

the upper sanctuary,—it is feared, will, in the event of Union, have to be diverted to a different purpose. Thus, to many of us, who hold it as a sacred trust given for a certain purpose...

The Free Church of Scotland has been wise in the matter of a Sustentation or Home Mission Fund. Every one knows how the late Dr. Candlish nourished and worked for the Sustentation Scheme...

Or, if a regular Sustentation Scheme for the supplementing of all ministerial incomes, inadequate through the poverty of the people, should be considered to great an undertaking for the United Church...

A CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN.

A Final Reply.

DEAR SIR,—I do not feel called upon to contend further in defence of a view, which, in alluding to it as I did, I did not imagine that any one would call in question.

But in regard to Prov. 28-18, I do not think it bears upon this question at all. I will quote the verse in full:—"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

It is most true, as Mr. Anderson remarks, that the first question in regard to any point is not what man says about it, but what the Word of God says.

premises so far beyond our present comprehension is shown in the fact that your last correspondent's reasoning on this subject would apply equally to the question of infant salvation.

It should always be borne in mind that Scriptural condemnations of those who "believe not the Son," apply only to those who have the Revelations and reject it, not to those who have it not.

And here I must let the matter rest, only reminding your correspondents of the many passages of Scripture which declare that God will judge all men on the eternal principles of perfect righteousness.

April 18th, 1874.

Union.

Editor, BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

DEAR SIR,—I regret to see that the Union which was expected to be fully consummated by the General Assemblies at their next sitting, is in danger of being delayed to an indefinite period.

I suspect the question is raised to imply a wider significance, and seek an earlier date for its foundation, therefore in order that we may ascertain, whether there has ever existed in the Church at any time anything that would tend to excite even the remotest suspicion of the acknowledgment of any other Headship, save and excepting Christ.

Our enquiries may commence at the time when John Knox and his contemporaries with their trumpet blasts of Gospel truth dispelled the darkness of Papacy and banished it from the land.

Subsequently, when the King attempted to introduce Prelacy into our Church, the people resented his authority in such matters, for they looked on Prelacy as having only a paper partition between it and papacy.

burnt, and every species of torture and punishment that the wicked hearts could devise were used to force the people to submit to the false Headship, but all in vain, the people were steadfast and true to their principles.

At a later period of her history viz, the disruption of the Church, it was the baneful exercise of patronage and interference in other matters belonging to the Church, and not the infidelity of the Church to the Headship of Christ, that caused that noble band of four hundred of the Ministers and elders to leave the Church.

I would ask did the people who left the Auld Kirk then, as well as those who do so even now, ever dream that they were absorbing themselves from one Headship and acknowledging another.

The idea of Union has been promoted by the fact that many districts in Canada, two ministers are now doing the work, which could be as well done by one; that there is ample field for all, "the harvest truly is plenteous" and ever increasing.

Yours truly, A MEMBER.

Presbytery of Montreal.

This Presbytery held a quarterly meeting at Montreal, on the first and second days of April, 1874; the Reverend Dr. Burns presided as Moderator, and there were present with him nineteen ministers and seven Elders.

The following changes were made in that portion of the field. The congregation of Sault Ste. Marie and Dulacook to form one pastoral charge, and the nearly erected congregation of Black-beath, with the congregations of Eastern Seneca and Caister, to form another charge.

ary trials for license; and adopted an Overture to the General Assembly respecting remuneration to students in Divinity when employed as Missionaries. The Presbytery took into consideration a call from the second Presbyterian Church, in the city of Chicago, accompanied with a promise of \$5,000 per annum for salary.

The Presbytery of Hamilton

This Presbytery met in Central Church Hamilton on the 14th and 15th of April last. There were twenty Ministers and twelve elders present.

The Presbytery, by request of the Home Mission Committee made arrangements to ordain Mr. Caswell whom they had appointed as a Missionary to Silver Islet, Lake Superior.

Mr. Laing reported that parties in the congregation of Sault Ste. Marie and Dulacook have respectively subscribed \$28 50 and \$44 00 to be continued annually, as returning allowance to Mr. Cheyne their late Pastor.

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Mr. McGuire late of Glenallan and Rollin in the Presbytery of Guelph having accepted a call to Jarvis and Walpole, the Presbytery appointed his introduction to take place in Jarvis on the 12th of May at 11.30 a. m.

Says the Churchman.—"If the fashion of female preachers ever gets fairly established in any denomination, the others will have to yield to it.

A public controversy was recently in progress in Ceylon between a Buddhist and a Christian missionary. Over four thousand persons were present.

Smoking is greatly on the increase, as appears from an official paper recently issued. In the last seven months the declared value of unmanufactured tobacco imported was \$1,048,201, against \$628,588 in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Presbytery of Kingston.

This Presbytery met at Belleville on the 14th and 15th days of April. Professor Gregg being present was associated. Mr. R. W. Leitch made application to be taken on trials for license and his request was complied with.

BIRTH.

On the 13th inst., at Westchester, the wife of Rev. A. Rowat, of a son. Both doing well.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

MONTREAL.—Within Knox Church, Montreal on first Tuesday of May, at 7.30 p.m.

LONDON.—At London, on first Tuesday of May, at 7.30 p.m.

SYNOUS OF HAMILTON meets in First Presbyterian Church, Guelph, on the first Tuesday of May, at 7.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

SALT STE. MARIE.—A special meeting of the Presbytery of Sault Ste. Marie will be held at Barric on Tuesday, May 26th, at 11 a.m.

MONTREAL.—At Montreal, in Presbyterian College, on the 5th day of July next.

LONDON.—At London, by adjournment, in 1st Presbyterian Church, on 1st Tuesday in May, at 11 a.m. Next ordinary meeting in Saints, on 2nd Tuesday in July, at 7.30 p.m.

BRISBANE.—At Brisbane, when Synod assembly on the 1st Monday of May, at 2.30 p.m.

TORONTO.—At Toronto, on 1st Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m.

ONTARIO.—At Port Perry, on 18th of May, at 11 a.m.

HEBON.—At Hebron, on the 1st Tuesday of July at 11 a.m.

GUELPH.—Next ordinary meeting at Guelph, in Chalmers Church, on 2nd Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m.

MANITOBA.—At Killbuck, on 13th of May, at 10 a.m.

STRATFORD.—At Stratford, on 1st Tuesday in July, at 11 a.m.

OWEN SOUND.—At Owen Sound, on Monday after 2nd Sabbath in May, at 10 a.m., by adjournment; next ordinary meeting at same place, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 10 a.m.

BURTON.—At Burton, the last Tuesday of June, at 2 p.m.

DEARBORN.—At Dearborn, on 1st Tuesday of July at 11 a.m.

SILVER COVE.—At Silver Cove, on Tuesday 7th of July, at 11 a.m.

PARIS.—In Dunfree street Church, Paris, on Monday 4th April, at 11 a.m.

HAMILTON.—At Hamilton, in the Central Church, on the 2nd Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m.

HAMILTON.—The next meeting in ordinary of the Hamilton Central Church, Hamilton, on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m. The meeting to ordain Mr. Caswell, in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 7th of May, at 7.30 p.m. The meeting to induct Mr. McGuire into the pastoral charge of Jarvis and Walpole, in Jarvis, on the 12th of May, at 11.30 a.m.