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IN the village of Franklin, New York, there were a Presbyterian and a Congregational church. The other day they united as a Congregational church, and it is a strong one. That was a good move.

CARLETON College which is now in a flourishing condition with fourteen instructors and 203 students was started by the Congregationalists of Minnesota, when they had but sixty churches and 1,100 members

A NEW "Mortara case" is reported from Turin—this time a girl. The daughter of a Jew has been induced to enter a Convent and kept there in spite of earnest endeavours by her friends to secure her escape.

THE Pope is stirring up his people in Rome to establish more schools in order to keep the young Romans from falling a prey to the numerous Protestant proselytizers that now have free scope to work in the "Eternal City."

THE Chairman of the Baptist Home Missionary Convention for Eastern Ontario and Quebec reported, at its late meeting in Montreal, that the income of that Society had fallen off from \$3,398 in 1874, to \$841 in 1879, or *seventy-five per cent!* We need to look at our neighbours sometimes, to learn the lesson of thankfulness.

WE see that the Clinton Avenue Congregational church in Brooklyn has called the Rev. Thomas B. McLeod, of the Reformed Church, Hudson, N.Y. Mr. McLeod is said to be of the well-known Scotch family. The church that calls him is the one over which Dr. Budington has so long presided, and of which he is still to remain pastor emeritus.

WE sometimes envy our American brethren. Especially do we do so when we read of the large bequests which their religious societies now and then receive. Benjamin Sewall, of Boston, died recently and left \$10,000 to the American Home Missionary Society, \$5,000 to the American Board, \$5,000 to Bangor Seminary, besides other large sums.

A MISSIONARY writing from China says of his work: "There are several inquirers here, but they lack ad-

hesiveness. They want to go to heaven, but they act as if they would like to 'talk price' with the Lord, and secure some discount on the Ten Commandments, or a little mutual accommodation between His law and their habits and customs." We fear this is the trouble in a good many places this side of China.

THE difficulty between the Ute Indians and the United States Government is in the fair way of being peacefully and satisfactorily settled. The guilty parties are to be surrendered for punishment, and with that by-gones are to be by-gones. It is to be hoped that in the future treatment of the Indians the United States authorities will display a more considerate and kindly spirit than they have too generally done in the past.

THE REV. D. MACRAE has advised his late congregation in Gourrock, Scotland, to remain united and in connection with the United Presbyterian Church. There has been a joint meeting of all the parties in the case, and though no decision has as yet been come to, it is generally understood that Mr. Macrae's advice will be taken and that the congregation will maintain its old ecclesiastical relations without any of its members leaving.

STATISTICS of crime in Italy show a fearful state of affairs. The report of the minister shows that during the year more than 2,000 murders were committed, an average per million of the population unequalled by any other country on the face of the globe. During the same time the number of ordinary robberies, burglaries, etc., is stated at 40,000, while there are 50,000 robberies accompanied with violence. In her long catalogue of crime Italy stands without a peer.

If you want to do good there is no more effective and open door than the circulation of good literature. The Christian press is the handmaid of the Christian pulpit in the work of evangelizing the world. If by a little wise exertion you succeed in getting the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT into a home where it is now a stranger you are doing that home a great good. Many would gladly subscribe for it if the matter were properly brought before them. This is a good time to get up a club.

THE intelligence that reaches us from the mission fields is well fitted to awaken the Lord's people to Christian courage and enthusiasm in this work. This is the time to form purposes of enlarged benevolence. Manifest your interest in this great Christian campaign for the evangelization of the world by a sacred pledge to God of an increase in your giving. Many may well resolve that for brass they will bring gold. We expect one day to join in the "New Song" sung above. One part of the song is "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive . . . riches." Let us learn that now, for He is worthy now.

THE Bishop of Manchester, in a recent sermon on the existing depression, said it was something appalling to think of a nation in seeming poverty yet living so licentiously, spending £140,000,000 of money on strong drink, and another £15,000,000 on tobacco. The intemperance of the nation was increasing. "This was most humiliating to a Christian country, and he believed if we did not use more care with reference to our desires and appetites we should fail to see our true duty. We were at present undergoing the chastening of a wise and kind God, and his exhortation was for them to humble themselves before God.

A FRIEND hands us this for publication; of course we should not venture to publish it except on request!

"A patron of a certain newspaper once said to the publisher. 'Mr. Printer, how is it you have never called on me for pay for your paper?' 'Oh,' said the man of types, 'we never ask a gentleman for money.' 'Indeed,' replied the patron, 'how do you manage to get along when they don't pay?' 'Why,' said the editor, 'after a certain time we conclude that he is not a gentleman and we ask him.' 'Oh—ah—yes—I see; Mr. Editor, please give me a receipt,' and hands him a V. 'Make my name all right on your books.'"

OUR Philadelphia contemporary remarks as follows: "Here is a bit of honest dealing that is worthy of mention: 'A young minister desired to leave Methodism and join the Church of England; but the Bishop of Rochester declined to receive him until he had paid up all that the Wesleyan Theological College was entitled to for giving him training.' The Board of Education has received some money in the same way, but not all that was expended on men who are no longer serving the Church which educated them. Receipts, with thanks attending, can be very easily made out." Sometimes just such "honest dealing" as this would not be out of place even in Canada.

THE Congregational Churches of Ohio propose, during the month of November, to hold a series of religious mass-meetings in different parts of the State, devoted to the explanation and discussion of all the great missionary enterprises of the day. This should be done everywhere. If the needs of the world and the opportunities of Christian conquests are clearly set forth, we believe the Christian people will respond to the call. Those who are to address our missionary audiences this fall and winter will do well to give heed to this suggestion, and lay before the people a strong array of facts and arguments bearing on our work. Show them the "open door" and they will enter in and possess the land for Christ.

IN the Free Synod of Glasgow and Ayr recently a motion was made to send to the Assembly an overture which states that it is "notorious that many ministers and Sessions of the Church are, knowingly or unknowingly, introducing the Congregational system, by introducing hymn books not authorized by the Church and receiving into their pulpits men who have been deposed by the Church of which they were office-bearers, and are using the pulpit as a rostrum mainly of literary and critical essays, in place of the truths of the Gospel. Therefore the Assembly should 'either relax the terms of subscription of Confession or put in force for correction and reformation the laws and usages of the Church presently existing.'" The motion was lost by a vote of 19 to 2.

WHEN St. John, N.B., was burnt down, the City Council of Montreal subscribed \$10,000 to help the sufferers. It now appears that this debt, which might especially be regarded as one of honour, has been repudiated by the successors of those who incurred it, and that on the plea that the money is not now needed. This seems shabby, sharp practice. The people of St. John have shewn a very commendable spirit of patient endurance under their trials, and great energy in retrieving their losses; but to say that they do not need all the assistance that was ever promised them is very wide of the mark. There must be very many in and about that city permanently beggared by the fire. The support of these will be a great burden on the community for a good while to come, and the subscription of Montreal would very naturally and very properly have been taken to assist in such work. We cannot think that the action of the Montreal Council will be endorsed by the great body of the citizens.