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Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen attended at St. Enoch Church, Toronto, on Sabbath morning last, and were greatly impressed with the interesting service. Rev. Alexander MacMillan preached from Luke 11:15, an eloquent discourse, and the choir led by Mr. Selby furnished special music. The attendance was large.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

The Presbytery met in Knox church, Owen Sound, Dec. 21st, Rev. D. A. McLean, Moderator. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Dr. Somerville. The subject of the address was praise and the new Book of Praise. A vote of thanks was given Dr. Somerville and Miss Taylor the organist. Rev. J. S. Davidson was chosen Moderator, Dr. Watts, Dr. Somerville, Messrs. Little and Hewitson were appointed to visit Markdale, etc., in the interest of augmentation. Dr. Fraser presented a resolution on Mr. Forrest's removal which was adopted. Mr. McNabb presented the Treasurer's report which was adopted, and the Presbytery rate for next year fixed at six cents per member. Thanks were tendered to the Treasurer for his work, and he was re-appointed. A letter was read from Mr. Russell tendering his resignation to Hepworth, etc., and Mr. Russell and the congregations were cited to appear at a meeting in Division St. Hall, Owen Sound, Jan. 4th, 1898, at 10 a.m. Rev. James Anderson was appointed to supply Crawford, etc., till April 1st, and Messrs. Little, Burnett, and the Elder of Keady were appointed to visit the field and report at the March meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Thompson and Anders were appointed to examine the Session records of Latona and Burns churches and report in March. The Session records of Annan and Leith were examined and attested. Mr. Eastman was chosen to lead the devotional exercises in March. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Division St. Hall, Jan. 4th at 10 a.m., and all members urged to be present, and the meeting closed with prayer.—J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

At its ordinary meeting, Dec. 14th, this Presbytery nominated Rev. Dr. Torrance of Guelph, for Moderator of next General Assembly. A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the completion of the Westminster Standards.

A motion was carried by a majority to levy a rate on congregations to form a fund for paying expenses of the Presbytery's Commissioners to Assembly—formation of fund to be deferred till next year.

A letter was read from Dr. Robertson in reference to extra demands on the Home Mission Fund through rush of population to the mining regions; and the Presbytery directed that the matter be brought before all congregations by the pastors.

The Assembly's report of a Committee on Estimates to which all Boards and Committees needing money should report amount required was unanimously disapproved.

Application was made by the remaining members of Waterford congregation for leave to disband. The request was granted.

A motion on prohibition strongly dissenting against the attitude of Principal Grant, and an amendment omitting all reference to the Principal were submitted, seven voting for the motion and five for the amendment.

Next meeting is to be held in First church, Bantford, March 8th, at 10.30 a.m.—W. T. M. MULLEN, Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A D. C. L. SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.

Editor *Presbyterian Review*:

SIR,—This year's Christmas Number of the *Globe* contains an article by Goldwin Smith on "Keeping Christmas," in the course of which the writer gives expression to some of his infidel views—a thing not "wonderful to be told." I sent the *Globe* a reply—not a very lengthy one—but the editor inserted it in his Tophet. Then I sent one to the *Mail and Empire*, but it was treated in the same manner. However, the views which I expressed, are not in the least degree changed. But let us now look at the doctor's utterances of which I have spoken.

