

is the rule that applies in the present instance. If we would have strong men in our ministry and membership, we must labor that they be produced; but our labor must be the labor of prayer, of desire for God, of confidence in Him. Our equipment of men will be of little avail, without the Divine endowment. "Be strong in the Lord." That expresses the whole philosophy of the thing. We are responsible for the possession of strength, and God is the source of strength.

Brethren, shall we not listen to the Divine injunction that is addressed to us! At the beginning of this year, 1879, shall we not seek more of spiritual strength for the service of the Master. We can do much for Him and for the good of sinners, if we be endued with power.

WE hope that the rumours which have been going around about a contemplated removal of Lieutenant-Governor Letellier are not well-founded. We do not wish to discuss the conduct of the Lieutenant-Governor, in dismissing his Conservative advisers, when they were backed by large majorities in both branches of the Legislature. He may have acted constitutionally, or he may have acted unconstitutionally. He may have been wise, or he may have been unwise. We only insist on this—that he should not be removed, except for the most weighty and serious reasons. If he is removed at present, his removal will surely furnish a precedent for all time to come. And it will be a vicious and mischievous one. Party spirit is bad enough in Canada now; political life is corrupt enough here now. But what will party spirit be in its bitterness, and what will political life in its filthiness, if with every change of administration, every office in the gift of the Government is counted practically vacant. Sir John Macdonald will have to face a storm, if he deals with M. Letellier as M. Angers and his following would have him do.

THE Indian and the Negro cannot be eliminated from American politics. The black man is all the while on the boards, the red man appears pretty frequently. He is very well discussed now. General Sheridan has lately been criticising unfavourably the management of Indian affairs, and his remarks have brought out Mr. Schurz, the Secretary of the Interior, under whose control the Indian Bureau is at present. There is a desire on the part of some to transfer that Bureau to the War Department; but the Christian sentiment of the land resists that proposal. It is thought that the Indian can be governed without the sword, and musket, and bayonet. It is thought that there is a better way of dealing with them than slaughtering them. One thing is certain, no policy has ever been so successful with those wild men as General Grant's "Quaker Policy," as it was termed. Do our neighbours across

the lines believe either in law or in Gospel? There is a Golden Rule somewhere in the Bible. There is a commandment of love somewhere there. We wonder if the Indian cannot be managed in the way of equity and charity.

Religious News.

MR. W. EWING, student, is to supply the Garafraxa Churches for a Sabbath or two in January.

PERSONAL.—Rev. H. J. Colwell is about leaving his Alton and North Erin charge. His address is Alton.

The Rev. R. W. Wallace is to deliver Lectures for the Home Missionary Society, at Southwold, Tilbury, and Stratford.

THE Douglas church held their annual tea-meeting on New Year's Day, on which occasion Mr. Griffith bade farewell to his former parishioners.

PERSONAL.—Rev. J. I. Hindley, M. A., of Owen Sound, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the churches of Oro, Rugby, and Vespra.

The installation of the Rev. Joseph Griffiths as pastor of the Church in Hamilton, will be held on the 3rd inst. Mr. Griffiths begins his ministry there on the 5th inst.

The friends of the Congregational Church at Scotland, met at the residence of their pastor, the Rev. William Hay, on December 4th, and presented him with a donation of \$71. They also presented a purse of \$25 to Miss Hay, for her services as organist.

Mr. E. H. Arms, the much respected superintendent of the Norfolk Street Congregational Sunday School; was presented with a very handsome silver tea and coffee service, on the occasion of his removal to Toronto. The service was accompanied by a purse of money, and a beautifully engrossed address.

The students of C. C. B. N. A., have organized an Association for literary culture, for gaining knowledge of Canadian Congregationalism, and for the adoption of whatever means may seem practicable for enlarging the College library, and furthering the interests of the College in general.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that the pastor of Sarnia church has been preaching some straight sermons on practical godliness to the people. The people witnessed their appreciation of their pastor's great plainness of speech by coming out in larger and larger numbers.

DON MOUNT.—Mount Zion Congregational Temperance Society, assisted by some friends from Toronto, gave a live Christmas entertainment in their school-room on the evening of December 18th. The attendance was large, and the articles on the Christmas tree found ready purchasers. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, Chinese lanterns, flags, etc. This mission is doing good work in the east.

