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## MORE GOOD WORDS.

A professor in a United States Theological seminary concludes a note with these words: I am much pleased with the enlarged form of the PRESBYTERIAN.

A worthy pastor in Eastern Ontario writes: THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN is a credit to the church in Canada, the principles and polity of which it has ever been an able exponent.

A correspondent favours us with the following: Permit me also to offer my congratulations on the great improvement in the paper, I have been a subscriber since first number and rejoice in this sign of prosperity.

A gentleman who conducted a large and successful business in a Western Ontario town and who has now taken up his residence in Scotland writes: As you know I have been a subscriber to the PRESBYTERIAN from its first appearance, and it is my intention—even at this distance—to continue a subscriber. Your manly editorials on important and often delicate questions invariably commended themselves to your humble subscriber. It is to me a hopeful sign of the progress Presbyterianism is making in your great Dominion, that you have been able from time to time to improve the quality of the PRESBYTERIAN editorially and mechanically, and the recent enlargement and improvement in all departments of the paper are to me a clinching proof of its healthful progress. Those few Presbyterians—I hope they are few—who do not take your paper, do not know how much they are the losers. I am delighted with the new dress of the paper.

### Conducted with Tact, Taste, and Ability.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, now entering on its seventeenth year of publication, has come out in a new and enlarged form, which enhances its hitherto attractive appearance. It is conducted with taste, tact and ability, and deserves the cordial support of the influential denomination in whose interest it is published.—*Empire*.

### Has a look of Prosperity about it.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN begins the new year with a handsome new re-arrangement of its make-up and an increase in size. THE PRESBYTERIAN has a look of prosperity about it.—*Toronto World*.

### A Financial Success.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN opened the new year with a new dress. The paper is as bright and newsy as ever, and we are pleased to know it is proving a financial success.—*Napanee Express*.

### A Credit to Presbyterianism.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN comes to hand commencing with the New Year, in an enlarged and greatly improved form. It is a credit to Presbyterians and the publisher.—*Barrie Gazette*.

### "Knoxonian's" Papers a Valued Feature.

There is no better denominational paper in the Dominion than THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, which celebrates the holiday season by appearing in an enlarged form and a new dress. Fully fifty per cent. more matter is given than formerly, and every line of it is the very best. The papers by "Knoxonian" are alone worth the subscription price, and they are only one of many valuable features. No Presbyterian family should be without a copy.—*Cornwall Freeholder*.

### A Manly and Judicious Exponent.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, the leading Church paper of the Presbyterian body in Canada, has been greatly enlarged and improved. It contains fifty per cent. more reading matter than it did before, and is now equal to the best church paper published on either side of the Atlantic. THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN has always been an able, manly and judicious exponent of the principles and polity of Presbyterianism, and should have the hearty support of every one belonging to the denomination.—*Stratford Beacon*.

### Deserves to Have a Large Circulation.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN comes to us enlarged and improved with the new year. It is an excellent paper and deserves to have a large circulation.—*Brockville Recorder*.

### Accurate and Comprehensive.

This old established and popular paper begins the New Year greatly enlarged and otherwise improved. It is ably edited and its news of church work, both at home and abroad, is accurate and comprehensive. It is now more deserving of support than ever from the Presbyterians of Canada.—*Dunfries Reformer*.

### Ablly Edited in all its Departments.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN is one of the best of church papers, and is ably edited in all the departments, making it a fine and interesting paper, not alone to Presbyterians, but to all.—*Kincardine Reporter*.

### A Valued Exchange.

Our valued exchange, THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, comes to us considerably enlarged, and otherwise improved. We congratulate our contemporary on these evidences of prosperity, and wish it every success in its important work.—*Canadian Baptist*.

### A Most Creditable Organ.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN comes to hand this week greatly enlarged and improved in appearance, being changed to a three column paper. It is in its seventeenth year, and is conducted with tact, taste and ability, is in fact a most creditable organ in the interests of the body it represents.—*Wingham Times*.

### A Popular Religious Weekly.

This popular religious weekly begins the New Year enlarged and much improved. Ablly edited and containing accurate and comprehensive news of all church work, at home and abroad, it is more deserving of support than ever from the Presbyterians of Canada.—*Waterloo Chronicle*.

## Notes of the Week:

THE Senators of the ancient University of St. Andrews resolved recently to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Principal Cave, of Hackney College. The Principal's contributions to Theological Science fairly entitle him to this distinction.

TWELVE men and five women have been sentenced at Belgrade to imprisonment for proselytizing. They belong to a sect called the Nazarenes. The original bearers of this name did themselves suffer much for proselytizing, some of their successors converted Russia by this method. The straitened liberty in which Madame Novikoff glories would have consigned these pioneers in Russia to prison or Siberia.

THE *Christian Leader* says. A workingman of Govan writes protesting against the forms and ceremonies that are being introduced, he alleges, by Dr. John Macleod. "By many," says our correspondent, "he is called the 'English Pope,'" and it makes me sad to hear this when I remember how well his forefathers were liked by the poor in the Highlands. The workingmen are not so dull as some of the clergy take them to be."

LAST week, says the *Christian World*, we had occasion to comment on the American attempt to introduce seven-days-a-week journalism into London. A better feature of American Journalism has been introduced by the New York *Herald*, which English papers would do well to copy. This is the publication on Monday of reports of the most interesting sermons of Sunday. As a rule, preachers are systematically ignored by the English daily press.

