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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.

OUR GENERAL AGENT.

MR. CHARLES NICOL, General Agent for the PRESBYTERIAN, is now in Western Ontario pushing the interests of this journal.

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Special to Subscribers.

Any Subscriber sending us, during the month of January, the name of a New Subscriber, with the remittance, \$2.00 for the year...

A NEW volume of Sermons, entitled "Warning and Welcome," by Dr. Cochran, Brantford, is announced.

The respected Convener of our Home Mission Committee is advertising for Missionaries for Manitoba. We have reason to think that the call is urgent...

The Guelph Mercury is kind enough to say, in noticing the Prospectus of the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN for 1877, "We are glad to note the growing prosperity of this journal..."

We had a visit yesterday from the Rev. A. Dowsley, formerly of Lansdowne, Mr. Dowsley has accepted an appointment from the Church of Scotland to go as Missionary to Southern India...

The London Advertiser of a recent date contained the following sensible observations on an important subject:—"There are those who undervalue the importance of the yearly-recurring School Trustees elections..."

Rev. A. A. CAMERON, Baptist minister, Ottawa, in a letter to the Canadian Independent, asserted that "Baptists alone are Scriptural in regard to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper..."

EXEMPTION OF TAXES.

The question of the Exemption of Taxes in relation to Church property and Clergymen's salaries is at present assuming large proportions. It is evident that the subject will be yet more fully discussed, and give rise to a number of conflicting opinions.

Charge of engaging in such financial enterprises.

We are prepared to go thus far, and approve the taxation of all property held by ecclesiastics, and that is not put to the ostensible use for which it was purchased.

CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION. IMPORTANT MEETING

By reference to advertisement in another column it will be seen that a mass meeting of the Presbyterians of this city is called for next Tuesday evening in Knox Church.

Ministers and Churches.

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

Harrison, held on the occasion of a Christmas tree to the children of the Sabbath school, the members of the Bible class and others presented to their pastor, Rev. Jno. Baikie, an address as a token of their esteem...

A SOCIAL entertainment was given by the members of the Presbyterian Church of New Glasgow, on the 28th ult., and was fairly attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. Robert Simpson, elder of the Church.

On Thursday evening, the 21st ult., the Wellington street Presbyterian congregation, Brantford, held their 31st anniversary tea meeting. Considering that there were five public meetings, for different purposes, held in the town on the same evening...

On Tuesday evening the members of the congregation of the College street Presbyterian church held their annual soiree in their exceedingly comfortable and cosy little church at the corner of Bathurst and College streets.

A VERY interesting meeting in connection with the Presbyterian congregation in Norwich was held in the Public Hall on the 26th ult. The handsome sum of \$114 was realized, which is to be applied to the general schemes of the Church.

The Rev. Wm. P. Walker has entered the manse lately built for him by the congregations of Binbrook and Saltfleet. A successful social, as a heating to the house, was held on Dec. 23rd.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., several members of the Gore congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, called upon their minister, Rev. Wm. A. Johnston, and as a proof of their esteem presented him with a large quantity of hay, oats, wheat and potatoes...

Book Reviews.

St. NICHOLAS. New York: Scribner & Co. The January number of this popular magazine for the young, sustains its well-earned reputation...

WIDE AWAKE. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co. This magazine is a worthy rival of that noticed above. It is profusely illustrated, very amusing, and in an indirect manner, conveys no small amount of instruction.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY. Toronto: Adam Stevenson & Co.

The December number of this periodical contains an article on "Pagan Rites and Christian Festivals" which evinces considerable research; a practical essay on "Political Economy" by A. T. Drummond, B.A., L.L.B., Montreal...

BELFORD'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE. Toronto: Belford Bro's.

This new enterprise promises well. The number for January, specially intended as a holiday number, contains a very large quantity of reading matter, of a sufficiently light and interesting character...

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY. New-York: Scribner & Co.

The January number of this deservedly popular periodical contains a well-written article on "What our Churches cost us." It is full of valuable statistics, and the burden of it seems to be that too much money is expended on church decoration, music, and other accessories...

"He was settled, he said in a rural city, and belonged to an association of ministers, composed of the pastors of village churches round about. In the course of years it befell that all of those pastors, one after another, buried their wives. He was the only member of the association exempt from that affliction..."

The other articles in the present number of the magazine are fully up to the mark. The information that a person obtains by merely looking at the illustrations of the article on "Norway and the Norsemen," is worth the price of the magazine.

THE PRESBYTERIAN YEAR BOOK FOR 1877. Edited by Rev. James Cameron, Chatsworth. Toronto: C. Blackett Robinson, 134 pp., 25 cents.

This is a most useful compendium of valuable information regarding Presbyterianism at home and abroad. To many it is indispensable for reference, containing full statistics of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with interesting reports and condensed summaries of statistics of the ten Presbyterian churches in the United States...