

THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN

TORONTO ENGRAVING CO.

Vol. I.—No. 6. (New Series).
Whole No. 305.

Toronto, Friday, December 7th, 1877.

\$2.00 per Annum, in advance.
Single Copies, Five Cents.

CONTENTS.

NOTES OF THE WEEK	Page 81
OUR CONTRIBUTORS—	
Letter from Dr. Fraser—At the Lord's Table—Review of Bishop Lynch's Controversial Work	82
Remarkable Letter from Japan—Children of the Church	83
Letter from India	84
MINISTERS AND CHURCHES	84
REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES	85
SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER	85
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	86
SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL	86
ADVERTISEMENTS	87
EDITORIALS—	
Children of the Church—Sabbath Observance in Philadelphia.	88
Fruitfulness the Test of Thankfulness	89
CHOICE LITERATURE	90
BRITISH AND FOREIGN ITEMS	91
Anniversary Missionary Meetings, Montreal	92
OUR YOUNG FOLK	94
ADVERTISEMENTS	95, 96

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Rev. John Dunbar has declined the call tendered him from the united congregations of Buckingham and Lochaber.

REV. C. CHINIQUY has published a fresh list of French Canadian converts from Romanism to the number of 109, all of whom have turned within the last few weeks.

THE Oka Indian Chiefs are petitioning the Government for an injunction to prevent the agents of the Seminary from cutting timber and alienating the lands of the Indians as they have been doing.

MR. MOODY seems to be following out the plan of work formed early in the autumn. He spent a month in Vermont, a month in New Hampshire, and proposes visits during the winter to New Haven, Hartford, Providence, and other New England cities.

IMMEDIATELY upon the closing of the International Exhibition on the Sabbath the President of the Exhibition received a check for \$500 from a lady of Philadelphia, as a token of her satisfaction at the decision of the Directors, and her sympathy with the objects of the Exhibition.

THE Edinburgh Church Extension Association have entered upon the work of building seven additional Presbyterian churches, to be connected with the Establishment. The United Presbyterians have established another charge. Edinburgh is "to flourish by the preaching of the Word."

REV. PRINCIPAL GRANT, of Queen's College, met with a most cordial reception on his arrival at Kingston on Friday last. The students marched to the depot, headed by a band, and escorted him into the city. His installation took place yesterday (Thursday), a report of which will be given next week.

CARDINAL MANNING, for the Pope, makes the following claim:—"I claim to be the supreme judge and director of the consciences of men—of the peasant who tills the fields, the prince that sits on the throne; of the household that lives in the shade of privacy, and the legislature that makes laws for kingdoms. I am the sole last supreme judge of what is right."

MRS. JOHN C. GREEN, of New York, who has made so many generous gifts, has deposited \$100,000 in the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit, and Insurance Company in trust for the American Sunday School Union. The interest of the money is to be devoted to the missionary work of the Union and the development of Sunday school literature of the highest merit.

THURSDAY last was observed as a day of national thanksgiving throughout the United States. Many churches were garnished with specimens of all the kinds of fruit and grain which the country produces. They presented a very interesting and suggestive lesson, furnishing an ocular demonstration of the many reasons there are for thanking the Lord for crowning the year with His goodness.

IT has been generally understood that Mr. Muller, the famous philanthropist who is now on a visit to this continent, belonged to the Plymouth Brethren. This gentleman repudiates the connection. He maintains friendly relations with the various denominations, and is welcomed to their pulpits. To such work as is required for his institution at Bristol, England, is probably owing the fact of Mr. Muller preferring an independent position.

UNDER the head of Choice Literature, our readers will find in this issue the beginning of our new serial story, "More than Conqueror." It is by the author of "One Life Only," a story which appeared in our columns some time ago and was received with much favor. The author's powers do not at all seem to be on the wane, but rather increasing; and we doubt not that the new story will be fully equal to the former one, if not superior.

IT is humiliating to read the sentence inflicted on Father Cruci, the Jesuit who lately advocated the acceptance by the Pope of the final loss of his temporal power. On pain of being expelled from the "Company," Father Cruci was required to lay down his pen for ever, never to ascend a pulpit again, never to open his lips, even in private, to speak upon the subject on which he is pronounced so much in error, and finally to sign a formal retraction of the opinions expressed in his letter to Pius IX. He is said to have retracted, and accepted his sentence, as a loyal member of the "Society of Jesus." But a cardinal, it is reported, has adopted his view, and the heresy spreads.