THE work already accomplished by the Law and Order League in the United States is of the most encouraging description. A number of cheering facts were presented in the reports submitted at the recent annual convention. In some large cities the movement to close the saloons on Sunday had been successful, Pittsburg and Alleghany among the number. There also the public sale of demoralizing literature had been suppressed. The representative from Toronto at the convention was Mr. J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., on whose invitation the next convention will be held in this city.

SPURGEON has been ill, says the *Chicago Interior*, but he had strength and wit to write a letter to a Presbyterian pastor, in a town where some "spiritually perfect and sinless" folk were making a sensation, begging him to catch a specimen and send him on, marked right side up, as a curiosity for Londoners to see. The great preacher declared that he had known people "who might have been thought perfect, but they always disclaimed it; and some who claimed it, while no mortal ever believed in their pretensions." Same here. What a man is and what he says he is, are often as far apart as the two ends which the cleverest figuring is not able to make meet.

CARROLL D. WRIGHT, U.S. Commissioner of Labour, has submitted to Congress his special report on the statistics of the laws relating to marriage and divorce in the United States from 1867 to 1886 inclusive. The statistics of marriage cover only 66 per cent. of all the countries. The whole number of divorces granted in the United States is given by years as follows: In 1867, 9,937; 1868, 10,150; 1869, 10,935; 1870, 10,962; 1871, 11,586; 1872, 12,390; 1873, 13,156; 1874, 13,989; 1875, 14,212; 1876, 14,800; 1877, 15,687; 1878, 16,089; 1879, 17,083; 1880, 19,663; 1881, 20,762; 1882, 22,112; 1883, 23,198; 1884, 22,994; 1885, 23,472; 1886, 25,535. Total for the twenty years, 328,716.

THE sad calamity that befell the St. Louis Express near St. George last week has caused mourning and sore distress in many homes. It is another and impressive reminder of the uncertainty of human life. The deep gloom occasioned by the terrible disaster is in some degree relieved by the kindly help to the relatives of the dead who went to look after their loved ones, the generous attention to the wants of

the sufferers and heart-prompted efforts to alleviate their distresses, so generally shown by all who had the opportunity of rendering aid. And yet is humanity and self-denying kindness to those in distress so very rare? Not at all, only because whenever an opportunity calls it forth it furnishes a pleasing contrast to the selfishness that occasionally obtrudes itself.

THE Rev. Alexander Campbell, of Cote Saint Antoine, Montreal, Secretary of the Provincial Dominion Evangelical Alliance, was in Cornwall last week and addressed a large gathering in the Baptist Church. The meeting was called for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Alliance in Cornwall, and the result was very gratifying. Mr. Campbell gave an eloquent and able address setting forth the aims of the organization and the necessity of its propagation. It was unanimously resolved at the conclusion of the speaker's remarks to form an Alliance in Cornwall, which will be officered by the following gentlemen for the present year: Rev. Dr. Macnish, president; Rev. J. Hastie, Rev. F. C. Reynolds, and His Honour Judge Pringle, vice-presidents; Rev. W. J. Scott, Secretary; Mr. J. F. Abbott, Treasurer. Cornwall branch begins with a membership of about fifty.

AN English contemporary says: The enormous value of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for Destitute Children has been so amply demonstrated by the test of more than twenty years that we are peculiarly glad to give publicity to any suggestion for assisting them. Such a suggestion we have received in the form of a circular reprinted from an article in a provincial newspaper. This article, which, emanating from an independent source, has been adopted by the management of the "Homes," points out that the young medical student, who twenty-two years ago began his noble work alone and unaided, has been the means of rescuing no less than 12,000 waifs from a life of probable degradation and possible crime. Of these, 3,424 have already been started in life in Canada, where three distributing centres have been established. The suggestion is made that the time has come for the State to aid in the work, not by supporting the Homes, but by assisting in the emigration of the youths and girls who have there been fitted for a useful and honourable life. Such assistance should be given as part of a system of State-aided emigration, and it would surely be to the interest of the British and Colonial Governments alike.

IN the Church of Scotland Presbyteries some interesting discussions have taken place on the subject of non-church-going. The committee of Dundee Presbytery recommend that greater interest be taken by both ministers and Sessions in mission work, and in the better housing of the poor. Special attention has been called in their discussions to the propriety of observing a mission week, and of having a public meeting on the whole subject of non-church-going. Greenock Presbytery have adopted their committee's report, in which intemperance, false notions as to the clothes requisite, and rivalry of sects are mentioned as causes. Rev. John Reid, of Port Glasgow, advised ministers to beware of leading in socialism, for they would soon be told to cut up their gables. The question of changing pews to chairs was, he said, sentimental, and the remedy for what is wrong lay with the ministers themselves if they would only do their duty. Discussions might go on forever, but they could not change them as men, and no assembly suggestions or injunctions could do so. Dalkeith Presbytery's committee report that in the rural parishes non-church-goers are either workmen or labourers, and do not exceed five per cent. of the people. The causes are intemperance, poverty, and bad home influence. This committee sensibly calls upon the elders and members to assist in gathering in the lapsed. Dumbarton Presbytery's Committee report that non-church-going is found among all classes, and that the religious indifference is due to intemperance, poverty and the physical environments of the poor. They do not blame seat rents, and believe these cannot be abolished till the ministry is sufficiently endowed. Sunday labour is not much carried on; and they would leave the remedy for non-church-going to the ordinary methods.