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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, and where they will not be inserted, the name of the contributor should be enclosed.

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The Emperor of Germany has given three thousand marks toward erecting the Eisleben monument to Luther.

We have hardly become accustomed to the use of such phrases "the Synod of China," "the Presbytery of Japan," "the Presbytery of Egypt."

As we go to press the air is filled with the music of many hands attending upon the various Orange Lodges, as these are engaged in celebrating the Twelfth.

WHAT are Baptists? Are they Presbyterians, Congregationalists, or Methodists? They are we think about the only Evangelical Church whose name does not indicate some special ecclesiastical polity.

An interesting work has been for years in operation in the East River, New York. A formidable rock, well named Hell-gate, has long blocked the waters to navigation.

The Rev. Dr. Brock has left for Church purposes a legacy of £6,000. The question comes up how he managed to accumulate so much money, while during his ministerial life enjoying but a limited salary.

THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT

In an editorial note on the Macdonnell case remarks as follows:—"The proceedings of the Presbytery, and the Synod of Toronto, and the General Assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, in the now celebrated Macdonnell case, afford a curious illustration of the ease and rapidity with which the British American Presbyterian assumed us, a little while ago, their Church Courts settle such cases as that of Mr. Beecher."

The moral obliquity of the Independent amazes us, when its editor confounds two such cases as those of Mr. Macdonnell and Mr. Beecher. The former, though technically on trial, was not really so.

1. That the Presbytery of Toronto lost not a moment in enquiring into the matter affecting Mr. Macdonnell. The sermon was only a few weeks delivered, when the Presbytery held a pro re nata meeting, and there and then they did investigate the public rumor that was raised by it.

2. That the Presbytery of Toronto showed they had full power to act in the matter of Mr. Macdonnell. They gave him time to consider the doctrine involved by his sermon in the hope that he would be able soon to report himself in harmony with the Standards.

3. That the General Assembly have actually issued the case of Mr. Macdonnell. They did not advise the Presbytery to libel, or deal farther with their brother, in the hope that by another year he may be in harmony with the Standards.

4. We call the attention of the Independent to the fact that the case of Mr. Macdonnell was thus issued in seven months, while it will soon be as many years since we first began to hear of the scandalous stories which were filling the air of Brooklyn, and spreading over the world.

This Rev. Robert Chambers has resigned the charge of East Williams (Beechwood and Nairn) and accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, Whitby. The people of his late charge held their annual picnic at Beechwood on the 5th inst., when the opportunity was taken by his Nairn friends of presenting to Mr. Chambers a beautiful gold watch, (value \$120), as a parting token of their affection.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF Y.M.C. ASSOCIATIONS.

Surely Toronto is the most favoured of cities. For the last two or three months we have had nothing but Conferences, Assemblies, Conventions, and we do not know what all.

In the name of our fellow-citizens, we bid welcome to the delegates of this Convention. We rejoice to find with us so many well known representative men from near and far distant States.

The importance of this Convention cannot be too highly appreciated. Like all meetings of the kind, this one now held in Toronto, is not a judicial body. It does not come together to enforce laws, to amend constitutions, or to act in any sense in a legislative capacity.

Attention is called by these annual conventions to the wonderful growth and increase of such Associations. In point of fact, they are only in their infancy, and yet they have attained an extraordinary maturity.

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reflex influences for good upon the churches around. The fundamental idea of a Y.M.C. Association is to provide a home for the young men who are continually pouring into our centres of commerce.

It is evident from these considerations that such Associations are undenominational in their character. Their members belong to all the evangelical churches; but the Associations must name themselves after no particular sect.

HOME MISSION FUND.

EFFORT TO WIPE OUT THE INDEBTEDNESS OF LAST YEAR.

The following circular has been addressed to the Clerks of Presbyteries in Ontario and Quebec, and to the Conveners of Presbytery's Home Mission Committees:—"To Rev. _____, Clerk of the Presbytery of _____, My DEAR SIR,—At the recent meeting of the General Assembly, it was agreed that the debt resting on the Home Mission Fund, amounting to nearly \$10,000, should be apportioned to the several Presbyteries of the Church, according to their respective membership.

Upon the success of the present effort to wipe out the existing indebtedness must depend to a great extent the entertaining of new applications that may come before the meeting of the Committee in October next.

The following are the several amounts allotted to Presbyteries:—Quebec, \$206.10; Montreal, \$847.05; Glengarry, \$198; Brockville, \$426.75; Ottawa, \$647.10; Kingston, \$825.05; Peterboro, \$576.90; Whitby, \$266.55; Lindsay, \$170; Toronto, \$1,057.80; Barrie, \$361.35; Owen Sound, \$218.90; Saugeen, \$357.75; Guelph, \$385; Hamilton, \$776.40; Paris, \$571.95; London, \$566.55; Chatham, \$254.25; Stratford, \$123.45; Bruce, \$316.50, and Huron, \$655.20.

The statistical accounts of the growth of Presbyterianism in the United States show that the Presbyterian Church in 1776 had one hundred and forty-three ministers. The returns for this centennial year indicate that during a single century Presbyterianism has increased sixty fold.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

It must be gratifying to the friends of the Sabbath to find that failure so repeatedly attends the efforts of those who are determined to throw open the exhibition at Philadelphia on the Lord's Day.

It affords us pleasure to observe that those whose hearts are set upon the opening of the exhibition or of the exhibition grounds on Sabbath, have no countenance from the working-classes whose interests they profess to represent.

We are certain of this that the Sabbath is being more honored than ever in every Christian land. If these reformers fail in the United States, they will fail everywhere else.

SUN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—We are pleased to learn that this flourishing home institution has resolved on establishing in this city, a strong Branch, with an Honorary Board and local manager.

ROBERT HALL said:—"When the devil sees a young man in earnest he gets on his back, and rides him to death that he may the sooner get rid of him."