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## RELIGIOUS.

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Cathedral Committee was held on Friday last, when it was resolved to go on with the building with such sum of money as may be in hand by Aug. 12th, when the corner stone will be laid. About \$20,000 are already subscribed. It was determined also to appoint an organizing secretary on salary, to thoroughly canvass and arouse the sentiment of the diocese in this matter. A representative sub-committee from the city was named, to have charge of all arrangements in connection with the celebration of Aug. 12th, and sermons are to be preached throughout the diocese for the Cathedral fund on Sunday, June 19th. Thus the parishes will have an opportunity of combining their loyalty to both church and state.

Our correspondent in answer to *Par* says:—"Par must be a singularly unsophisticated individual if he thinks there can be no contest in the case of the election of the new bishop. He is at the same time hardly competent to state what may take place, as he is evidently unaware that the gentleman whose name he puts forward with such positiveness, will decline to be nominated under any circumstances. I will further define 'one of our own men' to mean any suitable clergyman within this 'Ecclesiastical Province,' excluding strangers to the church in Canada who may be sought from England. It will probably not be the choice of the Synod to send to England. Par may have better sources of information than those of your correspondent. To suppose, however, that human nature will be altogether laid aside, and that perfect unanimity will prevail, is to show an utter disregard of the teachings of experience, and a battle there will certainly be, since one side at least of the thought of the diocese is making every effort to secure the election of its nominee, and even Par's influence will hardly restrain the other side from conscientiously doing the same. The most that can be hoped for is that we may be kept from exposing our weak points to the gaze of the general public."

### CATHOLIC.

We read in *Le Manitoba* that upon the arrival at Quebec of His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, some of the dignitaries in the archiepiscopal palace will be raised to the rank of Roman Prelates.

### METHODIST.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Conference will be held in Truro on the 15th instant. The New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference will be held at the same time at Marysville, N. B.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, the distinguished Methodist preacher of England, arrived in Halifax last Friday, and held a service in Grafton St. Church the same evening. His three discourses were on "Man's idea of Christianity," "Christ's idea of Christianity," and "Christ's idea of Christianity, hindered and realized." It is impossible in this column to give a summary of those addresses. He well sustained the reputation which he has achieved in the old country as a pulpit orator. With a wide knowledge of the bible, he possesses the power of clothing his thoughts in the most chaste language, and in a style that electrifies his hearers. Since the visit of the late Dr. Punahon to this city some years ago, no preacher has made such a deep impression upon his audiences. The attendance at all the services was very large, particularly so on Sunday evening in Brunswick St. Church.

### BAPTIST.

Rev. Dr. Hopper has returned to St. John from Philadelphia, much improved in health. He hopes, by continuing the course of treatment received in the United States, to become fully restored.

The new charter which is to take effect in November next, uniting and bringing under one regime Toronto Baptist College and Woodstock College, and consolidating them under the name of "McMaster University," makes a change in the relations of the Maritime Provinces with that institution. The provisions by which the denomination in the Lower Provinces were represented on the Board of Trustees no longer exist, as the representation on the Board of Governors, which will replace the Board of Trustees, is confined to the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec.

The Baptists of the Southern States have lately held their annual convention at Louisville, Ky. From the reports presented, we learn that there was contributed to foreign missions last year \$87,830, and that there are 116 foreign missions supported by the board. Connected with the home mission work there are 251 ministers, 822 churches and stations, 318 Sunday schools, and 31,031 teachers and scholars.

### PRESBYTERIAN.

On the 9th instant the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada meets in Winnipeg. As already stated in these columns, the Rev. Dr. Burns will undoubtedly be elected moderator.

Rev. J. M. Allan, of Grove Church, Richmond, who has been on a short visit to Scotland, returned last week.

It is stated that the Rev. Mr. McClelland, of Ashburn, Ont., has been offered a call from the Presbyterian Church at Kentville.

There are now 564 churches in the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, with a membership of 182,063. The income last year was \$1,967,725. The average stipend paid was nearly \$1,200.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax, held at Nool on Tuesday last, the Rev J. C. Cattanack tendered his resignation of the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church of this city.