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## ARE YOU MEANT?

WE are near the close of another year. Many subscriptions for 1878 still remain unpaid; and not a few of our subscribers are indebted for two, three, and even four years! This should not be so. The publication of such a paper as THE PRESBYTERIAN is a costly undertaking; and it becomes exceedingly onerous when the amounts which should go for paying rent, fuel, printers, paper-makers, etc., etc., are in the hands of slow-paying readers, instead of being promptly remitted.

We respectfully request all who are in arrears to remit us the amount due. Do not wait until after the New Year to make your payment. Do so now. Examine the address-label on your paper, and if it does not indicate payment up to 31 Dec., 1878, make remittance to cover subscription to that date, along with two dollars for 1879.

In the past we have been lenient—too lenient, perhaps—with subscribers; in the future, justice to ourselves will compel us to insist on a settlement at least once a year.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

ALL communications for the Clerk of the Presbytery of Quebec are to be addressed Rev. P. Lindsay, Three Rivers, Que.

AT the Christmas examination of the Almonte High School, the pupils presented Mr. McGregor, the principal, with a handsome easy chair and a very cordial address, to which Mr. McGregor made a suitable reply.

PROFESSOR MCINTYRE, Principal of the Young Ladies' College, Brantford, recently delivered a lecture on "Nelson and the British Navy" in aid of the funds of the Young Men's Christian Association of that town. The lecture is highly spoken of by the local press.

THE Irish Branch of the Evangelical Alliance is engaged in forming classes for the study of Christian Evidences and Protestant Theology. General examinations will be held in April next. The classes at Belfast have been very successful, and many prizes were obtained by the students.

MORMONISM is just now being more thought about and discussed than for many years. Right thinking people in the United States begin to look upon the state of things in Utah as somewhat disgraceful. It is a good sign that the leaders of the Mormon Church begin to feel uneasy. Probably they see the doom of the iniquity approaching.

THE second lecture of a course arranged by the Young Men's Self-improvement Class of Knox Church, Dundas, was delivered on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th inst., by the Rev. Mr. McLeod of Paris. The lecture was a capital one, the subject "Anything will do," being treated in a highly entertaining and instructive manner, and thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the audience. A hearty vote of thanks was returned to Mr. McLeod. The Rev. Mr. Laing occupied the chair.

PROF. ROBERTSON SMITH, of Aberdeen, suspended from office on account of his theological views, has gone to Arabia. A correspondent of the New York "Observer" writes of him from Scotland: "He is going to study Arabic for the benefit of the Aberdeen students, whom he still hopes to be permitted to teach. That he will find an outlet for his learning, I do not doubt. The Established Church has been put in great fear by the Liberationists. Its leaders seem now to believe that the battle is at the gates; and one or two of them have lost their heads in consequence."

A MUSICAL and literary soiree was held in connection with the Ottawa Young Ladies' College on Thursday evening, 19th inst. A select audience assembled at the invitation of the Principal, Rev. Dr. Kemp, under whose able management the institution continues to maintain the high reputation it has enjoyed for several years past. The programme included vocal and instrumental music, recitations, dialogues in English, French and German, etc. The entertainment was full of interest, and gave the parents of the pupils an opportunity of witnessing their proficiency in the lighter subjects.

THE Sabbath school of Chalmers' church, Woodstock, held its anniversary meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, 17th inst. The attendance was large. A very large number of musical selections were given by the little folks in splendid style. The annual report of the superintendent, Mr. Mair, showed the school to be in a flourishing state. The average attendance had been 176 for the year, with 240 on the roll. This is a very large increase on former years. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. McMullen, of Woodstock; McEwen, Ingersoll; Thompson and Inglis, Ayr; McLeod, Stratford, and others.

ON the evening of Thursday, the 19th inst., the pupils of the Brantford Young Ladies' College gave a Christmas concert in the spacious dining-room of the institution. Rev. Dr. Cochrane, at the request of Mr. McIntyre, the Principal, opened the proceedings with prayer, after which a varied programme of recitations and music was carried out. A sketch of the work of the College since its inception in 1874 was given by Dr. Cochrane as President of the Faculty. He made special reference to the solid work done by the present principal and his efficient staff, and to the success of their efforts in the direction of raising the standard of scholarship.

WE clip the following from an exchange as marking another step in the history of the tramp movement: "Two howling tramps and a desperate woman, on the night of the 16th, entered the Carlisle Presbyterian Church through the window and made themselves comfortable for the night by filling the stove with Bibles, Sabbath school books and papers and coal oil. They were discovered by Mr. Benj. Porter next morning, who tried to detain the tramps, but they proved too strong for the old man, and finally escaped. Since then Constable Hodgins captured the woman, who will be brought before Squire Atkinson."

THE London "Advertiser" says: "The Inspiration of Scripture," and "A Catechism on the Doctrines of the Plymouth Brethren," are two pamphlets from the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN press, Toronto. The first of these is a lecture delivered by the Rev. Prof. McLaren at the opening of the current session of Knox College, and is full of thought, a valuable contribution to this important theme of the authority of the Bible. The second is by Rev. Prof. Croskery, M.A., of Magee College, Londonderry. By the Socratic method, the Professor dissects and shows the anatomy of Plymouth teaching. The strongest point he makes is against the Antinomianism of the Darbyites. They are well printed and opportune. Price ten cents.

THE commercial crisis abroad is much more serious than it is in this country. Here over-production is charged as one of the causes of hard times, which have been aggravated by unemployed labor. In Europe political economists are tracing hard times to the immense standing armies, which are sustained mainly through the military influence of Germany. It is estimated that the European nations have now 7,500,000 men under arms. These men are non-producers and are taken from their legitimate spheres of daily toil. These men cost on an average \$200 per annum, or about four million dollars each day, or a total of fifteen hundred millions of dollars per annum, expended for the services of men who do not add one penny to the productions of the country. The United States maintains no such army and the people do not have taxes to pay to support it, for which they should be truly thankful.

THE week of prayer for 1879 will commence on Sabbath, January 5th, and will be observed by most Protestant denominations throughout the country. The following is the schedule of the subjects agreed upon by the Evangelical Alliance, which have the arrangements in charge: For Sabbath, January 5th, as a subject for the pulpit:—"Christian Union." Monday, January 6th—Thanksgiving for the blessings of the year past, and prayer for their continuance. Tuesday, January 7th—Prayer for the Church of Christ: its ministers, its growth in grace, and its enlargement. Wednesday, January 8th—Christian education: the family, the young, colleges, seminaries of learning, Sabbath and other schools: Christian Associations of Young Men and Young Women. Thursday, January 9th—For nations: rulers, and people; for peace and religious liberty in the earth. Friday, January 10th—The press: for a blessing on publishers, editors and authors; the cause of temperance and other social reforms. Saturday, January 11th—Home and Foreign Missions and the conversion of the world. On Sabbath evening, January 12th—Public union meetings will be held for prayer and praise.