



New Series.

TORONTO, MAY, 1889.

Vol. VIII., No. 5.

Editorial Jottings.

THE REV. G. H. SANDWELL expects to begin his ministry in Zion Church, Toronto, on Sabbath 28th April. As we write, he is daily expected in Toronto. We trust there is a long and useful pastorate awaiting him.

SIBERIA.—A movement Christ-ward among the Jews in Siberia is reported. It is said to resemble that in Southern Russia with which the name of Rabinowitz is associated. The leader is a Polish Jew, called Jacob Sheinmann.

THE *Catholic Review* estimates that the actual Roman Catholic population of this country is over 10,000,000, although official statistics just published make it to be only 8,157,676. The total number of parochial schools is 3,070, and the attendance 585,965.

At the Evangelist Moody's school at Northfield, Mass., is a fair-haired Norwegian girl who came to this country entirely alone to attend this seminary. She says: "Norway is much better acquainted with America than America is with Norway. I learned of Mr. Moody's school through the papers. I wanted to be enrolled among the number and so I came." There is a Bulgarian girl among Mr. Moody's pupils, and a number of Canadian dawns.—*N. Y. Witness.*

PROPOSED VISITS FOR DR. BARBOUR.—A correspondent in the Eastern part of Ontario writes: "I have often thought that it would add very much to the interest taken by our Churches in the College, if Principal Barbour could, during the Summer, visit the Churches in Ontario; not only the city churches, but

the country churches as well. Many of our people would be pleased to meet with Dr. Barbour—still more pleased to hear him speak."

You ask me *when* I gave my heart to Christ?
I can not tell
The day, or just the hour, I do not now
Remember well.
It must have been when I was all alone
The light of His forgiving Spirit shone
Into my heart, so clouded o'er with sin;
I think—I think 'twas *then* I let him in.
I do not know—
I cannot tell you *when*,
I only know
He is so dear since then.

THE SCOTT ACT, the local option law in Canada, has been repealed in fifteen counties and cities since our last. Many of its friends were disgusted at the non-enforcement of the law; and they could not get it amended in the direction of greater efficiency. The issue is now High License or National Prohibition. We deliberately choose the latter. At the same time let it be remembered, that not even total Prohibition would enforce itself. Every citizen must be interested in having the laws of his country enforced.

ALL our churches and ministers will regret the fact of Mr. Marling resigning Emmanuel Church, Montreal, and leaving the Dominion. We are, in some respects, like Scotland; with a larger country just over the border, toward which our best citizens gravitate. And though in Mr. Marling's case, it is probably family connections alone that draw him southward, he follows the stream where so many of our best men have gone. We hope Emmanuel Church will at once set about supplying the vacancy: and if possible, with a Canadian graduate.