

THE PRESBYTERIAN

Vol. 3.—No. 50. (New Series).
Whole No. 401.

Toronto, Friday, October 10th, 1879.

\$2.00 per Annum, in advance.
Single Copies, Five Cents.

CONTENTS.

	Page
NOTES OF THE WEEK.....	785
PASTOR AND PEOPLE.....	786
OUR CONTRIBUTORS—	
Presbyterian History—Report of the Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton—Information Wanted Reason of Omission in Assembly's Minutes—Worthy of Attention "Principessa" Louis"—Collecting for Colleges.....	787
Canada Presbyterian History: No. XII.....	788
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.....	790
SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.....	791
ADVERTISEMENTS.....	791
EUTORIALS—	
Rev. Alex. Topp, D.D.—Our Sabbath Law.....	792
Notes from Montreal—Opening of Knox College.....	793
CHOICE LITERATURE.....	794
BRITISH AND FOREIGN.....	795
MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.....	796
Obituary—Last Hours of Dr. Willis.....	797
SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS.....	797
OUR YOUNG FOLK.....	798
ADVERTISEMENTS.....	799, 800

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

REV. ALEXANDER YOUNG is likely to be re-called to Napanee.

REV. JOHN BURTON has resigned to allow him to accept of a call from the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto.

THE adjourned meeting of Kingston Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at three o'clock p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS is threatened with one of the greatest evils imaginable. The notorious General Butler is the candidate of four or five conventions for its Governorship. We hope the people of the good old State will be wise enough to keep him in his proper place.

IN this issue our readers will find the opening chapters of new serial story, entitled "A Knight of the Nineteenth Century." It is by Rev. F. P. Roe, author of the story "From Jest to Earnest," which we published last winter, and will be found interesting, instructive, and correct in its attitude towards morality and religion.

REV. H. GRATTAN GUINNESS, whose preaching excited much interest on this side of the Atlantic some years ago, has just published a volume entitled "Approaching End of this Age." So great is the interest evinced in the study of unfulfilled prophecy that already three editions of Mr. Guinness' book have been called for.

THE Belgian bishops are in trouble. They did not like the scheme of education that the Government is carrying out, and so they proposed to use the parsonages, sacristies and churches for schools of their own. Now, the Minister of Justice forbids everything of the sort. If a church insists on State connection, it must take the loss with the gain.

THE Winnipeg "Free Press" of the 27th ult. has the following: "Intelligence has been received of the arrival at Edmonton of Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Ottawa, who accompanied the Pacific Railway surveyors, Messrs. Cambie and McLeod, on their expedition *via* British Columbia. It is probable something will be heard from other members of the party shortly."

WE are glad, through a correspondent of the Thornbury "Standard," to hear of the welfare of the Rev.

D. J. McInnes who was recently compelled through ill health to relinquish an important charge in Ontario. He is now a resident of our fertile prairie province, and has to a great extent recovered his health. He is engaged in land conveyancing, and persons intending to settle in Manitoba will find him a trustworthy correspondent.

After a thorough renovation, the Presbyterian Church at Mono Mills was re-opened on Sabbath the 28th ult. Rev. Prof. McLaren preached in the forenoon and afternoon, and Rev. Mr. McIntre of Orangeville in the evening. On the following Monday evening a social was held, at which Rev. Mr. Tait, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Griffiths, McIntyre and Cook.

A WRITER to the New York "Observer" says: "The greatest man present [at the Basle Conference] is M. Neckar, from Geneva. He is a giant, but a mild and lovely Christian giant. Private hospitality shrinks, however, from entertaining so much of a man, and a specially constructed bed at the 'Trois Bois' is needed, that he may sleep in safety and comfort. He is great in mind as well as in body, a direct descendant of the Minister of Finance in the court of Louis XIV., and a leader among his brethren."

ON the occasion of the removal from Guelph of Mr. Wm. Johnston, late President of the Agricultural College, the elders and managers of Chalmers' Church in that city met in the lecture room on the evening of Monday, the 29th ult., and presented him with a handsome Bagster's Reference Bible and a beautiful locket, bearing the inscription: "Presented to William Johnston by the elders and managers of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, September 29th, 1879." These presents were accompanied by an address expressing appreciation of his efforts in connection with the work of the congregation.