On December 3rd, the residence of Henry Cox, Esq., of Burford, was the scene of a very pleasing surprise. After a sumptuous repast had been served, the friends were regaled with choice selections of vocal and instrumental music. These were interspersed with congratulatory addresses by the Revs. Howell, of Guelph, Walker, of Scotland, Barker, of Brantford, and the pastor. During the evening, Mr. Charles presented Mr. Hay with a donation amounting to over \$50.

TORONTO.—Anniversary services of the Northern Church Sunday School, were held on Sunday, December 22nd. Sermons were preached in the morning by Rev. J. B. Silcox, and in the evening by Rev. Dr. Potts. In the afternoon, the children with their teachers and friends met in their beautiful schoolroom, when addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Dr. Hodgins, and the Rev. J. B. Silcox. The superintendent, Mr. H. J. Clark, is one of the most efficient Sunday School workers in the city. He has, indeed, the *Sabbath School*.—We know

of no better in the country.—The Bazaar of Bond St. Church was a success. Over \$2,000 was received during the 'three days' sale. The "Bazaar Journal," was published daily, and had a wide circulation.—The penny-a-week subscription started two years ago by the Yorkville Congregational Church, to reduce their debt, now amounts to nearly \$400. This fact is suggestive.

LANARK.—The Congregational Sabbath School in Lanark Village, on Christmas eve, enjoyed an excellent Christmas-tree entertainment. All the scholars (84) received gifts, the total value of which was about \$15. Collections at the door amounted to \$14.60, which will be devoted to the purchase of papers for the School, during the forthcoming year. Besides the gifts of the School, many very valuable ones were bestowed by friends. Mr. W. A. Hanna, teacher of the advanced class, was presented with two fine volumes, Tennyson's and Longfellow's Poems, by those of his class. Mrs. Brown, the wife of the pastor, received a fine parlour lamp from a young friend; while the pastor was made the happy recipient of a beautiful fur cap, with \$12. The programme of the evening consisted of singing, readings and dialogues, which were all executed in first class style. The Middleville pastor and his wife were present, and took part in some of the exercises. B.

Christian Intelligence.

JOSEPH COOK is now lecturing with marked success in New York city.

It is rumored that Rev. W. H. H. Murray, late of Boston, Mass., is likely to be called by a church in Meriden, Conn.

WE see that our old friend, Rev. John Fraser, once of Montreal, is engaged to supply in Bronnington, Vermont, for six months.

THE First Church, Chicago, Dr. E. P. Goodwin, pastor, reports a membership of 1,197. There have been connected with it 2,375 persons.

Dr. Talmage has concluded his series of sermons on the Dark Side of City Life, but announces a new series, which he calls the "National Series."

A statue of Admiral Coligny is to be erected by subscription in the Louvre Quadrangle, in Paris, near the spot where he was assassinated in the St. Bartholomew massacre.

THE Chicago papers say that Rev. Edward Sullivan, of that city, is about to accept a call from St. George's Church, Montreal, to become the successor of Bishop Bond in the pastorate.

THE Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Henry Martyn Scudder, general pastor, has a membership of 1,049, and an average congregation of 1,600. During the past year it has paid off a debt of \$64,000.

At Zion Chapel, Attercliffe, recently, the minister prayed that the English armies might not be successful in the unjust and cruel war which they were now waging against a weak and almost defenceless heathen country.

The pope has sent ten Jesuits to Central Africa, to evangelize the countries traversed by Stanley and Livingstone. The mission will cost \$40,000 and the missionaries will take with them 500 porters, servants, etc., who will be unarmed.

Mr. Spurgeon this year completes the twenty-fifth of his pastorate, and his congregation and friends have determined to celebrate the occasion by presenting him with a worthy testimonial. The intention is to raise a very large sum of money by the familiar agency of a bazaar.

Dr. Rudington has been compelled by reason of ill health, to resign the pastorate of Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn. He has been for several years afflicted with a cancer on his chin. The Doctor is over sixty years of age, and has been pastor of Clinton Avenue Church for more than 23 years.

The ministers of a town in New York State, have agreed as follows concerning funeral occasions: