

GENESIS AND REVELATION.—There is food for thought in the suggestion that in Genesis the promises are made; in Revelation they are fulfilled. In Genesis is the seed-time; in Revelation is the harvest. The former gives us the Paradise Lost; the latter, the Paradise Regained. Such is the story of the wonderful book which we call the Bible.—*Sabbath Record*.

AMENDING "CREEDS."—The *National Baptist* believes that "the only way for a creed to express the belief of all the members of a denomination, or of the great body of them, is for it to be broad, inclusive and subject to revision, according to the light which God, through His Spirit, is as willing to give to the men of to-day as He was to give to the uninspired men of a hundred years ago.

RED TAPE.—There is a feeling among Baptists that the annual gatherings of their denominational societies are not as profitable as they might be, owing to the rigidity of procedure, the lack of opportunity for debate, etc. The similarity of polity in the Baptist and Congregationalist denominations makes the suggestions of our Baptist brethren valuable.—*Congregationalist*.

HONORABLE ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.—This eminent and honorable man, ex-Premier of the Dominion, died in Toronto, 17th April, at the age of 70. Scottish by nationality, a stone mason by original occupation, a Baptist by religious profession, a Christian by change of heart, a Liberal in politics, an honest Statesman by actual experience, a true friend by all friends' testimony—Alexander Mackenzie lived well, died in honor, and will be ever remembered.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.—Dr. Cunningham Geikie answers the question of the *Christian at Work*, What is to be treated as fundamental in Christian doctrine? "The prodigal was welcomed back to his father's house, not on the ground of his assent to more or fewer of the Thirty-nine Articles, or to more or less of the Confession of Faith, but for his broken and contrite heart."

THE CONGREGATIONAL RECORD is the latest aspirant for public favor. It is a neat local monthly, under the editorship of Rev. Thomas

Hall, and devoted to the interests of the Congregational churches in Montreal, in magazine form. It is now our turn to be jealous of a new Congregational periodical in the field so long occupied by the INDEPENDENT; but we are not so minded. We hope our new neighbor may find a good work to do, and do it well!

THEY CALL IT SOMETHING ELSE.—Seldom do we hear the word sin outside the church and Sunday-school. The daily newspaper has little use for such a word, and the average worldly man has little thought of such a thing. Men are rascals before the law; that no one will deny. But that they are sinners in God's sight receives scant consideration.—*Sunday School World*.

THE PUBLISHING CO.—As this company does business under the Ontario Act of Incorporation, the annual meeting was held within the province, at Toronto. But a statement of its affairs will, as usual, be presented at the Union Meetings in Montreal. As five-sixths of the shares are as yet not subscribed for, our friends who are anxious to see the INDEPENDENT succeed, will be asked to give evidence of their interest in the company, by taking up each a few of those convenient little five-dollar shares; and so strengthen our denominational publications.

CHILDREN'S DAY.—Sunday, 5th June, is set apart by the Congregational Union as "Children's Day." No better time than the beginning of June could be selected, and no better interest than that of the children could be presented. We trust every Pastor and every S. S. Superintendent among us will do what he can to make it a profitable and memorable day for the little ones. It was felt, on some hands, to be desirable to have it on the same day as in the United States. Theirs is the second Sunday in June. But there were difficulties in the way. All our pastors were away from home on that day; and so the First Sabbath of June was fixed on.

THE JEW AND HIS LAND.—Many thousands have gone to Palestine during the year; and many more have been turned back, as the Turk will not now suffer them to come by sea. A great system of road-making is going on: a new thing under the sun, in the Turkish