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NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS. "READER" has considerable cause for complaint. We shall take care not to allow our correspondent to expend himself quite so foolishly.

TO OUR READDRS.

This is the first number of our fourth volume. For three years the PRESBYTERIAN has made its weekly visits to an over increasing number of homes. It has been comewhat hard uphill work, but we have porsevered, cheered by the sympathy and asistance, and approval of very many of the excellent of the earth Blany doubted whether we should be able to make good our portion, and waited patiently to see if the Presbyterian would disappear like its the right time would have at a much earlier period put the fact beyond all doubt, that the British American Presbyterian was not going to have any such fate. Our prospects were never better than at present, though still it is the day of small things with us. Our readers can assist us in the most effective manner by recommending the Pags-BYTERIAN to their friends, and inducing them to become subscribers. If our subscription list were increased, even were it only by one half of its present amount, we could improve and enlarge the paper in many ways. Will our friends help us in pired, to renew without delay. The sum in each individual case is small, but in the aggregate it is far different.

MR. CARRUTHER'S CASE.

A Presbyterian Minister's wife sends us a dollar as the contribution of her son-a lad of about 18-who says he will be happy to send the same amount every year. We have handed the money over to the Rev. Mr. Reid, as we could scarcely engage to be the treasurer to such a fund. We have no doubt Mr. Reid will very gladly take charge of all contributions sent to his care, and we sinserely hope that very speedily the object aimed at will be gained, and a provision be made for life for poor Mr. Carruthers who has been so long and so sadly affloted.

A VERY GOOD REASON WHY.

It is often asked why religious Wecklies cannot be published at as low a rate as the v editions of the scoular dailies. The New York Christian Advocate explains for made an immediate political issue. So the sake of some of its subscribers. We re- | that the very movement of the "Tracts for produce the explanation here because it may save us a great deal of trouble, and serve to remove a serious misapprehension under which a inrge number of our readers are at present labouring. Our contempor, y says: "Daily papers make up their weekly issues by using portions of the matter of their dailies; and thus the whole expense of editing and of type setting for the weeklies is saved. The entire cost of their production is the price of the blank raper, and the work of passing it through the press, and the mailing. By a careful calculation, it is found that the cost of a printed sheet of the ordinary size of such papers, is about one cent, or fifty cents por year. But in that case, nothing is allowed for editing and type setting-the two heaviest items in the production of any well prepared newspaper. It must be plain, therefore, that ar _ular weekly paper cannot be produced for the price at which the weekly editions of daily payers are sold."

The Social Re union held recently in the Daly Street Presbytorian Church was well attended, and was in all respects a great success. The paster of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, presided, and the speakers were the Hon. Malcolia Cameron, Rov. Messrs. Stewart, Gordon, and Hall. The proceedings of the evening work varied by some pieces of fine music, rendered by the choir, to whom, as well as to the speakers, a vote of thanks was extended at the | Church and Ritualistic tendencies of its alclose of the meeting.

CONTROVERSY IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Although not directly interested, we are

not unsympathising witnesses . the struggle a v going on in the Caurch of England. The last thirty years has seen many strange things in that community, and the present generation may not see the end of the revived energy that has shown itself by all parties. According to Dr. Nowman, it was the apprehension that with the increase of liberty and extension of the franchise, a lawless, restless radicalism would be developed, which might overthrow the Established Church, that first led Dr. Pusey and his associates to seek for some other safeguard than the will of the people as expressed by parliament. Hence arose the effort to show that the Anglican Church is the church founded by the Apostles. Hence to the necessity of proving Apostolic succession through a prefacy and sacramental grace by virtue of this ministry. The logical issue of these ingenious historical questionings, which refuse to go back beyond the third century lest they should prove too much, was to lead many into the Church of Rome. Others remain in the Church of England, although they claim to retain all Catholic traditions and practices, and can show no difference between the Roman Catholic and the Anglican Catholie, except that the latter is asserted to be the true Church, and the former an Apostate sister which had added some strange things to Catholic' tradition in the dark ages. It does seem strange to true Protestants that mon can deceive themselves with the idea of Apostolic descent from St. Paul through the ancient Church of Britain, while they predecessors, while their practical holp at must acknowledge the subjection of that Church to the Pope of Rome through the missionaries who accompanied and follow ed St. Augustine; but a little thing will suffice to to prove what men are anxious to