1. "Even the most orthodox among us have by this time pretty well discarded the narrow theology, uncountenanced by any rational constitution of the Gospel, which puts the heathen out of the pale of salvation and consigns them to the power of evil for not having heard a word which was never preached to them or believed miraculous events which had not then taken place." The first rule in criticism is to fully understand a thing before criticising it. This, the professor utterly disregards here. He boldly attacks a monster which is only one of his own creation. I defy him to name any church creed which contains, or contained, the doctrines which he condemns. I defy him to name any intelligent Christian who holds, or held, it. The late Dr. Chas. Hodge, in the following language, correctly states the doctrine which Prof. Smith misstates—I hope undesignedly—and thus assails: "The heathen are not to be judged by a revelation of which they never heard. But as they enjoy a revelation of the divine character in the works of creation, and of the rule of duty in their own hearts, they are inexorable. They can no more abide the test by which they are to be tried, than we can stand the application of the severe rule by which we are to be judged. Both classes, therefore, need a Saviour." He also says that the words "according to my Gospel," in Rom. i. 16, "of course cannot mean that all men are to be judged by the Gospel whether they have heard it or not. This would be in direct contradiction to the principle which Paul has just been establishing, that men are to be judged by the light they generally possess." The Bible says: "As many as have sinned without law, shall perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law." Goldwin Smith is a great man on some questions, but a very little one on others. His article on "Keeping Christmas" is a proof of the latter. The Bible is a book which, if he has read it at all, he has not read with much attention. A person may be a most excellent tailor, but that does not qualify him to be a judge of an ironside.

2. "We recognize the debt which Christian Ethics owe to Seneca, Plato, Marcus, Aurelius, and Epictetus." I defy him to prove that they are in the very least degree indebted to any of these named. The professor's statement just quoted, is utter nonsense from beginning to end.

3. "We scold the monkish morality which consigns virtuous pagans, with one or two arbitrary exceptions, to eternal torments." Goldwin Smith either has little knowledge of the moral conduct of these "virtuous pagans," or his standard of virtue is a low one. When Seneca, who was among the best, if not the best, was dying, he ordered a cock to be sacrificed to

Ascalapius. If he did so in sincerity, he had become again an idolator—if he did not, he was a hypocrite. His moral conduct was not at all pure. Dr. Shaw in his Exposition of the Confession of Faith, says: "Though some heathen philosophers attained considerable knowledge of the nature of God, and inculcated upon their followers several moral virtues, they did not prevent them from complying with the idolatry of their country, or deter them from the commission of the most gross and unnatural crimes." In questions such as this, Dr. Shaw is not, as an authority, at all inferior to Dr. Smith. Who are the "arbitrary exceptions" to whom the latter refers?

4. "We have enlarged the bounds of Christendom to the full compass of the designation 'Son of Man.'" When the "Son of Man" shall come in His glory, He shall say to those on his left hand; "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels."

Woodbridge, Ont.

T. FENWICK.

TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

That the Toronto College of Music maintains its lead in musical education is evident from the remarks expressed by His Excellency Lord Aberdeen on the occasion of his recent visit to the College, accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen and Lord Haddo. A contemporary writes: "It was a most refreshing thing to sit quietly in a pretty hall and listen to music that was altogether enjoyable. And this was a pleasure that several people were given by the kind invitation of Mr. Torrington, when a short recital took place in the College of Music in honor of the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen. Their Excellencies reached the college at about 12.30 o'clock, accompanied by Lord Haddo and attended by Captain Tharp, A. I. C., were received by Mr. Torrington and Mr. Austin on behalf of the directors. The entrance hall was hung with the college colors of red and yellow, as was also the platform in the music hall, which was further decorated with palms and Union Jacks. When their Excellencies were seated Mr. Torrington welcomed them heartily on behalf of the staff and pupils, and in speaking of the programme that was to follow pointed out that it had been arranged to illustrate as briefly as possible, the nature of the work that was being carried on in the college. He explained also that the rapid increase in the number of students had necessitated the opening of a branch some years ago in the western section of the city. At the close of the last trio a beautiful bouquet of roses of the college colors, with asparagus fern, was presented to Lady Aberdeen by little Miss Cornelia Heintzman, who is one of the youngest pupils in the institution. His Excellency then expressed the pleasure it gave Lady Aberdeen and himself to be once more the guests of the college, as they had been on more than one former occasion. Continuing, Lord Aberdeen said that he counted Mr. Torrington as one of his oldest Toronto friends. He alluded to the uniform

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

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