

Canadian Churchman.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1893.

Subscription, - - - - - Two Dollars per Year.
(If paid strictly in Advance, \$1.00.)

ADVERTISING RATES PER NONPARIEL LINE - 10 CENTS.
Liberal discounts on continued insertions.

ADVERTISING.—The CANADIAN CHURCHMAN is an excellent medium for advertising, being by far the most widely circulated Church Journal in the Dominion.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.—Notices of Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc., two cents a word prepaid.

THE PAPER FOR CHURCHMEN.—The CANADIAN CHURCHMAN is a Family Paper devoted to the best interests of the Church in Canada, and should be in every Church family in the Dominion.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Subscribers should be careful to name not only the Post-Office to which they wish the paper sent, but also the one to which it has been sent.

DISCONTINUANCES.—If no request to discontinue the paper is received, it will be continued. A subscriber desiring to discontinue the paper must remit the amount due at the rate of two dollars per annum for the time it has been sent.

RECEIPTS.—The label indicates the time to which the subscription is paid, no written receipt is needed. If one is requested, a postage stamp must be sent with the request. It requires three or four weeks to make the change on the label.

CHECKS.—On country banks are received at a discount of fifteen cents.

CORRESPONDENTS.—All matter for publication of any number of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, should be in the office not later than Friday morning for the following week's issue.

AGENT.—The Rev. W. H. Wadleigh is the only gentleman travelling authorized to collect subscriptions for the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

Address all communications.

NOTICE.—Subscription price to subscribers in the City of Toronto, owing to the cost of delivery, is \$2.50 per year, if paid strictly in advance \$1.50.

FRANK WOOTTEN,
Box 9640, TORONTO.

Offices 32 and 34 Adelaide St. East.

Lessons for Sundays and Holy Days.

March 26.—6 SUNDAY IN LENT.
Morning.—Exod. 9. Matt. 26.
Evening.—Exod. 10; or 11. Luke 19. 28; or 20 9 to 21.

TO OUR READERS.—We want a reliable person in every parish in the Dominion, to get subscribers for the Canadian Churchman. Write at once for particulars, giving references.

NOTICE.—Subscription price in the city of Toronto, owing to the cost of delivery, is \$2.50 per year; if paid strictly in advance, \$1.50. We will give the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN one year, and our handsome and valuable Premium, to city subscribers for \$2.50 paid strictly in advance.

TO OUR READERS.—Kindly send the publisher of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, 32 Adelaide street, Toronto, a postal card with names and addresses of your friends who do not take the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, and a specimen copy will be sent to each gratis.

"IF THERE BE NO HELL," said Dr. Talmage in a recent lecture in Toronto, "for such a despoiler of female virtue (by whispered slanders), it is time some philanthropist built one!" This corruscation, thrown off from the reason and conscience of the brilliant American preacher, illustrates a great truth, viz., that human wisdom cannot devise any real improvement on the divinely revealed plan for dealing with sin. A "Lake of Fire" (Gehenna) is as certainly needed for purification purposes and corrective results as a garbage crematory is in civic economy.

"OUR LIVES ARE A WATERLOO," is one of Dr. Talmage's famous sayings in his lecture on "Scandal." "What we need is manly, womanly, angelic, omnipotent reinforcement." Among his many good things, none is more wholesome than this: no wonder a Toronto audience was so carried away at this fitting climax to a splendid peroration, that they seemed unable to cease their tumultuous applause, until checked by a few farewell words from the lecturer himself. Such feelings do credit to humanity—Christianized.

CHURCH HISTORY LECTURES.—Nothing is more remarkable as a feature of current Church life than the sudden popularity of this class of lecture. Professor Rigby's lectures in Toronto and Hamilton, Mr. Fessenden's in Parkdale, Lane's and Nye's in England, and many other courses on the subject, point to a phenomenal thirst for realization of the Church's historical heritage, her noble ecclesiastical pedigree.

"LOYALTY" AND "SACERDOTALISM."—Rather a funny feature of a certain new society, professing to be made up of "Protestant Churchmen" *par excellence*, is that, while professing steadfast adherence to the existing Prayer Book and the XXXIX. Articles, the members are pledged to oppose the "Sacerdotal" view of the Church ministry, whereas the said Prayer Book and Articles are *express and emphatic* in their approval of the "priestly" or sacerdotal ministry. Rather a shaky society!

