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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters and articles intended for the next issue should be in the hands of the Editor not later than Tuesday morning. All communications must be accompanied by the writer's name, otherwise they will not be inserted.

OUR GENERAL AGENTS.

MR. Wm. STEPHENSON, General Advertising and Subscription Agent, will visit Bradford, Galt, Guelph, etc., in the course of this and following weeks.

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THERE WAS AN error made in acknowledging the Guelph contribution to the Knox College Student's Missionary Society. It should have been \$81 instead of \$1.00.

In other columns we re-publish from our excellent contemporary, the Witness, of Halifax, a pretty complete list of the delegates to the General Assembly.

THE METHODIST CHURCH AND THE REV. MR. ROY.

The present is an age in which all branches of the Christian Church seem to be called in turn to the unwelcome task of dealing with doctrinal divergences in their ministry. The Methodist Church in this country is perhaps one of the last in which a departure from evangelical doctrine, in the direction of Arian or Socinian error, would have been expected.

We, for our part, can only congratulate the Methodist body on its fidelity to the interests of divine truth, while we sympathize with it in the pain which the exercise of fidelity in this instance must have caused to these more immediately concerned.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

The discourse preached at the opening of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Professor Mackerras, and which was published two weeks ago in the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, well deserves special attention.

Let us hope that the words of the preacher will not fall to the ground in vain. They were spoken through the Synod to the parents in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. They were intended not merely for ministers and their sons, but for elders, for deacons, for all the members of our Church.

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mankind. As such it brings into play love, sympathy, tenderness. The minister like the Master is constantly doing good. He is to take the poor and suffering by the hand. His object is to lift the sinner up from the miry clay, and set his foot upon the rock.

These things have only to be stated in order to show what a noble office is that of the minister of Christ. But in thus stating it we know the danger we incur—of producing no effect upon those to whom we are pleading. Could we say that young men would find the Church a royal road to wealth, to rank, to influence, we feel it would not be difficult to gain recruits in large numbers.

It is our earnest desire that the sermon of Professor Mackerras will be widely read and known, and it is our sincere prayer that rich and abundant fruits from that discourse may be seen in the years that are to come.

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Ministers and Churches.

Two urgently sought from Presbytery Clerks and our readers generally, items for this department of our paper, so as to make it a general epitome of all local church news.

The Rev. Father Chiniquy, we regret to learn, is seriously ill.

The Rev. R. N. Grant has declined the call extended to him by St. Andrew's Church, Chatham. His Ingersoll congregation will be rejoiced at the result.

REV. NEIL M. KINNON was inducted into the pastoral charge of Burns' Church, Moss, on the 23rd ult. Previous to leaving Belmont he was presented with a purse of \$100.

At a pro re nata meeting of the Toronto Presbytery, the Gould street congregation in this city obtained leave to sell the Church property on corner of Gould and Victoria streets, and purchase elsewhere.

THE SACRAMENT of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Thomas on the second Sabbath of May, Rev. J. A. Murray of London assisting. The congregations were large both morning and evening. Sixty-two names were added to the roll; twenty-seven by profession of faith, and thirty-five by certificate.

REV. JAMES QUINN, recently of St. James, N.B., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Sherbrooke Presbyterian Church, N.S., on Tuesday evening, 1st May, by the Presbytery of Pictou. Rev. Prof. Pollock preached, Rev. J. Forbes related the steps taken, put the usual questions to the pastor elect and congregation and offered the induction prayer. Rev. P. Goodfellow addressed the pastor, and Rev. R. Cumming the people.

THE annual report of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, N.S.—Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D. pastor—is a very satisfactory exhibit. The total raised for 1876, \$9654, being at the rate of \$110 for each family. Ordinations supported entirely by Sabbath collections taken in plate at church door, which amounted to \$4757, or an average of \$89.77 per Sabbath.

Book Reviews.

DAME EUROPA'S REMONSTRANCE AND HER ULTIMATUM. By the author of "Dame Europa's School." Toronto: Belford Brothers. Price 15 cents.

This pamphlet will probably be as extensively read as the author's former one. The Allegory is well kept up, and the hits are sometimes clever. Besides furnishing its readers with some amusement, it at the same time places before them a pretty correct view of the present condition and attitude of the different powers of Europe.

THE DAY OF REST. By W. McDonnell. Lindsay: The Canadian Post Printing and Publishing House. 1877.

Our opinion of the contents of this pamphlet will be found in our notice of the Canadian Monthly in our issue of July 14th, 1876. We only add that we would advise such far advanced writers to leave the Divinely instituted Sabbath alone. Call it "Jewish," or call it "Puritanic," it is the only Day of Rest that can be had.

THE WESTMINSTER QUESTION BOOK ON INTERNATIONAL SERIES OF SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR 1877. A Manual for teachers and older scholars. By the Rev. W. M. Rice, D.D.

