. COCHRANE, Convener.

Brantford, March 1st, 1891

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