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Correspondence.

For the Daily Recorder.
OPENING OF THE ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

Amid hope and fear preparations were pushed on that the college might be opened, if possible, yesterday—September 15th. The financial difficulties seemed at times appalling; the preparation of buildings, furnishing, engaging of teachers, officers, and domestics, the advertising, all seemed too much for the short time at command. But the work was done, and the college doors were yesterday morning opened for the admission of pupils, and in the evening some five hundred visitors and friends thronged the inviting halls. The afternoon was well, and the evening threatening, or such a throng as Whittby rarely sees would have been there. The early part of the evening having been spent in viewing the buildings, and examining preparations for school work, the audience mustered in the large music hall. Mr. Holden, the President of the college, occupied the chair. The Principal, teachers, ministers from a distance and of the town, directors and distinguished visitors were on the right and left. The Rev. Mr. Clark read a Scripture lesson, and the Rev. Mr. Gibbs offered prayer. A piece of music was given by Miss Bredin on one of Mason, Risch and Newcombe's fine Decker pianos. The chairman briefly welcomed students, parents, and friends, and congratulated all on a punctual and auspicious opening of the college.

The Principal, Rev. J. E. Sanderson, apologized for the unavoidable absence of several expected strangers, briefly sketched the progress made in securing the property and preparing for opening, indicated the open and inviting field they were entering, the special work undertaken in the thorough, mental, moral and Christian education of young women, the care and expenditure of the directors in making the best possible provision, and the confidence felt in the fidelity of the teachers secured.

Mrs. Arnold, a distinguished vocalist and piano teacher, from Ogleburg, sang a solo and other pieces during the evening. Timely and hearty addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. McDowell and Bredin, only short, as both had to leave by the ten o'clock train for Toronto. The Rev. Mr. Frazer complimented the Methodists of the town and country on securing so splendid a property and opening with such good promise: he paid a high compliment to Sheriff Reynolds' taste and skill in erecting such an edifice, and though giving it up as a family mansion, yet having the satisfaction of seeing it become an educating centre that should yet greatly bless our town and country. The Sheriff magnanimously expressed his satisfaction in the new use to which his recent home was to be devoted, and thankful that under the overrulings of Providence he had built for so worthy an object.

Rev. Mr. Ballantyne glanced at the educational institutions of the town and country, and intimated the high and noble standing this college would be expected to take. After a few remarks from other gentlemen, the proceedings closed with the benediction and doxology. Expressions of unbounded satisfaction were freely given on every hand, and the highest hopes encouraged for the future. The Principal announced that Mr. Hock, the distinguished artist of Toronto would open his drawing classes next morning; and Mr. Torrington, whose name and fame had been so freely spoken of during the evening, would be down in the afternoon to take charge of the vocal and instrumental music. Pupils should lose no time in entering, as every day's absence from such instructions must be a great loss. We were pleased to see the Rev. J. J. Hare, B.A., in fine health and spirits entering upon his work, and several other teachers evidently ready for duty. Parents would do well to visit the institution and examine the unexampled provision for pleasure, health, and education secured in the splendid edifice.

To the Editor of the Christian Guardian.
THAT QUESTION OF THE MONTHLY.

Mr. Buror.—It is a pity, sir, that we could not hit on some plan of a periodical to meet the demands of our general readers, which shall be a medium between our excellent weekly GUARDIAN on the one hand, and a Quarterly Review on the other—substantial, yet readable; thoroughly religious, yet literary. We have not been very successful heretofore in our efforts in that direction. The present monthly, *Forward Christianity*, has, perhaps, bid as fairly to succeed as any thing of that kind we have yet tried; but it is not likely that both it and a connexion magazine will prosper at the same time.

Besides, I do not see why a publication should be shut up to one class of subjects, especially one class of religious subjects. Preaching should present the highest degrees of Christian attainment, but it should not be restricted to describing the progress from justification to sanctification. Nor is there any reason why a religious periodical should be confined to this stage of Christian life alone.

"To the pure all things are pure," and a Christian man may cultivate an acquaintance with history, science, poetry, matters of taste and general literature, and information upon all subjects, as well as those of Christian experience, and they all may be treated and considered religiously.

I should like to see our monthly thoroughly Methodist; and therefore catholic, as our ancient motto was "the friend of all, the enemy of none." And for the same reason, tentative and progressive; that is, open to the discussion of new measures and advanced ideas, though new. The truth of God, which is but another name for essential Methodist orthodoxy, can never suffer from free discussion, if reverent.

Let also man be raised by an appeal to his conscience, judgment, fancy, imagination, sentiment, humor, and even a sense of the ridiculous, if need be.

In the religious line, give us the awakening, the consoling, the monitory; in a word, let our periodicals, like our preaching, strive to lead those to whom addressed from irreligion to conversion, and then raise them to all the possible heights of experimental and practical holiness.

The scheme, if realized, would meet the intellectual and spiritual demands of all within our pale; and combine the excellency of an independent periodical with those of a connexion one. It would give a chance for each writer's individuality to appear, while it would secure homogeneity to the whole, and throw a denominational conservatism around it. Yes, let us secure a strong boiler and good machinery, but put on plenty of steam at the same time; in a word, let there be an enterprising driver and a careful brakeman.

Giving these hurried hints for what they are worth, I remain, in thorough sympathy with all proper means of securing a denominational literature, your dutiful, humble servant,
JOHN CARROLL.

For the Christian Guardian.
"THE PROPOSED NEW MAGAZINE."

I was much pleased with the suggestions in a letter under the above caption in the GUARDIAN of the 2nd inst. I would say, however, pay a fair price for suitable articles at once. Men and women with brains and education have a right to be paid for their work: they cannot be expected to work without pay, and intelligent readers do not grudge them their reward. What the magazine is at the outset, it will be likely to continue. Make a good appearance, and establish a good reputation, and there need be no fear of failure. With a constituency of hundreds of thousands in all the Provinces of the Dominion, it will not lack for readers if it is worth reading, and may circulate largely among people of other creeds as well as our own. A few thousands of dollars sunk at the beginning of the enterprise, in providing a good outfit, and organizing a good staff of contributors, would soon be repaid. Let us have a really excellent publication at once, for it is high time we had one. The Book Room is said to be prosperous, let the committee furnish a publication worthy of our position as a church, second to none in the Dominion.
L. P.

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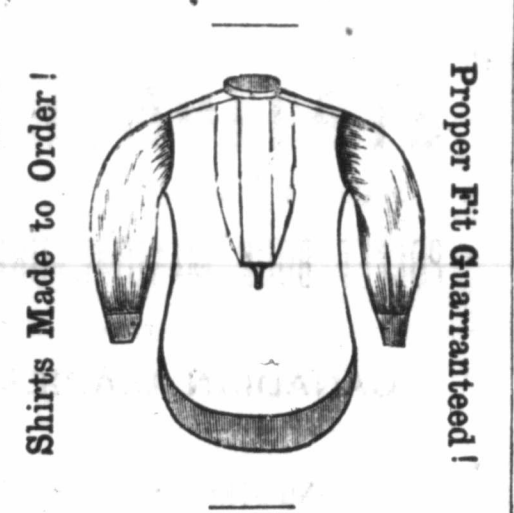
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