Nearly one half of the year is gone, but this excellent manual will be of good service for the third and fourth quarter, and the lessons are important, on the Acts of the Apostles from chapter 13th to the end, embracing the missionary labours of Paul and his associates in carrying the Gospel of salvation for the world at large, apart from the Jews, down to the end of that great Apostle's course.

Copies of the manual will be supplied by Rev. A. Kennedy, London, at a cheap rate, viz: Single copies for ten cents, and three for twenty five cents, sent free by mail. As he has not many on hand applications should be early.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

The number for June contains Goldwin Smith's article "The Political Destiny of Canada," originally published in the Fortnightly Review. In giving it a place in the Canadian Monthly, the editor takes care to repeat the usual protest, "not responsible for the writer's opinions."

morally certain, and that nothing is left for Canadian patriotism but to provide that it shall be a union indeed, and not an annexation. Canadian patriots will no doubt be duly thankful for the advice. But would it not be well for the physician to feel his patient's pulse before prescribing for him? The simple fact that such utterances are decidedly unpopular in Canada is sufficient to show that Canadian nationality is not a lost cause, and that Canadian patriots cherish loftier aspirations than other annexation or union. There is a very rare article on "The Higher Education of Women."

Laying the Corner Stone of a New Church, Exeter.

The corner stone of the Presbyterian Church was laid on the Queen's Birthday. There was quite a large attendance of members and citizens. The following gentlemen were invited to take part in the services of the day: D. D. Wilson, Esq., of Seaforth, to lay the stone; Rev. T. Goldsmith, Seaforth; Rev. H. Cameron, Kippen; Rev. H. Gracey, Thames Road; Rev. J. Holmes, C.M., Exeter, and Rev. Mr. Ryan, Church of England, Exeter. The proceedings of the day commenced shortly after 2 o'clock p.m., by Rev. Mr. Gracey giving out part of Psalm 84. Rev. Mr. Holmes then read 1 Peter ii. 1-17. Rev. Mr. Cameron offered prayer. Mr. Geo. McLeod then came forward and read a paper giving a historical sketch of the congregation. Mr. Wm. Bawden read the names of those invited to take part in the ceremony. Mr. Thos. Ballantine read the names of the Session and Managing Committee of the congregation. Elder D. McKay read names of Building Committee, contractors and architect. Mr. James Ramsay read the date of the laying of the stone. These papers were enclosed in a glass jar, together with copies of the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, Presbyterian Record, Globe, Mail, Exeter Times, Huron Expositor, and Goderich Signal, also current coins of the Dominion, and deposited by Elder Anderson in the cavity beneath the corner stone. John Anderson, Esq., the oldest elder in the congregation, then presented the trowel to Mr. Wilson. The trowel was made of silver, with ivory handle, and bore the following inscription: "Presented to D. D. Wilson, Esq., in commemoration of laying the corner stone of the Presbyterian Church, Exeter, 24th day of May, 1877: A. Y. Hartley, Pastor; John Anderson Esq., Elder; D. McKay, Esq., Elder." The trowel was made and engraved in Exeter, by Mr. Filton, and speaks very highly for that gentleman's taste and skill. Mr. Wilson proceeded to lower the stone to its place, and when it had been tested by the architect and builder, Mr. Wilson said: "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of His Church, I declare this corner stone of Cavan Church to be well and truly laid." The pastor of the Church, Rev. Mr. Hartley, then came forward and read an address, which space will not permit us to publish this week. After the reading of the address the proceedings closed with singing and prayer. In the evening, at 6 o'clock, a social entertainment was held in Drew's Hall. After partaking of a splendid tea, D. D. Wilson was called to the Chair, and gave a short but very happy address. Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Kippen, spoke very ably on "Christian Enterprise." Rev. Mr. Holmes, C.M., of Exeter, spoke on "The Advantages of Christian intercourse." Rev. T. Goldsmith, of Seaforth, who had been prevented from taking part in the services of the afternoon by other important duties, was called on, and spoke at considerable length, and with great eloquence, on "Christian Liberty." Rev. Mr. Gracey stated that he would reserve his speech for the church opening—they might expect a great treat than. Rev. Mr. Ryan, Church of England, sent an apology for his absence. He was called away on other important matters. Music of a very select character was furnished by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Lutz presided at the instrument, Miss Pickard, Mr. Souler, Mr. N. Hooper and Mr. H. Cwan. The usual votes of thanks were given and responded to, and a very happy evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the Queen," and benediction by Rev. Mr. Gracey. Proceeds of the evening \$301.

A MAN'S care should be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart; his next to escape the censures of the world.—Addison.

MME. BONAPARTE, of Baltimore, is now in her ninety-fourth year, and it seems probable she may yet realize her expressed wish to live to be one hundred years old.

Do not carry your own burdens. The strain will be too great for your back. He who casts his burdens on the Lord can go easily under a cross that would crush the man who has not learned the secret.

We are so little that if God should manifest his greatness without condescension, we should be trampled under his feet; but God, who must stoop to view the skies, and bow to see what angels do, looks to the lowly and contrite, and makes them great.