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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. SELBY, General Advertising and Subscription Agent, will visit Brantford, Ont., weekly, etc., in the course of this and following weeks.

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DURING the past few weeks the Synod of the Scottish United Presbyterian Church has held its sessions in Edinburgh.

Rev. Dr. ORMISTON sailed on Saturday week from New York for Scotland. Many friends were assembled on the pier of the Anchor Line, to watch the steamer as she glided away on her home-bound voyage.

In the Christian at Work of last week its editor, Rev. Dr. Taylor, argues that special fees should be paid to ministers for attending the funerals of those who are outside of their congregations.

At the meeting of the Synod of the English Presbyterian Church, it was reported that nearly the half of the fund which is being raised as a memorial of the union of the Presbyterian Churches in England had already been subscribed.

The Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet in Halifax on 18th June. This year the Assembly will be greatly reduced in size from that of the last two years.

It is to be hoped that all, or at least nearly all, the delegates appointed to the General Assembly from this Province will be "in the City of Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years, at half-past seven o'clock p.m."

PRESS VS. PULPIT.

Our neighbour the Globe on Friday last treated its readers to an editorial on the "Pulpit—its place and its prizes." Of course, the subject was considered with the mastery and logical ability for which our contemporary is distinguished.

The article in question is the rarest piece of logic we ever remember to have come across. We are accustomed to sit at the feet of our Gamaliel the Globe, and listen with unquestioning faith to all it has to say on every subject.

The article in question demands a reply, and we will give it. It is not true that the pulpit is waning. On the contrary, we believe that in no previous age has it wielded a greater influence.

They are prepared in rural charges for the peculiar work of city churches. Chalmers, Guthrie, Macleod, Caird, Taylor, Beecher, Hall, and a host of others we could name, commenced their ministry in obscure parishes.

Again, we differ entirely from the article as to the reasons it gives for its lugubrious conclusion that the pulpit is waning. The education of the laity is creating a demand for able and scholarly preaching.

Then, lastly, let us say a word as to those divines who lay aside the pastoral role and adopt that of the journalist. To our knowledge, there are three classes of clergymen who are journalists.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

On Tuesday, May 16th, and Thursday, May 17th, respectively, Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies were organized at Trenton and Gananoque, auxiliary to the Kingston Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

"Make channels for the streams of love, Where they may broadly run, For love has overflowing streams To fill them every one."

The Assemblies of the United States have just concluded their meetings—that of the Northern Church in the City of Chicago, and that of the Southern Church at New Orleans.

DR. HANNA ON RELIGIOUS THOUGHT IN SCOTLAND.

In a collection of the "Letters of Thomas Erskine of Linlathen," edited by the Rev. Dr. Hanna, which has just appeared, the biographer of Dr. Chalmers thus refers to the changes in religious thought which have taken place in Scotland during the last forty-seven years.

"Blindly adhering to the whole doctrine of the Westminster Confession, and imperatively demanding a like adherence on the part of all office-bearers of the Church, the General Assembly of 1831 had apparently no alternative but to eject Mr. Campbell and Mr. Scott.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died at South Georgetown, County of Chateaugay, Province of Quebec, on the 4th day of April, 1877, Mrs. J. C. Muir, the beloved wife of the venerable pastor, J. C. Muir, D.D.

She was born in Rossire, Scotland, and together with her relatives came to this country in her youth, and dwelt at Beechridge. Thirty-six years ago she was married to Rev. J. C. Muir, then a young minister of South Georgetown.

"O, though oft depressed and lonely, All my tears are laid aside, If I but remember only Such as those have lived and died."

Mrs. Muir had been an office-bearer of the South Georgetown and English River Woman's Missionary Society. At its meeting the Society having its attention called to her death, and the death of Mrs. Kinghorn, another of its office-bearers, ordered the following notice to be engrossed in the minutes:

The Treasurer of the Ladies' Board of French Evangelization, Montreal, acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of \$25 from Colonel and Lieutenant General Sir David Russell, C.B., London, England, per Mrs. Redpath; also, in response to circulars, \$25 from the Missionary Association of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, per Mrs. Mowat; \$25 per Mrs. Garland, Ottawa; and \$85 per Mrs. Armstrong, Guelph.

BRANTFORD YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

We understand that the present year of our college in Brantford closes on the 20th June. On Sabbath evening the 24th, a sermon to the graduates will be preached by Dr. Cochran.

Ministers and Church.

We urgently solicit 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. F. McCuaig, of Clinton, has been cordially invited to the pastorate of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, vacant since the death of the late Rev. Patrick Gray.

The congregation of Union Church, Brucefield, was last week favoured with a visit and an eloquent address on Foreign Mission Work from Rev. Professor McLaren, after which a branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized.

At a tea-meeting held at Claude, on the evening of the 24th ult., Rev. R. M. Croll was presented with a new buggy for himself and a sewing machine for Mrs. Croll.

A most successful tea-meeting was held on the Queen's Birthday in connection with the second anniversary of the congregation at Woodbridge. More than 350 persons sat down at the tables.

On Sabbath last, the congregation of Free St. John's, Walkerton, held their first anniversary services in their new church. The forenoon and afternoon services of worship were led in a very able and effective way by the Rev. Dr. James, of Knox Church, Hamilton.

The first anniversary of the opening of the very elegant and commodious church in Claremont was held on Sabbath last, when the Rev. Mr. Inglis of Toronto discoursed in the forenoon on "the glorious gospel of Christ," setting forth the glory it possessed, revealed, and conferred. He was followed in the afternoon by the Rev.