

ally arise at the right time, and when they are not prevented by the conventionalisms of society or the church, the work advances rapidly, and markedly, leading every beholder to exclaim, "This is the doing of the Lord, and wondrous in our eyes." This fitness between the men and their mission, which is to be expected from the arrangements of a Being infinitely wise, suggests to us that there must be something wrong in individuals or in the arrangements of Churches when the special talents, energies or acquirements of God's servants, are not employed, or if employed, are not employed in that sphere for which they are best adapted. Men who have extensive manufactories, large business connections or great operations to carry on, invariably put, according to their judgment, the right men in the right place. They feel it to be their interest to direct energies where they will have most productive power. If this be so in the world, it ought to be so also in the Church.

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"We desire to attach considerable importance to the little word *WITH*. To work *with* all who worked for God, has been from the first our earnest desire." p. 279.

This ought to be the spirit of all engaged in the Lord's work. We believe it to be the spirit of many, but observation shows that it is not of all. Though the profession of some is loud, that Christ's cause is dear to them, their practice shows that it is only in connection with their own denomination. Though they hold by the Bible as the only rule of faith and manners, they exhibit no excess of charity to those who draw from the prayerful study of it, views that may be as correct as their own. And accordingly these men will not give the right hand of fellowship, nor the least encouragement to others who are beyond their own pale, or not in *their* way advancing the Lord's work. Their language is "As you are not of us, we will not be *with* you," and hence they would not say as much as "God bless you." to their undertaking. We thank God that many are not of this stamp. We thank God that He has given a spiritual instinct to many to discern the Lord's labourers in every department of the Lord's work, the sense

to know that their work is conducive to the general object which they have all in view, and the hearty disposition to work *with* all who work for Christ.

### The Home and Foreign Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The second number of this Monthly has just reached us. This periodical, under a new name, and in a different form, is a continuation of the "Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record of the Presbyterian Church of Canada," under the same editor. The typography, paper and form of the periodical are decidedly superior to what they were formerly, though these advantages are gained at the loss of a considerable quantity of reading matter.

Now that the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church are united under one, the Record must have a much larger circulation, and must exert considerable influence within the denomination. We are pleased to know that the Rev. Mr. Reid, who was editor for some years of the Record under its old form, is continued in office. We regard him as the right man in the right place. It is no easy matter to edit the Record of any church, and we think the Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church no exception. Every minister, and almost every elder, thinks that because it is an official paper he has a special license to growl. The articles are too long, or too short; too spicy, or too tame. There is too much about home missions and too little about foreign missions, or the reverse! Now, if there was some way of letting these growlers hold the office, it would soon become manifest that grumbling was their highest qualification. Mr. Reid has shown himself well qualified to steer quietly and wisely in spite of all, creating less dissatisfaction than would be found with almost any one else. We wish him a long and happy term of office.

### Harry Dangerfield.

This is one of Carter's Fireside Library, and written by the well-known A. L. O. E. It is a book of thrilling interest, suited for young men, and illustrative as a tale of the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. We could in a few sentences furnish our readers with a tolerably correct idea of the story, but that would to some extent rob the book of the inducement to read it. We heartily recom-