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There was no issue of THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN last week. Instead of taking the usual two weeks holidays now we shall content ourselves with one.

By an unfortunate transposition of a few lines in Rev. Dr. Mowatt's sermon in our issue of 22nd ult., the continuity of the discourse was destroyed for the reader. The heading and following two lines on third column should be read as if at top of second column; and three lines at top of second column should take the place of lines so transferred. We have to apologise to Dr. Mowatt and our readers for the blunder.

Some silly people are protesting against the proposal to erect a statue to George Washington in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England; other silly people may object to the U. S. Ambassador Choate's proposal to erect at Washington a statue of "Queen Victoria, the friend of America." We think each proposition a good one; it would have excellent international effect to carry them out simultaneously. Washington and Queen Victoria will ever stand out as two illustrious representatives of the great English-speaking world.

Andrew Carnegie has set apart \$2,500,000, the revenue from which is to be devoted to the pleasure and improvement of his native town of Dunfermline, Scotland. Among other things there is to be a theatre, in which only respectable and first-class plays are to be presented. The experiment will be watched with interest. The theatre is a powerful and popular agency in almost every country; but moralists, in the main, consider its tendencies the opposite of uplifting. Whether an endowed theatre, under proper supervision, could achieve more satisfactory results, will now have test in a Scottish town.

A GREAT TEXT AND A QUESTION-ABLE APPLICATION.

At the present time, and in connection with Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, the British working man is reminded by superior persons that man cannot live by bread alone. The Colonial Secretary states that he would not be afraid to go into the house of a working man and tell him that the new imperial proposals mean a dearer loaf. With regard to this Punch asks the question "How long will he remain?" and shows the probable result in pictorial style. The colonial secretary coming out quickly by aid of a vigorous kick. There seems to be a strong feeling that the working classes will object to pay more for their food. One good reason is that they already pay as much as they can afford. It is simply the fact that Free Trade means cheap commodities that makes it possible for the working people to live comfortably on their modest wages. All admit that Mr. Chamberlain's promise of an increase of wages under the new regime is one that rests upon an uncertain foundation, while his suggestions of old age pensions is a delusion and a snare. As a matter of fact, it is the people who have tried to ligh sentiment out of politics and have insisted that business is business, who are now reminding the poorer people that something more than bread is needed for the life of man and for the working of an Empire. Those who look on with an impartial eye can surely see that the common people have borne their fair share of the burdens of imperialism. In the last war thousands of their sons were slaughtered and thousands more came back, to find thousands more doomed to idleness and poverty. They have to pay a greater price for their sugar to help some of the colonies and now it is asked, that they pay more for bread and beef to help others. The statement that man does not live by bread alone contains a great principle capable of many noble applications, but that thousands of poor people many of whom can with difficulty secure the needful bread should pay higher prices for the benefit of colonial farmers does not seem to be one of them. It was a humanitarian movement, christian in the largest sense, that took the tax off the peoples bread. The men who fought for free trade were the men, who were moved by spiritual principles and stimulated by lofty ideals. It was because they believed in God and the loving head that they fought to give the masses cheaper food. It is easy for those who live in luxury to preach superficial exhortations on the text. "Man doth not live by bread alone."

Ontario is a great Province already—the greatest single Province in the British Empire—but it will be a vastly more important Province ten years hence, when the Grand Trunk Pacific and various connecting cross railway lines are in full operation. There will henceforth be many opportunities for young men of steadiness and determination in every part of Canada,

THE MAKING OF A NEW POPE.

The creation of a new Pope seems to be a difficult matter. It is carried on in a very formal manner and with great professions of secrecy. To most of us the names of the competing candidates are nothing but names. We know little or nothing of their characters or of the policy they are supposed to represent. Besides, we do not think that it will make much difference in policy. As the French say: "The more the changes, the more it is the same thing!" Of course, after an interval of twenty-five years, such an election arouses curiosity and stimulates interest. The people who take a real interest in it are disappointed when the affair moves slowly. They seem to think that men who claim to be in a special sense the representatives of heaven should be able to find out with greater speed who is the true successor of St. Peter.

On the 4th of August what seemed likely to be a prolonged contest came to an end by the election of one who had not been much "boomed." As is often the case the final choice was not one of the favourites.

WANTED FOR THE YUKON.

The Rev. Dr. Warden has just received a letter from the Rev. John Pringle, urgently asking for the appointment of a man to undertake the work at Bonanza, in the neighborhood of Dawson City. The people agree to give at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, and a residence. It is very important that his request be complied with, without delay. The man must be young, vigorous, ordained, and with adaptability for work among the mining population in that district. Is there not among the younger, unmarried ministers of the church, some one who will volunteer his services in that connection? If so, he should immediately communicate with Dr. Warden, Toronto. The Rev. John Pringle is to be set free to visit the outlying camps ministering by preaching and otherwise, to the people in these camps. The church is to be congratulated at having at their disposal, the services of so specially qualified a man for this kind of work; and although it entails a heavy expenditure upon the Home Mission Fund, yet it is sure to tell, and will, we feel confident, appeal to the sympathy and liberality of all our people. Mr. Pringle and the other missionaries in the Yukon, have done splendid service in that far off territory; and they may rest satisfied that they have the sympathy and confidence of the entire church with them in their difficulties and trials.

So radium will cure cancer! One trouble is radium is said to be \$2,000,000 a pound. It is now obtained solely from a single variety of pitchblende found in Austria; though it is thought it will be found in Canada also. The last word in practical medicine has not by any means been spoken. It will soon be a risk to say of any ailment that it is incurable. Providence may have in store many hidden mercies in regard to healing.