While many have been so consistent as to go over to Rome, the Catholics who remain have been most energetic in re-intro ducing into the Church of England the imposinglritual, and half-heathen ceremonies and festivals of the Church of the middle ages. Thus, though nominally separate from the Romish communion, chousands in the Established Church approve of SACERDOTALism, with its priests, its sacrifice, its altar its robes, it absolution. And in the Church we have the mass, the wafers, the elevathis matter? Need we do more also than | tion and adoration of the host (victim,) and hint to those whose subscription have ex- the confessional. Prayers are offered for the dead, and the intercession of the Virgin Mary and the Saints is invoked; the name Protestant, too, is contemptuously rejected. and every thing is practised as near to Romish custom as the law and the prayer-book with its rubric will permit. No wonder that Protestant feeling has shown itself, and when frustrated by tedious litigation, has appealed to the Christian sense of the people. Our only wonder is, that so little is being said and done in defence of Protestant truth, and our fear is that there is not sufficient back bone to vindicate the truth against the usurpation of

> The controversy now raging in England is of absorbing interest. There can be little doubt that Monsignor Capel has proved that Romish doctrines are being taught by many in the Church of England, and it is significant that Jesuitical cunning judges the time to have arrrived when, throwing off disguise, it may openly carry on its warfare both within and without the pale of the Established Church. It would seem, too, that the question of disestablishment will be the Times,"which was begun to save the state Church, may in fifty years end in bringing about indirectly the very issue it was intended to prevent.

The exciting Broad Church controversy meanwhile experiences a lull. It has been decided that in the state Church a Broad Churchman of the essay and review Colenso type, may deny every evangelical doctrine and yet be a clergyman, just as a Ritualist may practice almost every thing Popish, and yet evade episcopal inhibition. Disestablishment, however, will rouse that question again, and evangelical convictions may yet make themselves felt in a truly Reformed Episcopal Church delivered from the incubus of state thraldom.

in our own province the combat deepens. The complaint of the Churchwardens at Weston, Out., have at length been so far regarded as to have secured official investigation. The incumbent shows the true Ritualistic spuit; no evades the inquiry, and by resorting to every subterfuge will try to prevent the real issue being arrived at. The charges against Dean Grasset and his associates are meanwhile awaing the tedious rumbrous processes of civil litigants, and one prosecutors crave delay. Trinity Collego is being thoroughly overhauled, and the character of its teaching is being exposed, and by and bye it will become evident who is to blame for the alleged High

For us these matters are flaught with deep interest. We cannot help sympathizing with the Protestant position and aspirations of the Church Association, and wish them success. The Anglican Church can accomplish much in our Dominion if it is true to evangelical religion. On the other hand, the consequences of High Church exclusiveness and assumption, and Ritualistic mammeries, must be to alienato from the Anghean Church all other denominations of Christians, and to prepare the way among our people for the superstitions ignorance and subservient spirit, if not the dominance of Roman Catholicism in our country,

PROTESTANTISM. WHAT IS IT?

"In answer to the question what I meant by tolling English Churchmen that the Bishop's charge was 'a brave and clear protest against Protestantism,' I wished to convey this:—that the Bishop had spoken out holdly against modern false doctrines, heresies, and schismatic departures from the faith and practice of the primitive Church, down to the last new sect of the Cumminsites. Protestantism is to my mind the congeries of man-made 10ligious systems, in which each individual member is an infallible Pope to himself. This definition will cover all the denominations, from the more sober Puritanism of more or less "Orthodox Dissenters," to the wild fanaticism of the Shakers, the heresy of Socimun Unitarians, and the disgusting disciples of free love. This is what is popularly meant by Protestantism; and against this the Church of England, from the time that Protestantism began, some 800 years ago, to raise its head in Europe, has never ceased to protest and I hope she

We clip the above from a letter signed T. Bedford Jones, and dated Ottawa. We presume the writer is the Rev. Dr. Jones. rector of St. Alban's Church, the advanced Ritulistic Church of the Metropolis. With the controversy to which it is a contribu tion we have nothing to do, but the view given of Protestantism is worthy of our con-

We cannot think that Dr. Jones has been led to adopt the above outrageous "definition through ignorance of history, but he betrays most lamentable ignorance of the sentiments of Christians other than those within the Church of England. We can understand however, how a mind that has shut itself out from all intercourse with dissenters of any type, and risen to the height of High Churchism from that lofty empyrean of ecclesiastical isolation can proudly look down and refuse even to think of or listen to men who dare to think for themselves without asking the church. 'May I think, dear mother, or must I believe what you say." But what will men think of such a mind? A mind, to which Protestantism is a congonies of man-made religious systems in which each individual member is an unfallable Pope to himself." Well if Dr. Jones could stoop to listen we might whisper in his ear a question or two. Since my revered priest, I may not judge for myself on religious matters, who is to be my guide? Dr. Jones will say, your spiritual adviser, that is, priest. Then must be belong to the Anglican Church? Yes; he must be in the true apostolic succession. But is every man on whose head the Bishop's hands were laid an infallible expounder of God's Word? No, for Dean Grasset and Mr. Baldwin is all wrong. To whom then shall I go, if Dean Grasset is not infallible? To your bishop to be sure. And is the Bishop infallible? Well. yes, "the matured utterances of my bishop" are infallible. But if my bishop contradicts yours who shall decide? The law courts and my council to be sure. And are they infallible? Well, no; our history tells what is untrue of the times of Henry VIII and Edward VI. Is there then any infullible interpreter of God's revealed will? The church of course. Yes, reverend guide, but does not a church speak through a man? If so then the Roman Catholic is right, and the Pope as the Head of the Church can alone be our infallible guide.

