

their humble, but yet beloved homesteads! What this must be, the heart-rending cries of the emigrants who throng our quays but too painfully show; or their still more bitter wail, when taking their last farewell of those homely abodes which were endeared to them by a thousand recollections! Not surely that these woes are to be over-looked or underrated; on the contrary, they must command the deepest sympathy of our nature. He cannot be a man who could witness such scenes without emotion, or feeling all that our native poet has so touchingly expressed—

"Good Heaven! what sorrows gloomed that parting day
That called them from their native walks away;
When the poor exiles, every pleasure past,
Hung round the bowers, and fondly looked their last;
And shuddering still to face the distant deep,
Returned and wept, and still returned to weep."

Most affecting of all is it to see amongst those mournful groups, not the young and active merely, but many a poor old man who had hoped to lay his bones in his father's sepulchre;—to see trembling old age thus turned out on the world when almost leaving it;—doomed to recommence life's pilgrimage at its close; and forced to encounter hardships fit only for elastic youth, and beneath which grey hairs are all but sure to sink. But we refer not now to these calamities.

We allude rather to the moral and social evils of this unnatural state of things. For many years it has been the very flower of the people who have been leaving—our enterprising upright yeomanry—who were not content to live on dry potatoes. It is the bones and sinews of the country we have been losing, who, besides contributing their labour and skill to America's national wealth, have been carrying with them—each from £10 to £1000. By the departure of this class, it is reckoned that since 1815, the country has lost, in cash alone, about half a million sterling. Thus Ireland has for years been little else than a nursery ground for America, whence the hardiest plants are being annually removed, while the least thriving and healthy are left behind. The cream of the nation has for years been flowing off—like some liquid, of which the purer portion at the top has been repeatedly drawn away, till the very sediment itself begins at length to run off. Such has been the draining process of Irish emigration, on which Britain has looked with indifference, till now the best of the people are gone to rear cities beneath a foreign banner, and all that remains for England's proud flag to wave over, is the pauperized and prostrated remnant.

Nor are the political bearings of the case to be wholly disregarded.—It were idle to deny that America now holds that place in the hearts of most of our countrymen which England ought to possess. Hearken to their conversation, and America is the theme of their eulogies; while England is spoken of in terms of invidious contrast, and in a spirit of moody discontent. Never was this fact more clearly proved than during the American ambassador's late visit to Ireland. While at a recent festival in Limerick, the health of our beloved Queen was received with huzzas by some of the party, the people everywhere gave Mr. Abbot Lawrence a royal reception, and flocked around him as though he had been a visitant from some better world. In truth, the hearts of the people are now in America. Enter almost into any dwelling, and the great aim of the very servants is to save what will "take them out of this country" to that land of promise. Conversé with our struggling farmers, and the last hope of many is, that their sons, who have gone before, may be spared to send for themselves and their families, and enable them to change the condition of British subjects for that of American citizens. Follow that youth to these distant shores, and you find him sustained amid their summer droughts and winter snows, by the hope of soon rescuing his revered parent from hunger and "oppression," and welcoming him to that "land of liberty" and wealth.

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NEW CHURCH.—We owe an apology to our old friends of Clarke congregation, for inadvertently omitting in last number, to notice the progress of the cause in their region. On Sabbath, the 8th of August, a new place of worship was opened for public service, in the 7th concession of the Township of Clarke, and in connexion with the Clarke congregation. The Church is commodious and suitable, and has been erected by the liberality of the people themselves, and is exceedingly creditable to their principle and energy. The highly respected pastor, Rev. Mr. Lawrence, is thus much encouraged in cultivating a field that is neither barren

nor unfruitful. Fourteen years ago, Mr. Lawrence began with a comparatively feeble cause, and now, beside his own charge, there are those of Newton and Newcastle, and this new offshoot to the north, thus proving the strength of his congregation; and that instead of being weakened, is strong to stand, and strong to extend.

We have learned with regret that, in some few instances, of late subscribers have not received the Magazine. We have been assured that the mailing from the office, in all cases, was correct, and the cause must therefore be with the local post offices. On notice being sent to us, we shall endeavor to supply the numbers not received in due course; but we desire it to be understood, that, though held responsible for the mailing, we are not responsible for the delivery—that rests with the postal department.

The *Senatus* of Amherst College, Mass., U. S., of which Dr. Hitchcock is President, have conferred the degree of D.D. on the Rev. John Keir, Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

JUST PUBLISHED, "REASON OR REVELATION," a Tract of 48 pages, by the Rev. John Jennings, Toronto, containing the series of articles which appeared, under that title, in the preceding numbers of the Magazine—with some additions and corrections. To be sold to Ministers and Booksellers, at per dozen, with cover, 3s. 6d.—without cover, 3s.

APPOINTMENT OF PREACHERS.

The following is the Scheme of the supply of Preachers to the different Presbyteries, adopted by the Committee of Distribution. Although the period of four months is embraced, to furnish all concerned with opportunity to make timely arrangements, it is not the wish of the Committee to occasion any obstruction to the settlement of any Preacher who may have previously visited the different Presbyteries. But in case that this arrangement be not implemented, it will be necessary that Clerks of Presbyteries, in whose bounds the settlement is to occur, give the Committee notice of the same at least one month previous to his ordination.—The Committee have to complain that only one Clerk of Presbytery has responded to the notice issued in last number of the Magazine; hence, should there be any disproportion between the demands and the supply in any case, the Committee cannot be blamed. The Presbyteries concerned in the Plan, viz.: London, Wellington, Flamboro', and Durham, are indicated by their respective initials.

Preachers' Names.	December 4.	January 5.	Feb. 4.	March 4.
William Deas	D 1. F 2 3. W 4	W.	L.	L 1 2 F 3 4
John Danbar	F.	L.	W.	F.
Patrick Greig	F 1. D.	D.	D.	D.
John Scott	W.	W.	F.	F.
John G. Carruthers		D 1 2. F 3 4 5	L.	L.
Gilbert Tweedie		D 1 2. F 3. L 4 5	L.	W.

N. B.—The figures indicate the Sabbaths in each month.

Nov. 2, 1852.

R. H. THORSTON, Con. Com.

NOTE.—Rev. James Sinclair, lately come into Canada from the United States, has been receiving appointments from several Presbyteries, but is not recognized in the above scheme, because not yet admitted as a minister in connection with the Church.—It may be proper, however, to state, that all the official documents from the Associate Presbytery, with which Mr. Sinclair was connected in the United States, and, necessary in his case, have been received by the Clerk of Toronto Presbytery, and are quite satisfactory.