

civilization and the knowledge of their duties as citizens. . . . Since Mexico has been in name a republic, the power of Catholicism has decreased, and extensive nunneries and immense churches have been converted into stables and shops, while thousands of the people, with confidence lost in their priests, have abjured their ancient faith, and are now groping in darkness for the truth. In my judgment there is no field so promising as that for missionary work. To Mexico the cause is everything, and to our country (with its probabilities of the future) an incalculable benefit, while to humanity it is Christianity and civilization with all attendant blessings."

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CALLS, &c.

The Rev. J. Lees, of Lucan, has been called, we understand, by the congregation of *Bayfield* and *Bethany*; the newly organized congregation of *East Church, Toronto*, will, it is understood, soon present a call to Rev. J. Cameron, who has been labouring among them with great success; the congregation of *Zorra* have called Rev. John McTavish, and the Rev. W. Lundy has received one from that of *Strathroy*.

PRESCOTT.—On Thursday, the 7th ult., the Rev. Jas. Hastie was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Prescott Canada Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. Rowat preached and presided, and Rev. Messrs. Traver, of Brockville, and Morrison, of Waddington, delivered the charge to the minister and people respectively. There was a large attendance at the solemn and interesting service, and the newly inducted pastor received a most hearty reception from the people. The call given to him was the most numerously signed of any ever given in Prescott, and the congregation receives its new minister under the most favorable circumstances, and with the best prospects for the future.

CORRECTION.—By a communication from the Treasurer of the Bay Street Congregation, Toronto, we learn that the total amount contributed for congregational purposes during the last financial year was \$2379, and the total amount for all purposes \$2771, nearly double the amount reported in the statistical return for the year. This discrepancy occurred from various items having been omitted in the filling up of the congregational schedule.

MONUMENT TO THE LATE REV. DR. BURNS.—A very substantial and handsome monument of Peterhead granite has just been erected in the Necropolis, Toronto, over the grave of the late Dr. Burns. The expense, amounting to \$700, has been defrayed by friends connected with several of the congregations in the city of Toronto.

INTERESTING MISSIONARY SERVICE.—A very interesting service took place in Gould Street, Toronto, in the evening of Tuesday, 19th ult., in connection with the ordination of the Rev. G. L. McKay, as the first Missionary of the General Assembly to China, and of the Rev. G. Bryce, M.A., who is about to proceed to Manitoba, to take charge of an Educational Institution, and to act also as a Missionary or Pastor in the meantime. A very suitable and impressive sermon was preached by Rev. J. King, from Psalm lxxii, 17. Rev. J. Pringle, moderator of Presbytery, pre-