AMERICA DISCOVERED IN THE TENTH CENTURY, forms the theme of a very well written article by Rev. W. S. Blackstock in the first number of the *Canadian Magazine*—Titus Oates' new and creditable venture. Mr. B. passes beyond the prior claims of Cabot, the Englishman, and even of Madawc, the Welshman—anticipating Columbus' later investigations—and demonstrates a still earlier discovery by a series of Norse voyagers—Marson, Herjulfson, Erikson and Thorfinn, before and after A. D. 1000. He hints that Columbus quietly made use of the records of these discoveries, which he read in Iceland in 1477.

"LOCOMOTOR ATAXY" seems to be responsible for more than one case of mistaken inebriety among clergymen of great age and feeble health. It is curious how eagerly the vitiated tastes of certain press agents seize upon any flimsy rumour of clerical misconduct, and wafts it across the Atlantic. This happens so frequently that it suggests the suspicion that the said agents are promoters of irreligion and personal enemies of Christianity.

"PROTESTANT CHURCH UNION" is the chosen title of a proposed "amalgamated society" to replace two or three other associations, whose results have not recently been brilliant. They might as well take in the "Church Association" and several kindred societies. It would simplify matters and save money being needlessly squandered. While they are about it, they might as well revise their list of objects and principles.

GREATER LONDON.—The heart of the British Empire—or shall we say "the head"?—increases marvellously in population. Some 50,000 souls are added every year to its numbers—a fact which makes the Bishops of London, Rochester and St. Alban's on the alert for ways and means to "man" clerically and "house" ecclesiastically this new city annually.

GENESIS AND SCIENCE.—On this subject a letter from Mr. Lach-Szyrma in the *Church Times* puts the issue squarely and temperately thus: "In matters of inductive science we should always remember that it is not well to be too positive. . . Induction is founded on observation and experiment; but our new and scientific instruments are ever shaking old-fashioned theories by showing facts and phenomena irreconcilable to theories

accepted till lately by scientific men. In fact human science is ever in a state of flux, and it is presumptuous and inaccurate to say 'it differs from Genesis.'"

TOO MUCH "JUBILEE."—A very striking article in the *Church Times* traces the history of jubilees among the Romanists, with the result that they have been getting monotonous in their frequency. First 100 years, then 50, then 33, then 25! The present Pope has held three jubilees already in the short period of his pontificate, viz., the first year of his papacy, then his "sacerdotal jubilee," then his episcopal jubilee. Next! There is money in it, and sensation that is, advertisement.

"THE GENESIS AND GROWTH OF RELIGION" is the title of a valuable work by Dr. Kellogg, of which the *Scottish Guardian* well says: "It will be a relief to many to find Mr. Spencer and Prof. Max Muller met on their own ground, and that by one who, if he is a determined, is also a courteous foe. . . . Dr. Kellogg fearlessly asserts that 'on scientific grounds one can fully justify the biblical representations of the monotheism of the first men.' Instead of referring us to the skull of an ape, Dr. K. vigorously establishes the 'law of religious degradation' from which the human race have suffered. Shall we call this 'Devolution'?"

MODERATE CRITICISM.—As opposed to wild German conjecture—as represented by the more staid and conservative of English critics, seems destined to triumph in the end. The distinction between the two classes was well pointed out in our correspondence columns not long ago by Rev. Prof. Symonds, of Trinity College, and the distinction should be constantly kept in view. Some of the Oxford professors act as a wholesome "brake" on others.

DR. WILD ON SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS.—The eccentric Toronto preacher or prophet (?) illustrates the uncertainty of scientific theorizing against the Bible, by enumerating the various ways in which Science has decided at different times that earthly humanity is to finish its career: thus, the last man will be (1) drowned; (2) blown up; (3) sun-struck; (4) suffocated; (5) burnt up; (6) frozen; (7) crushed; (8) flung into space; (9) become a monkey; (10) fizzle up as a tiny pigmy! The Bible prophecy is more simple—and consistent.

THE AGE OF HUMANITY.—After skyrocketing among theories prolonging man's existence as a part of creation for 10,000 to a million of years, Dr. Wild notes that philosophy, represented in its latest conclusions by Prof. Southwell, has proved conclusively that the human race cannot have existed more than 6,000 years, which is just about the period indicated by Bible chronology. Calculating backwards from present data, our 1,200 millions of to-day would resolve into a single couple.

"DO TEETOTALERS SNORE?" is the theme treated earnestly in a recent number of the *Temperance Chronicle*, moved by some correspondence in *Tit-bits*, where a lady retails her experience with her husband and with several lady friends. The sequence, according to this witness, was "Riches—stimulants—snores; poverty—abstinence—no snores!" The effect of poverty in promoting temperance (and undisturbed sleep!) is well worth considering.