Dr. Jones position leads to Rome, all he says notwithstanding. The only true position is the Protestant one the right of private judgement in interpreting God's revealed will. Nor, we venture to say, would Dr. Jones object if the private judgment of any Protestant should lead him to accept the church's exposition of Scripture; it is only when private judgement is against the reverend gentleman that he is against the Protestant's right to exercise it.

On Friday evening the 5th February, a number of the Barton congregation visited the manse of their pastor at Ancaster. They provided for themselves and other guests " generous ropast. After some time had been pleasantly spent by the party, Mr. Young read an address expressive of the esteem of the people of Barton for their pastor and his wife, and presented to the latter a very handsome sawing machine of the best dedescription Mr. McLeod suitably acknowledged their very useful and appropriate gift; and considering what his people have already done, the gift was felt by their pastor to be as generous as it was

Ministers and Churches.

THE 1st congregation of the C P. Church

in the Township of Ohinguzeousy, dedica-

ted their new building to the service of

God on Subbath, the 24th ult. The Rev.

W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, officiated

in the morning and in the evening. The Rev. J. M. King of Toronto, in the afternoon. The services were throughout in unison with the special occasion, and the sermons, in which prominence was given to the fundamental dectrines of our religion, and to the exhibition of Jesus Christ, as the Saviour of the fallen, and the head over all things to the Church, were alike from the subjects, and the freshness with which they were invested, calculated to rouse many to serious thought, and to comfort and cheer the Christian in his higher life. Though the day was stormy, there was a full attendance at each service. The collections amounted to \$158. The ten meeting on Monday evening, notwithstanding the continued storm, was largely attended. After partiking of a repast, furnished by the ladies of the congregation, in the old Church, the audience assembled in the new building. The pastor, the Rov. R. Mc-Croll, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. T. McMullen, who, during his short stay, has become a favorite with our people, by the Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, and the Rev. J. Blaikie, of Brampton, and the Rev. J. Smith, of Bowmanville. The speeches, chiefly bearing on congregational work, were of that fresh, racy, and instructive character, so congenial to such occasions, and were well received. The frequent applause of the audionce attested alike the appreciation of the sentiments and of the happy and cloquent manner in which they were expressed. The choir enlivened the meeting with a selection of authems appropriately chosen and well rendered. The proceeds amounted to \$95. The Church is of red brick, relieved with white brick and cut free stone. It is built after the Gothic style, with stained glass in the gable windows, and resembles that built by the Claude station of the same congregation four years ago, which contrasts favorably with the best of our country Churches. It is a model of neatness and comfort: furnished with brautiful and expensive lamps; the aisles laid with cocoa matting, and the platform covered with a rich tapestry. It is scated for 225, and finished at a cost of \$2,860. There is no debt. The managers are new taking steps for the erection of entirely new sheds, and for the building of a hall for Sunday. school purposes, lectures, &c., which they expect to have finished by June next. The Claude congregation of the same pas toral charge have doubled their former shed accommodation, and have built a new hall for Sunday-school work. The hall was formally opened on the 20th ult., and a ten meeting held in connection therewith. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. Mc-Faul, of Charleston, Rov. T. Argue, and Rev. J. Blackie, of Brampton, and Mr. R. Smith, M. P. The proceeds amounted to \$53. There is no remaining debt. During the pastorate of their present minister, which extends over the past six years, those stations have, with a unanimity unbroken, and with a liberality truly commendable, bought a globe and manse proporty, built two new brick Churches, and made all necesary improvements, at an outlay of over \$9,000. The contributions to the schemes of the Church have, during the last year, been over the general average of the whole Church per member, Viewing our prosperity in the past, there is much cause for devout thanksgiving. Hoping that the spritual devotion may characterizo us as a people, as well as outward success, our prayer is, that God may fulfill to us His promise: "I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing."