At a council of the Congregational churches of the Delaware, Chenango and Madison District Association, U.S., the Rev. W. N. Chambers was, on the 15th ult., set apart as a missionary to Turkey. Mr. Chambers leaves in company with his brother, Robert. We have already spoken of them both in connection with the meeting held in Woodstock, Ontario, on the eve of their departure from that place, where their father, Mr. Robert Chambers, resides. Their brother, the Rev. James Chambers, of Sherburne, U.S., was present at the meeting, which took place in that village. There was a large attendance of ministers and an overflowing audience.

THE opening exercises of the Montreal Presbyterian College were held on the evening of Wednesday last in Erskine Church. The chair was occupied by Mr. David Morrice, and the attendance of the friends of the College was large, including many ministers of the Church. The opening lecture was delivered by Rev. Principal Macvicar on "Hindrances and Helps to the Spread of Presbyterianism." The lecture contained much wholesome truth worthy of serious consideration throughout the Church, and will, it is hoped be widely circulated when published. It is encouraging to know that the attendance at the classes will this session be large, the names of about a dozen new students having already been enrolled.

THE first anniversary of the opening of the Presbyterian Church at Mount Pleasant was held last week. The Rev. Mr. McMullen of Woodstock preached two appropriate discourses on Sabbath, 28th September. On Wednesday, 1st October, a supper prepared by the ladies of the congregation in their usual sumptuous manner was partaken of by a numerous company, many of whom had come from a distance. After the supper the pastor, Rev. Thomas Alexander, took the chair, when Rev. Mr. McKay of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock; Rev. Mr. Stobby of W. M. Church, Mount Pleasant; Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Paris, and Mr. Bennet, of Brantford, delivered suitable and interesting addresses. Appropriate pieces of music were kindly furnished by the choir of the good Presbyterian Church, Brantford. The sum realized from the collections, supper and subscriptions amounted to \$679, to be applied to the reduction of a debt of a thousand dollars on the building. The evening was everything that could be desired for the occasion. The pastor and congregation are to be congratulated on the success which has attended their efforts.

THE International Congress for the Observance of the Lord's Day held its second Conference at Berne, Switzerland, September 9th. A large number of foreign delegates were in attendance. On the evening of the 8th a reception was held at the Hotel des Boulangers, the only formal exercise being an address of welcome by Pastor Bernard, of Berne. The next morning there was a prayer meeting in the chapel of the Cathedral, and later in the forenoon the Conference assembled in the Eglise du St. Esprit and was opened by M. Alexandre Lombard, who delivered an address on Sunday Observance. The Rev. E. Deluz, Secretary of the Congress, read a sketch of the Association and its methods of work. Speeches were made by a number of clergymen of different nationalities and various plans of work were presented and discussed. With a view to the collection of facts on the subject it was suggested that eight towns should be taken in each of the leading countries, four where the Sunday rest was observed and four where it was not, and statistics relating to health, crime, morality, etc., gathered from each town.

THE induction of the Rev. J. J. Cameron into his new charge took place, as previously announced, in St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The church was well filled by a large and interested congregation. Rev. Mr. Abraham of Whitby preached an able and impressive discourse from Col. 1. 28, after which the usual questions being answered Mr. Cameron was formally inducted. In the evening a social was held in the church for the purpose of giving the newly inducted pastor a hearty welcome. The church was filled to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience. At seven o'clock Rev. A. A. Drummond took the chair, and in a few timely remarks introduced the several speakers of whom there were a goodly number—both foreign and local. Appreciative and spicy addresses then followed, brimful of words of welcome and encouragement to pastor and people, interspersed by pieces from a well-trained choir. Every one seemed to be in the best of spirits and desirous of making the occasion one long to be remembered. After votes of thanks to the speakers, chairman and ladies who had contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening, the meeting was brought to a close.