THE "Nonconformist" (London), in the course of a synoptical summary of matters affecting the Church and State on the Continent, says the German Roman Catholics evidently do not take very kindly to the voluntary support of their Church. The result of the efforts to get means to replace the stipends hitherto paid by the Government to the priests has scarcely amounted to fifty per cent. of the grants withdrawn. Either the Roman Catholic Germans, it says, have not become accustomed to the idea of paying for religious services directly out of their pockets, or the religious enthusiasm of the people must be very lukewarm. It is just possible, too, that an appreciable number of good Roman Catholics do not approve of the attempt made by the priesthood to set themselves up against the laws of the Fatherland.

A DELEGATE to the Edinburgh Presbyterian Council alludes to a custom which he observed in Scotland. "After the benediction the people resumed their seats and bowed their heads, asking God to bless the service to their own souls, and then slowly and decorously returned from the house. Among all the peculiarities of Scottish worship, there is none that has attracted me more than this. It is, I am told, of modern introduction, but it seems prevalent in the churches of Edinburgh. It is well worth copying everywhere. After

hearing solemn truths spoken by God's ministers or read from God's word, after offering solemn prayers in God's house, after engaging in sacred ordinances, it is most appropriate that each worshipper should bow the head and ask for himself that God would bless the message, seal the truths to his soul, forgive him the sins that might have occurred in the worship, and bless the service to himself. A rapid rush to the door, and noisy gossip, as if glad that a disagreeable duty was over, are unseemly."

IN this city new church buildings seem to be the order of the day among all denominations. Last Sabbath the Canon Baldwin Memorial Church was opened with three services, and next Lord's day Rev. Dr. Usher and his people enter their new church at the head of Simcoe street. Very recently the Bloor street Methodist Church, all renovated and enlarged, was reopened, and very soon we will be hearing of the completion of the Old St. Andrew's Church and the Elm street Methodist. A week or two ago our columns contained a description of the improvements recently made upon Charles street Presbyterian Church, and we observe with pleasure that the Sabbath School and lecture halls of what is now known as Gould street Church are giving promise of early occupation. What a change a few months have made in Toronto in the matter of church accommodation! To our mind there is much reason for congratulation, as the noble rivalry must result in stirring up the non-church-goers and drawing them within hearing of the gospel.

A REMARKABLE scene took place a fortnight ago last Sabbath in the Memorial Presbyterian Church, New York, of which Rev. Dr. Robinson is the pastor. It was a case of Presbyterians beating Methodists on their special ground of raising money in Church on a sort of auctioneer principle. The Memorial Church has been laboring under a debt of \$125,000. The congregation were quite hopeless about ever wiping off such an incumbrance. But on the Sabbath in question the outlook was most unexpectedly changed. At the morning service the pastor was accompanied to the pulpit by a layman named Kimball. After devotional exercises by the pastor, Mr. Kimball rose and read some scriptural passages upon the subject of giving. Then addressing himself to the debt of the Church, he said if there were nine gentlemen present who would subscribe \$5,000 each, he would head the list with \$5,000. Six persons at once responded. Mr. Kimball then made the offer of adding \$10,000 if two persons would give \$5,000 each. This offer produced at once the desired result. The speaker then came down to smaller sums, offering to head each list with a corresponding subscription. This went on during four hours, when it was announced that \$87,652 had been promised. As the condition on which these sums were subscribed was that none of it should be paid, unless the whole debt was cancelled by the first of March next, the congregation are now putting forth every effort to raise the balance. Thus in a moment the dark cloud has been dispelled, and Dr. Robinson and his people will be able to address themselves to the work of their splendid field of labor in the Empire City. It is rather curious that this Mr. Kimball is not himself a man of wealth, but he spots the liberal-minded, and seemingly can lay his hand upon whatever sums he pledges. He has already attacked successfully the debts of two or three Churches, having a marked aversion to such barriers to the cause of Christ.