PRESENTATION AT OAKVILLE .- One of those mutually pleasing little affairs which are not soon forgotten by any concerned, and which serve to encourage ministers in their work of faith and labor of love, transpired at the Presbyterian manse in this town last Wednesday evening, when Rev. Mr. Meikle and family, were unexpectedly visited by numerous self-invited gaests from the congregation of the Presbyterian church, on the sixteenth. During the evening, which was very pleasantly spent, Mr. Meikle was presented with a purse containing a hundred dollars, as a token of love. esteem and gratitude, in recognition of the valuable services rendered their church in years past. The attendance at this church seven years ago, when Mr. Meikle first took charge of it, did not number more than thirty members; now the list of members is so large that there is not a scat to spare in the church, and at the service last Sabbath it was crowded to excess.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, a number of the members of the congregation of Luox Church, O o, assembled, and cut about twenty five cords of wood, on the globe, for the minister's use, leaving it ready for the stove .- Orillia Packei.

AT a meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, held ca Wednesday ovening, the following gentle to men were elected Trustees for the year 1875 :- Messrs. J.A. Cameron, James Kyle! J. Lafayette, W. McCullough, and T. Tate? Mr. A. Stewart the retiring Treasurer, read the financial report for the yest year, which was extremely encouraging. The churcual nee from debt, and there being a supple over, a bonus of \$100 was voted to the worthy pastor, Mr. Traver. During the year the congregation has also raised at much money as to pay off the mortgage cal the manee, about \$1,000. It is in contem. plation to provide better accommodation for the Sabbath School, which is much wanted, the present basement, where the School is held, being altogether unfit for the purpose. All this has been done by the members and adherents of the church a fact which speaks well for their liberality.

THE Subbath School Anniversary of the Presbytorian Church, Barrie, was hold last evening. The basement was excessively crowded, many persons not being able to flud standing room. The various Reading Recitations, &c., were excellent. A striking feature in the evening's entertainment was the tender age of some of the children while recited, many of them being mere infanta, Addresses were delivered by the Rev. John Beattie, J. McL. Stevenson, Reeve of Brad ford. The appearance of the Sunday School is very much improved by the nex illuminated texts and mottoes which nor adorn the walls.

THE Orilla Packet says: The annual Missionary Meeting in Esson Church, Ora on the 27th of January, was well attended The Rev. R. Frasci, B.A., gave an excellent address on the subject of Missions-partic ularly the Home Missions. Rev. R. Fair bairn, Pastor, occupied the chair. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Richard Anderson, added to the interest of the preceedings by singing a selection of suitable

THE four leading religious denomina tions of Philadelphia report churches ad communicants as follows: Baptists, # churches, 16,507 communicants; Episcophans, 79 churches, 18,125 communicant; Methodists, 75 churches, 19,770 communi cante, Presbytcriaus, (not including the "United" and "Reformed" branche which tegether number about 11,000 com municants,) 72 churches and 22,035 communicants.

THE Church Herald, Toronto, say the Orilha Packet, has been amalgamated with the Church Journal, I New York, an ard rangement which seems undesirable, and likely to be of short duration. The Episopalians in Canada are quite able, and we believe would be willing to support 1 Church paper, representing the body, s the Guardian does the Methodists, and the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN the Pre-

THE sum of \$9,000 has already been subsubscribed by the Rev. Mr. Middlemis congregation, in Elora, to build a new church, for which a plan is now being se lected. With this view, a deputation consisting of the Rev. Mr. Middlemiss, Messrs. J. M. Frasor, R. Cromer, A. Gordon, and Jas. Gladstone, arrived in Guelph to inspect the churches in that town.

THE Woodstock Sentinel remarks: "The energy of the members of the C. P. Church Ratho, is something wonderful. During last sinmer they almost wholly robuilt their church, and during the last seven or eight years they have built their manse three times, it being destroyed by fire twice."

THE Rev. J. McTavish, of Woodstock has been invited to hold a series of meetings under the auspices of the Orillia Your; Mon's Christian Association, and the Expositor is informed he has consented to do so. Particulars of the meetings will le given in due time.

An English rector, with a salary of \$10,000 a year, having failed for \$120,000. compromising with his sixty-iour creditors at 25 per cent., has been requested by his bishop to resign. He has declined, 23d says that, having "great expectations," be will econtually pay up in full.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Godorich, have paid off one half the debt on the manso-\$300. The remaining portion will soon be paid off, as a good portion is already subscribed.

Rev. Joshua Fraser, B.A., now of Whitby, preached in the "Kirk" on Sabbath evening last. His sermon was eloquent and effective, and was highly spoken of.

The Rev. J. P. Baikie, has declined the call from the congregations of Hanover and West Bentick.

REV. Jas. Bryant was ordained minister of the Caunda Presbyterian Church, Glerallan, on the 26th January. THE ladies of St. John's Church, Almonte,

intend holding a series of soirces during THE old Knox Church, Paisley, is to be sold and removed the remainder of the winter.

and removed. A SACRED concert in Knox Church, Mon.

treal, last week, realized \$125. THE Presbytorians of Meaford have placed an organ in their church.